

# City of Blue Ridge Manor Meeting Minutes

## August 28, 2017

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middletown Fire Department Station Div. 2, 10217 Shelbyville Road.**

### **In Attendance:**

Carla Kreitman, Mayor  
Elizabeth McDaniel, Clerk/Treasurer  
Hans Klose, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ken Conliffe, Commissioner  
Porter Lady, Commissioner  
Art Sims, Commissioner  
Sue Lentz – Shelby Pointe  
Phyllis Santos – Blue Rose Court  
Annie Duncan-Ponvert – Blue Ridge Rd  
David & Nicholas Hoetker, Radford Rd

### **Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor was held on August 28, 2017 at the Middletown Fire Department, Division 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Carla Kreitman.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Mayor Kreitman asked the Commissioners if they had corrections or additions. Mayor Kreitman noted an error in the listing of her name under Attendees. Annie Duncan-Ponvert clarified her previous statement regarding fireworks. Commissioner Lady moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Commissioner Klose seconded the motion; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel noted that one of the certificate of deposits (CDs) at BB&T bank was renewed for another 24 months. Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel distributed and read aloud the Balance Sheet and a detail of revenues and expenses for the previous month. She noted that detailed information is available to the public upon request. Mayor Kreitman asked if there were any questions or discussion about the reports. There being none, Commissioner Lady moved that the reports be approved as submitted. Commissioner Sims seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **Business**

#### **Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel**

- A representative from Waste Management submitted a Freedom of Information request to receive a copy of the city's current contract with Republic Services. Clerk/Treasurer will be sending it to Waste Management this week.
- The property tax bills were sent out August 1. Payments are coming in steadily.

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### Business – continued

#### Mayor Kreitman:

- **Metro Lawsuit vs Home Rule Cities** – Mayor Kreitman noted that there is no update since the Jefferson County League of Cities did not meet in July.
- **Junk Pick-up** seemed successful. Many residents put items on the curb.
- **Popsicles in the Park** was a huge success. The weather was ideal, it was well-attended, and all enjoyed the treats from Steel City Pops.
- **BRM Audit:** Mayor Kreitman spoke to Auditor John McIntyre. He will be sending a detailed list of documents for the audit so that the report can be presented to the Commission in October.
- **Liens** have been filed on properties with unpaid property taxes.
- **Sample Ordinance regarding Rental Properties:** Mayor Kreitman distributed an ordinance from another Home Rule city regarding registration of and restrictions on rental properties to the Commission to review. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **AirBnBs:** Mayor Kreitman noted that Metro Council is working on an ordinance regarding AirBnBs and she suggested the Commission may want to consider enacting similar policies.
- **Resident Concerns**
  - A resident's son is concerned about an unkempt yard next door to his parent's property. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.
  - An RV has been parked in a resident's driveway for more than six weeks. It is possible that someone is living in the RV. A letter will be sent to the property owner.
  - The fence behind (and belonging to) Stonefield Square needs repair and/or replacement. Clerk/Treasurer is working to contact the proper person.
  - Employees at a local business reported that a homeless person was living behind the St. Vincent DePaul donation center. Clerk/Treasurer contacted the police on their behalf, then put them in contact with one another.
  - There are continued reports of drivers speeding through the neighborhood as well as driving through the stop signs.

### Commissioner Reports

Hans Klose - Public Property & Finance: No report.

#### Porter Lady - Parks & Recreation:

- Dorsey Village Condo Association President Robert Carter requested a backflow test on their entrance. It was conducted July 31, 2017.
- Commissioner Lady noted that he received some resident concerns about hornets near the Hardesty Park basketball goals. He said that Groundtech owner Eric Tarpley said the insects are known as "cicada killers" and they rarely sting people.
- A new gate for Hardesty Park has been purchased but the electrician has been unable to install. Commissioner Lady will continue to work to complete the project since it is part of the agreement that was made with the homeowner adjacent to Hardesty Park.

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### Commissioner Reports

#### Porter Lady - Parks & Recreation, continued:

- In accordance with recommendations from a risk assessment conducted on Hardesty Park by the Kentucky League of Cities, Commissioner Lady:
  - had extension cords removed (and noted that Andrew Coombs of Landshapes will be coming out to remove current lighting and add some different lights for Halloween).
  - applied protective coverings on the handles on a piece of playground equipment – but someone removed the covering within the week
  - noted that mulch is the preferable “cushion” on the playground versus ground-up tires. New mulch will be laid around climbing equipment in the spring (as it would likely wash away if put down now).

#### Art Sims - Public Safety

Commissioner Sims said he would order the remaining three speed humps. Residents informed Commissioner Sims about two blatant speeders in the neighborhood. Mayor Kreitman encouraged residents to call the police if they see someone speeding or running the stop signs. Commissioner Sims noted that the newest police officer patrolling the city issued four traffic tickets in one day!

#### Ken Conliffe - Public Works & Sanitation

Commissioner Conliffe noted that the junk pick-up days this year seemed too close together so he would work with Republic Services to schedule them next year in April and September.

Commissioner Conliffe reported that he and Attorney Ricketts were working to complete a contract that the surveyor required before starting work.

#### Other Business:

**Shelby Pointe Condo Trash Pick-up:** Shelby Pointe Association President Sue Lentz noted that the garbage pick-up was late last week. Ms. Lentz was going to ask if the driver could take the bins out of the corral in one area of Shelby Pointe (where the corral is behind the car ports) and then the residents will put them back. Apparently, the new garbage truck is bigger and the driver is afraid the truck will tip if he back into that area. Sue has been returning the bins to the corral (even though she doesn't live in that area) because two of the residents are elderly and not able to return them. Ms. Lentz will contact Republic Services. Ms. Lentz also noted that the apartment residents next to Shelby Pointe do not put the proper items in their recycling bins and some signage may be needed.

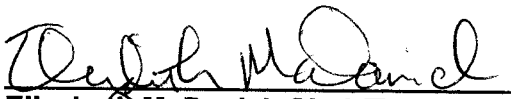
**Easement Request to bring water to Hardesty Park:** Attorney Chauvin noted that he has offered to meet the HUD liaison in Terre Haute Indiana to sign the agreement granting the city's easement request.

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**Landscaping:** Resident David Hoetker asked if the city could trim the bushes and landscape areas on the north corners at Blue Ridge at Radford Road. Commissioner Conliffe noted that historically, it is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain those rights of way but he would investigate to see if the area is obstructed.

There being no additional business or discussion, Mayor Kreitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Conliffe seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Elizabeth McDaniel, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Carla Kreitman, Mayor