

City of Blue Ridge Manor Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2017

**Next Meeting: May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middletown Fire Department Station
Div. 2, 10217 Shelbyville Road.**

In Attendance:

Mayor Kreitman, Mayor
Elizabeth McDaniel, Clerk/Treasurer
Hans Klose, Mayor Pro Tem
Stan Chauvin, City Attorney
Ken Conliffe, Commissioner
Porter Lady, Commissioner
Art Sims, Commissioner
Dennis Lang
Phyllis Santos
Sue Lentz
Annie Duncan-Ponvert
Mike Patterson, Republic Services
Chris Pierce, Rumpke

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor was held on April 24, 2017 at the Middletown Fire Department, Division 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Carla Kreitman presiding.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Mayor Kreitman asked for any corrections or additions. Commissioner Lady moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Commissioner Klose seconded the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel distributed a Balance Sheet as well as a detail of revenues and expenses for the previous month. She noted that detailed information is available to the public on request. Mayor Kreitman asked if there were any questions or discussion about the reports. There being none, Mayor Kreitman asked for a motion. Commissioner Lady moved that the reports be approved as submitted. Commissioner Sims seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Business

- **Metro Government has initiated a lawsuit against 6th class cities** (including the City of Blue Ridge Manor) regarding the structure of Home Rule cities. Metro Louisville's 109 Board makes decisions regarding solid waste affecting the entire county however the Home Rule Cities do not have representation on the board so the Mayor is filing suit in order to represent the Home Rule cities on this board – and in similar circumstances which could result in the 6th class cities being merged with Metro Government.
- **Jefferson County League of Cities:**
 - It is time for BRM to renew its membership with the Jefferson County League of Cities. Our dues are \$100 per year.
 - JCLC has asked for contributions to help defray the costs of representing the Home Rule cities in Metro Government's lawsuit. Mayor Kreitman suggested the City of Blue Ridge Manor donate \$1000 to this effort (the suggested level of giving for our size city) Commissioner Conliffe made a motion that this expense be approved. Commissioner Klose seconded the motion; motion passed.
- **Easement Request:** BRM has been preliminarily approved for an easement to bring water to Hardesty Park. We are still waiting on final approval.
- **Delinquent Property Taxes** - Attorney Chauvin reported sending delinquent property owners a letter on April 14 with a copy of a lien that will be filed if their balance is not paid. He will send a copy of the letter to Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel.
- **2017-2018 Budget** – Mayor Kreitman will be contacting each Commissioner for input regarding the budget for next fiscal year. The Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel will develop a draft to be reviewed at the May Commission meeting. The city has not yet received a bill from Metro Government for the new sidewalks constructed in front of the businesses on Shelbyville Road. Commissioner Conliffe suggested the budgeted amount (up to but not exceeding \$25,000) be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- **A city audit** is due June 2017. Mayor Kreitman noted that John McIntyre has reached out to conduct the audit again. She noted that he was very thorough on the last audit. His firm is sending Mayor Kreitman a letter of intent. We will start on this as soon as possible.
- **City Events:**
 - We moved the **Earth Day Celebration and Perennial Plant Exchange** from Saturday April 22 to Sunday April 23 because of rainy weather. Sunday was also unseasonably cool but about twelve citizens came to share plants. Some extra plants were left behind and will be planted at the park by Ground Tech.
 - **Spring Junk Pick Up** will be Thursday April 27.
 - **Next Event: Annual Picnic** on Saturday, June 10 from 2 pm to dusk. The rain date will be Sunday June 11. Volunteers are needed!
- **Website Updated:** Clerk/Treasurer McDaniel updated the website with information about the Plant Exchange, Junk Pick up and other city news.

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Commissioner Reports

Hans Klose - Public Property & Finance:

Commissioner Klose noted that a resident had requested detailed financial reports be emailed to them each month. After some discussion, the commission agreed that this information would continue to be made available at the monthly meetings. Specific (detailed) information will be given upon request at a meeting with the Clerk/Treasurer and/or a Commission member or specific information could be copied for the citizen at a rate of \$.25 per page.

Porter Lady - Parks & Recreation:

Commissioner Lady reported that Tony Thompson will be installing a gate operated by a photo-voltaic cell at the entrance to the parking lot in Hardesty Park as soon as his schedule permits. Arrow Electric will be making repairs to some of the electrical boxes and smoothing out some of the ruts from their installation. Ground Tech is in the process of putting colorful plants at the city's main entrances. Ground Tech will also be laying mulch and tending to the rose bushes. Commissioner Lady noted that a dad with three boys who lives on Ledbury has offered help in maintaining the park. This dad has put additional ties on the mesh at the top of the slide and he offered to get a new baby seat for the swing set. Once BRM's request for the easement has been approved, Commissioner Lady will see that irrigation is installed to the roses and evergreens as well as frost-proof faucets for hoses at the city's main entrances and both park entrances.

Art Sims - Public Safety

Commissioner Sims reported that the first two speed humps will be installed soon. The areas must be checked by LGE before installation. Eagle Sign & Design delivered the sign posts and hardware for the speed hump signs provided by the vendor. Attorney Chauvin will contact the city's insurance agent after the speed humps have been installed to see if the city needs additional coverage.

A citizen asked at the last meeting expressed concern about the lack of clear striping/lane lines at the stoplight west of (next to) Baskin Robbins. After some discussion, Attorney Chauvin offered to investigate if Metro Government or the shopping center owner is responsible for maintaining that area.

Commissioner Sims noted that our contact for off-duty police patrols has changed. Our new contact is Joey Webb at the St. Matthews Police Department.

Ken Conliffe - Public Works & Sanitation

Commissioner Conliffe and Attorney Jonathan Ricketts met with representatives from Planning and Development (P&D) regarding the request to designate Rosewood a public road. P&D acknowledged that the issues presented are unique. P&D is working through their requirements for this situation and will present those to Attorney Ricketts. Commissioner Conliffe hopes to hear back in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Conliffe noted that LG&E asked him if the City of Blue Ridge Manor owns any of the street lights in the city. The commission noted that to their knowledge, all the street lights are owned by LG&E.

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Ken Conliffe - Public Works & Sanitation (continued)

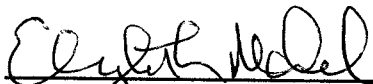
Commissioner Conliffe announced that bids were received from the city's request for waste disposal services from Rumpke and Republic Services. Representatives from both companies were in attendance. Commissioner Conliffe said he opened the bids prior to the meeting to be sure each bid included all the information requested - and they did. He said he did not share the bid information with anyone before the Commission meeting. Republic Services, the city's current vendor, submitted a lump-sum bid for \$5585 per month. Rumpke (Jeffersontown's current vendor) submitted an itemized proposal. Commissioner Conliffe confirmed with the Rumpke representative that their costs for the services the city requested would total approximately \$6400 per month. Both company representatives left the room so the Commission could discuss the bids.

There was some discussion about the sizes of trash receptacles offered by each company. Rumpke offers 65-quart and 96-quart capacity containers. Republic has moved to offering just 96-quart size receptacles.

The Rumpke representative had noted that Rumpke is a family-owned company that also operates a recycling center and landfills. Commissioner Conliffe noted that Republic has had the contract for many years and has provided good service. Commissioner Conliffe said that while both companies could meet the city's needs, the difference in cost led him to favor our current vendor. He made a motion to accept the bid from Republic Services. Mayor Kreitman seconded the motion; motion passed. Commissioner Conliffe will review the contract and then give it to Mayor Kreitman to sign.

There being no additional business or discussion, Mayor Kreitman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Lady made the motion. Commissioner Conliffe seconded the motion; all voted in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth McDaniel, Clerk/Treasurer



Carla Kreitman, Mayor