

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
July 19, 2012**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 7:30 p.m. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Doerr.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruetz, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

**ABSENT:**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Smith moved for approval of the July 5, 2012, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Smith moved to open the meeting to the public, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin Mathews and Jay Washington, with Mathews-Dickey’s (“Club”), addressed the Board on the issue of a request for a Toll Road to collect monies for updating Bob Russell Park. The following was discussed:

- About \$3000-\$4000 is needed – even though there will be a clean-up day this Saturday, the collection will take place on a day to be determined;
- The money will be collected by adults;
- Whatever area is designated by BN, the Club will abide;
- Safety is definitely a concern;
- The Club has done this before in St. Louis City with success;
- It was suggested a sign might be a good idea so people know why the money is being collected;
- It was suggested to have a Police Officer at the site;
- Times of the day to collect were possibly (2) hours in the morning and (2) hours later in the day due to the heat;
- Mayor Doerr will talk with the City Attorney about the legal aspects;
- The Club appreciates all the help BN can provide;
- Alderman Paro invited them to the next Bellefontaine Community Pride meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>; and
- Mr. Mathews thanked the Mayor and Board for all their help.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smith moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Due to a misunderstanding, Mark Dickerson was not in attendance. Alderman Merz stated there will be sign language course offered at the Rec Center if there is some interest. There will be an adult swim night tomorrow night at the pool; all residents are welcomed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June, 2012 report. Chief Pruett reported there was an incident at a residence at Bellefontaine Road & Shepley whereby an intruder broke into the basement window, tied up the woman living there and robbed her; she is doing OK. The police are working on some leads.

The Chief asked for Board approval to buy (12) new TASERS in the amount of \$19,785.93 to be taken from the drug forfeiture account. Alderman Roth approved the request, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Lastly, Chief Pruett reminded the Board he will be attending the required MIRMA Conference next week (approved by the Board on June 7, 2012).

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June, 2012 report. Collector Tranel had nothing new to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report given; Larry Abeln was excused. Mayor Doerr stated the final figures are still coming in for last year's budget.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 26 in the amount of \$60,086.61 for the months of June/July, 2012, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 106 in the amount of \$14,266.10 for the month of May, 2012.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the July 9, 2012, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Mr. Ralphton Johnson with Down Home Elegance requested permission to erect (2) signs. Mayor Doerr stated he met with Mr. Johnson the day after the P&Z Meeting and told him to try and work it out with BP, who owns the property. The plans for City Home Ice are being reviewed. Mr. Stolte said there are (2) other prospects at this time: a small restaurant where Rinderer's used to be and someone is interested in the property on Raftery.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the June, 2012 report. City Engineer, Phil Lum asked the advice of the City Attorney as to what options Down Home Elegance have regarding signage. A discussion followed. It was decided to let Down Home and BP try to work out something before the City gets involved.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the June, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- High grass jobs have slowed down a bit;
- Ted discussed the issue of inspections regarding vacant homes;
- Tarps are starting to come off of roofs;
- Ted suggested homeowners put a padlock near their AC compressor to prevent theft of the unit;
- There is some activity going on where Byrd Plumbing used to be;
- Signs are continuing to be a problem;
- Alderman Paro wanted to know if the sporadic grass growth on yards may reflect a sewer lateral problem – the answer was no;

- Mayor Doerr said he would check into a sign erected at Lilac and Belgrove; and
- Currently, there is an MSD project in BN – (2) more are have been scheduled over the next few months.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2012-9 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FORMAL FUND  
BALANCE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GASB STATEMENT NUMBER 54.**

Alderman Roth explained this Resolution was recommended by the City’s Auditors which states there needs to be a certain percentage of the budget left in reserves. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-9, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Welcomed Deni back from her vacation;
- Reported the appeal letter to SEMA/FEMA was mailed out last Friday;
- Still waiting on bids for the electronic signs;
- The last of the funding has been used for the street updates – the City paid \$11,000 over the total amount;
- The Street Department purchased a new roller which was in the budget; and
- Mayor Doerr met with Dr. Coleman, the Superintendent of the Riverview Gardens School District. He told the Mayor the old East Junior High, located on Chambers Road, will be torn down – there are no plans for the future of this site.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Rodney Weeden to the Image & Beautification Board. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Rodney Weeden, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Mark reported, as Budget Director, the following bids received in for a new box spreader needed in the Street Department:

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| 1) Knapheide       | \$10,620.00             |
| 2) Midwest Systems | \$ 8,274.00 (too small) |
| 3) Woody’s         | \$ 9,239.50             |

It was recommended by Supervisor Mike Welz to purchase the spreader from Woody’s even though it was over the budgeted amount. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark, also, wanted to thank Chief Pruetz for the way he handled the home invasion situation.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Due to the extreme heat, please check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they are alright. The Housing Fair is going to be a really big event. The focus is to get the right information to the entire community. Per the Mayor, it is OK to have a non-partisan booth set up for voter registration.

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Congratulations to a past D.A.R.E. Officer, Cathy Kelly, who won a National title for her work with D.A.R.E. Also, congratulations to Shirley Arnold Poe who received her High School Diploma from Riverview Gardens High School; she was 70 years old.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** The "kids" pool party was very nice; about 35 kids showed up. The Family Golf Night will be August 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated the new members, Si and Kim, are a wonderful addition to the Youth Commission; they have come up with some really good ideas which has sparked the Board as a whole.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Smith moved to open the meeting to the public as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

**VERNON SOMMERER, 10335 EWELL:** Would like the Police's help as to deter people from using his driveway as a turnaround.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smith moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on AUGUST 2, 2012