



**CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2019**

The next meeting will be held February 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.	Dennis Lang
Ken Conliffe, Commissioner	Sue Lentz
Porter Lady, Commissioner	Stephen Long
Debbie Mills, Commissioner.	Jonathan Ayer
Stan Chauvin, City Attorney	

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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kreitman.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The commission reviewed the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Mayor Kreitman asked if anyone had any corrections or changes. There being none, Commissioner Lady made a motion that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Brooks presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that this month's deficit was due to skewing of property tax receipts, resulting in surplus last quarter and loss in current month. A truer financial picture appears over a full 12 months. Clerk/Treasurer Brooks wrapped up the report with notation that she has a short list of 2018 delinquent property tax bills to turn over to Attorney Chauvin to file liens. Commissioner Lady made a motion that the Treasury Report be approved. Commissioner Mills seconded; the report was approved.

State of the City

Mayor Kreitman opened with some remarks regarding the "State of the City of Blue Ridge Manor". Blue Ridge Manor had a busy and productive year. A few projects finally came to fruition, after years of planning and laying groundwork, the dedication of a new public road in the city was successful. In 2018, the city streets were repaved and painted, permanent speed bumps were installed replacing the trial speed humps, entrances and landscaping



were improved including a new entrance sign with increased visibility. We appointed and transitioned a new clerk/treasurer and the last election brought a new commissioner to the city. An ordinance was enacted to require the registration of rental properties in the city limits with a nominal yearly fee. Had a number of successful events, trying to improve involvement and communication. Some challenges include the vacancies in our commercial property, as anchor store Fresh Market left. We continue to struggle to get a water easement for the park and have had increased challenges with flooding over the last very wet rainy season. Looking forward to a new year, we have already in January sworn in new officials, and attended some Kentucky League of Cities training.

Business

Mayor Kreitman said she invited new Metro Councilman Anthony Piagentini to our next meeting as well as our citizens event. She hopes to work with Metro to encourage MSD to offer more assistance in flooding problems. His presence could help build and improve relationships with other surrounding cities so we can work together on larger issues that impact all of us.

Mayor Kreitman touched on the water easement with Attorney Chauvin. Attorney Chauvin said HUD has been down due to government shutdown, but should have some news when he gets with Hayes. Attorney Chauvin also reported that with the holidays there has been little progress on the cable franchise issues but he is in touch with Middletown and J-town to look at what concessions they are negotiating.

Mayor Kreitman requested reports from the individual commissioners.

Commissioner Klose commented on the report of the Treasurer, saying the budget vs. actual numbers are right on target. He said expenditures are on track.

Commissioner Conliffe briefly discussed the snow/weather issues and garbage issues. He made note that from January 15 – March 15 there are to be no sticks/bundles in the garbage. The snow plow and salt trucks were called upon twice this month for their services, and did a good job. The community has expressed some concerns with Republic Industries and this is the year the contract expires. We need to start the bidding process by the end of February if we want to secure a new vendor for garbage services. The contract will be awarded in early April. Considerations regarding services: among others, gratis junk pickup in contract, two free junk pick ups, and a shredding day.

The new Commissioner Debbie Mills will review the policing of the city and safety issues.

Attorney Stan Chauvin was requested to review our ordinance regarding job duties and assignments and our ordinance for meeting times to ensure we are compliant.



In new business, Mayor Kreitman called upon commissioners to consider increasing compensation for the Clerk/Treasurer due to the number of hours she puts in every week, and in consideration of improvements she has already made in city office operations. The Mayor said the Clerk Treasurer currently earns \$4600 for the 6-month period and she suggested an increase to \$6000. She asked for discussion; a motion was made and seconded that compensation be increased, and the increase passed unanimously. The budget will need to be amended to reflect this increase in compensation.

There was some conversation regarding power outages and LG&E cutting down branches impeding electrical line.

A clarification was made regarding the procedure to get new trash bins: 1) call in request, 2) on next day of pick up, Republic will deliver bins.

Citizen Steve Long requested an update regarding flooding and wanted to know if there was going to be any action. Mayor Kreitman reiterated that while there had been a meeting with J'town and MSD regarding flooding by the park, the city really hadn't taken any action on that issue. MSD had offered to build a fence and requested the city agree to maintain. Mayor Kreitman said the City of Blue Ridge Manor would continue to clear debris on its property but would not agree to "maintain" any fence MSD built in an easement.

With respect to the flooding experienced by Mr. Long and the Dively's, she and attorney Chauvin hope to meet with MSD, and with assistance from Metro, to provide some pressure to MSD. The citizens are looking for reassurance that the city will support them as this flooding is impacting them. Note that area showed as ditch on maps. She suggested that Dively be notified to further substantiate claims. Several members of the commission and residents in attendance agreed that problems started when Dorsey Village was built.

Mayor Kreitman reminded everyone about the "Meet the Commissioners" event on Sunday, February 24.

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