

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2015**

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, Detective Sgt. Applegate (sitting in for Interim Chief Ihler), 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, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the May 7, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

DON ANTAL, 645 GLEASON: He is very upset his neighbor's grass clippings and gumballs are going into his yard; he wants the city to do something. Newspapers seem to be a problem also. Mayor Doerr will follow-up with Officer Pflueger, who spoke with the neighbors about cleaning up their yard. Mr. Antal reported on another home which is vacant and in poor condition. Mayor Doerr explained there is a process the city has to adhere to regarding sending the property owner a notice, court dates, etc...

CORNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH: Mr. Jones reported on an incident that happened at this home, in 2005, which involved the police inspecting his car covered by a tarp. He felt the officer was not trained properly and there was racial profiling involved. After a lengthy commentary, Mr. Jones ended by saying changes have to take place. Mayor Doerr explained the city is moving forward to better communicate with the residents of the city.

ROBIN WEBB, 632 HADDOCK: There is a field behind her house owned by SDX, which is located in the Village of Riverview. Mayor Doerr explained the homeowner is responsible for 15' beyond the fence line. He talked to Kendra, her daughter, this morning and said the city would help cut the grass 15' beyond the fence line this one time, but then it would have to be maintained by the other homeowners. Kendra said she would knock on their doors and let everyone know. Ms. Webb seemed confused about the situation. She was given the phone number for Riverview and was told to follow up with them since Bellefontaine Neighbors had no jurisdiction over the property or SDX.

TOM MORRIS, 9225 LONGRIDGE: Kudos to the Street Department for all their help on fixing the potholes on Longridge. Thanks to the Police Department for helping with ongoing issues with kids on his street. Reminded everyone to keep their porch lights on to help deter crime.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report July, 2014 through April, 2015. City Treasurer, Larry Abeln, was not able to attend; Assistant Bill Krenn reported on the city's funds. Revenue seems to be "favorable" at this time.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 18 in the amount of \$44,858.48 for the months of April/May, 2015, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 83 in the amount of \$12,053.38 for the month of April, 2015.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the April, 2015, report. Detective Sgt. Applegate reported on the following:

- The Police Department is actively working on a grant solicitation for the Development of Community Policing through the U.S. Dept. of Justice
- Working on having City Hall declared a "Safe Exchange Zone" whereby people could meet safely regarding online transactions and for custody exchange. More cameras and lighting will be installed. There was a discussion on the wording on the signage. The City Attorney will review; and
- The BN Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. Officer Dickens ran the torch and represented BN.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the April, 2015, report. Collector Mark Tranel reported sales tax income is down. Alderman Paro asked about RGSD accreditation; Mark said the numbers will not come out until August.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the May 11, 2015, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported there was no scheduled agenda so they discussed the number of homes with high grass and why the house on Ashbrook has boarded up all the windows. Mayor Doerr will look into the issue.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the April, 2015, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following issues:

- Inspections are up;
- Working diligently on high grass;
- Building is starting on Harbor Landing;
- Domino's Pizza is remodeling; and
- Ted and Joe helped BBQ at the basketball game. Mayor Doerr thanked them for the help and all others who were there.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the April, 2015, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported he has been working on the following:

- He spent a lot of time regarding the approval of the Harbor Landing home being built; and

- There was a lot of work done on the temporary event (Car Show) Grand Slam wants to sponsor. Moving forward, in any situation like this, there is always the need to make sure the site can accommodate the event

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr appointed Jack Duepner as Chief Judge for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Andrew Fields to fill the unexpired term of Alderman in Ward 4. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the reappointments of Mel Jennings and John Baker to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John Baker, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Mel Jennings, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr reported the following:

- Invited all to attend the Food Truck Fundraiser for Mathews-Dickey this Friday at City Hall;
- The Memorial Day Celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday at the Veterans Home;
- Update on fuel costs – there was an increase from 83 gallons a day to 88 gallons due to having the street sweeper out;
- The roof repairs, at the Rec Center, should be finishing up;
- The city is cutting approximately (40) lawns due to tall grass issues; and
- The community garden at Doherty Park should be starting up soon. Let the Mayor know if you are interested in helping Mr. Williams.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license for Hispanic Festival to sell beer at the Food Truck Event at City Hall, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: Thanks to the guys who are out cutting the grass; they're doing a great job. Welcome to Andrew Fields. St. Louis County will be spraying for mosquitoes, in BN, on various Mondays. There seems to be problems with foxes in the area.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Due to the rain, the Bicycle Rodeo has been rescheduled to this Saturday. Welcome to Andrew. Thanks to Alease for her efforts in getting the bike donations from Bi-State Development Agency (Metro)-DeBaliviere Garage.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to Andrew.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to all in attendance tonight and for their interest. Thanks to Andrew for "stepping up" to help the community. Since the resignation of Willis Dillworth, Alderman Jordan will be the Aldermanic Rep for the Public Safety

Commission until a new Alderman can be appointed. He would like to schedule a meeting set to discuss the street project Proposition.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to all the Department Heads for their help with the 2015-2016 budget. Although the city should have about a \$300,000 deficit in the upcoming budget year, the city is in good shape moving forward. The budget will be watched closely.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Thanks to Alderman Roth for all his hard work on the budget. Thanks to Andrew. Reminder to all the Electronic Recycle Event will be May 30th. He encouraged all to attend the Memorial Day Celebration and thank a Veteran. He was helpful in getting the ROTC Cadets involved in a program at the Veterans Home whereby a list of those who passed away will be read on a monthly basis opposed to yearly.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Thanked Mayor Doerr for the opportunity to serve the city.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Welcomed Andrew to the Board. There was a discussion about the Safe Zone Exchange Program and what the sign should say if an Officer is needed. The City Attorney will review.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Reported the Riverview Gardens School District had the highest graduation percentage rate in more than (10) years. There are many students going onto college and others who received scholarships and grants. Mark said there are many other positive things going on in the District.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, with a 3-minute limit, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Concerned about the Safe Exchange Zone program and what would happen if someone got hurt on city property. The City Attorney stated the city will do its best to maximize service and minimize risk. Asked why the Mayor attended the Metro Mayors for Large Cities meeting; he answered the City of BN is considered a large city. A discussion ensued as to the duties of a part-time Mayor versus what the Aldermen do. Even though residents may bring up issues that have happened in the past, Ms. Lane stated it may be something the city needs to face now.

MARIE GOODEN, 9421 DUENKE: Thanked the Police Department for all their help. She helped start a Neighborhood Watch in her neighborhood. Would like to revisit the subject of speed bumps to help deter speeders on her street. The community garden is located at Doherty Park. She would like to stay "positive" regarding all the negativity going on in the city. Did not like the fact that some of those in the audience tonight kept talking when someone else had the floor. Welcomed Andrew Fields to Ward 4.

DON ANTAL, 645 GLEASON: Reported on an incident at his home on May 19th which involved a snake in his yard. The Mayor told him to call when he sees it again.

PEG WARNUSZ, 10030 CRETE: Discussed ideas about trying to get the kids, in the neighborhood, interested in helping with grass cutting and general yard work for the older residents.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Kathy suggested not engaging with those who just want to "heckle" at the Board meetings.

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

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *June 4, 2015*