



**CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2019**

The next meeting will be held March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Middletown Fire Department Station Division 2, 10217 Shelbyville Rd.

In Attendance:

Carla Kreitman, Mayor	Susan Brooks, Clerk/Treasurer
Hans Klose, Commissioner/Mayor Pro-Tem	Stephen Long
Ken Conliffe, Commissioner	Bob Carter
Porter Lady, Commissioner	Anthony Piagentini, Lou. Metro Councilman
Debbie Mills, Commissioner	Chanelle Smith
Stan Chauvin, City Attorney	Jonathon Ayer

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor was held at the Middletown Fire Department Station, Division 2. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Kreitman.

Mayor Kreitman began the meeting by introducing our newly elected Metro Councilman, Anthony Piagentini. The councilman was invited to speak by the mayor in hopes of building relationships with surrounding cities and working together on issues that impact us all. Currently the city of Blue Ridge Manor would ask the councilman's intervention in moving MSD to action in battling ongoing flooding problems of our citizens.

Councilman Piagentini began his remarks by addressing the big story all over the news - the deficit of \$35 million in this year's current Metro Louisville budget. The reasons and complications are many, but included pension recalculation, full funding of CERS in the mid-2000's, and various suggestions/equations to catch up. The projected shortfall over the next five years is in excess of \$65 million. Current Mayor Greg Fischer has proposed, as his solution a significant raise in insurance taxes, from 5% to 15% (exempting auto insurance). Councilman Piagentini noted he is against this method of catch-up. He, like many others, do not agree with the administration's waiting until "the last second" to resolve a five-year budget decision. A hastily arranged one-month legislative process that affects so many for so long is not prudent.

Commissioner Lady asked if the proposed tax increase would be temporary or ongoing and the Councilman answered that it would be permanent (like most all tax increases). He also interjected that every other tax needs permission from the state for increase, this proposed tax increase being an exception.



Besides this critical budget issue, other challenges that the new councilman would like to address include establishing better relationships between the small city governments and metro city government & mayor; and tax reform generally. He proposes doing away with poor practices e.g. MSD 7% increase every year, non-consumption taxes, Metro government can raise entire county; verbal commitment, fix five-year hole with one budget. For Piagentini, a better way would be incremental solutions - year-by-year budget fixes. He also mentioned he would like to see more visibility of projects that are funded. He concluded his remarks by reminding our commission that the squeaky wheel works! He would like us to keep him posted on any needs from any Metro agency, and invited us to contact him if we have hang-ups, stalling problems, etc. He requested we send him a specific list of what our city's needs are, now and in the near future. He provided his and Chanelle's contact information and asked us to stay in touch. He was gracious in remaining for the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The commission had received copies of minutes from the previous regular meeting and had time to review them. Mayor Kreitman asked if anyone had anything to add or change to the minutes. There being none, Commissioner Lady made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Conliffe seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Brooks presented the treasury report for the month of February. Regarding assets, she noted that the CDs held at Stockyards and Republic Bank are understated since accrued interest is only posted quarterly. As for expenses, she reviewed amounts line by line. She noted that the loss for the month is due to low volume of income due to slow period of tax receipts, which will even out in heavy receipt months, and that cumulatively, the budget is right on target.

Clerk/Treasurer Brooks asked Attorney Chauvin if liens had been filed on delinquent properties and he responded, yes, they are are being processed. Attorney Chauvin said he was glad to see such a small number of delinquencies for 2018.

Mayor Kreitman asked if there were any questions about the treasury report. There being none, Commissioner Lady made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion; treasury report was approved

Business

There was no movement or progress on obtaining the water easement.

As for the fiber optic network construction project, Stan has been corresponding and city reserves the right for a franchise fee.



Mayor Kreitman inquired about the pending ordinance regarding Clerk/Treasurer fee increase as well as job duties, assignments and meeting times to ensure we are compliant. Stan will provide the ordinance language at the next meeting regarding the job duties. Mayor Kreitman reminded all that this year's budget will need to be amended to reflect this increase in compensation for the Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Kreitman will be convening two special meetings between now and March 21. Since our next regularly scheduled meeting is beyond the date of the Metro vote on the budget ordinance, if the City of Blue Ridge Manor wishes to enact an ordinance to mirror the insurance language this must happen before the deadline. Per the meeting requirements, if a special meeting is called, the notice and limited agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the location of meeting and we will post these on-line as well.

Commissioner Debbie Mills reported on the ongoing problem with street lights. LG & E has acknowledged our request for service but we have seen no action. Seems to be an electrical issue because the bulbs have been changed many times but go out a week later. The structures and electrical components are very old and may just need replacing. She also reported on the recent neighborhood crime, notably break-ins. They can't really be categorized as break-ins because most reported incidents (70-80%) involve victims with UNLOCKED cars and houses. Everyone needs to be reminded to lock up!

Commissioner Conliffe requested that Stan and he post bids for the renewal of our garbage contract. The two of them will get together and move forward on this issue.

Some traffic safety issues reported: yield signs have been requested at Dorsey Station exit, however, it was brought up that there is no police power to enforce yield signs. There was also a suggestion to build a back exit for the owners only. Commissioner Conliffe said that the city doesn't control and can't control this traffic spot. Attorney Chauvin referred a good website on street signs, private overlay and liability issues on public roads, etc. Also, there have been many complaints about the numerous near-misses exiting Dorsey Plaza (exit without a stoplight). There were suggestions of a no-left turn sign to prevent accidents.

There being no further business, Mayor Kreitman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lady seconded the motion; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Kreitman, Mayor

Susan Brooks, Clerk/Treasurer