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**CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 28, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor was held on September 23, 2013 at the Middletown Fire Department, Division 2. The meeting came to order at 7:00pm, Mayor Mike Ober presiding.

The following were present:

Mike Ober - Mayor	Porter Lady - Commissioner
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem	Julie Colucci – Commissioner
Bob Carter – City Treasurer	Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor
Pat Gramig – City Clerk	Phyllis Santos – Blue Rose Condos

Approval of August Minutes

Having distributed the August minutes to the Commission prior to the September 23rd meeting, Mayor Ober asked if there were any corrections or omissions. Porter Lady moved that the July minutes be approved as read. Julie Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Ober also suggested that the monthly meeting minutes be emailed to the Commission at least two weeks after the monthly meeting has been held so the Commission can respond in a timely manner to any needs that may be in order. The City Clerk will comply with this request.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Carter gave an overview of the August Balance Sheet, and the August End of the Month Report. Bob also commented on the collection of property taxes. As of this date, there are only 53 tax bills out of 465 that are outstanding. He stated that this is the best response received from past years.

Julie Colucci moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Porter Lady seconded it. Motion carried.

Tax Delinquency Updates

Bob Carter related to the Commission that a Tax Bill from one of our property locations has been in arrears since 2011 and 2012 has been successfully collected. The 2013 taxes were also paid as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Easement Update

Since the City Attorney was unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Ober tabled this discussion till next month in order for Stan Chauvin to give his report updates

Second Reading of Pod Ordinance

The second reading of the Pod ordinance was also tabled till next month's meeting so Stan Chauvin could present this as well.

Discussion of City Hall/Community Center

Mayor Ober stated that he has had several conversations with Reggie Frantz who resides at 101 Blue Fields Road about his expressed interest for the City to consider purchasing his residence as a City Hall/Community Center. Mayor Ober also stated that Mr. Frantz's asking price was way over the buyer's market price and what the City could afford. A lease option was discussed but Mayor Ober stated that this would not be in the best interest of the City to consider this. Mayor Ober also pursued the pre-fabricated structure option but this would need a permit process that would entail a futile battle without good results.

In conclusion, Mayor Ober felt that this endeavor should not be forced but taken with a slow approach and in time he felt that the efforts of the Commission will eventually find a home that will fit the needs of a City Hall for Blue Ridge Manor. There was also some discussion regarding the Nicoulin residence that was being considered. Mayor Ober stated that it would be too costly to consider since the property was in need of repair and maintenance. He felt that it would be in the best interest of the City to consider purchasing a property that would need few improvements.

Rosewood Drive Research (Update from City Attorney)

Mayor Ober tabled this update till next month's meeting when Stan Chauvin could give his report.

NEW BUSINESS

Oktoberfest Planning

Mayor Ober reported that the Oktoberfest signage will be hung across Shelbyville Road this coming Wednesday. There is only a few more Oktoberfest street banners that need to be placed throughout the City and that will be completed sometime this week. Hans Klose reported that he received several comments regarding the street banner. These comments referred to the background color. It was suggested that if it had more blue in the background then it would distinguish it as a "Classic" Bavarian style Oktoberfest banner. Mayor Ober commented that Carla Kreitman did a great job and the banners looked quite effective.

The breakdown for ticket prices are:

- The Oktoberfest pins will be selling for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 and will be sold at the front gate.
- Beer tickets will be \$4.00
- Soft drink tickets will be \$1.00
- Food tickets will be \$2.00

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Julie reported that:

- The police are patrolling the park more frequently
- Reminded everyone that October 10th is Junk pick up date for the City

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans had nothing to report at this time.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records – Carla Kreitman

Since Carla was unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Ober read her Report. Carla stated in her email sent to the Mayor that the October Blood Drive has been cancelled by the Red Cross due to shortage of funding/staff for weekend events. They asked if we would attempt to choose another date that would not conflict with other winter events they have planned. Since available dates would not work for the City, the Blood Drive has been rescheduled for some time in the Spring.

Carla is also in the process of coordinating a Brightside project with Blue Ridge Manor. The project is “Make a Difference Day and is scheduled for October 26th. If any council member is interested in participating, please let her know.

Oktoberfest Update

Carla has three more City street banners to be placed. They will be located in the Shopping center towards Shelbyville Road. One will be facing Moser Road, one near Dorsey Lane and one in the middle. These banners are generic, with no date, in order to be used again next year. She is also planning to replace these banners with seasonal ones. The next banner will be “Seasons Greeting” with Blue Mountains/ winter scene.

Oktoberfest Invitation letter will only be sent to key leadership i.e., councilmen, governor, Jerry Abramson. Carla has also acquired the same roasted nut vendor that does Yum! Center and Bats games, for the Oktoberfest. She also has German and American flags for décor and an Oktoberfest flag as well. She can provide Tiroler hats for the staff if staff wishes to have them. Color fliers will be going to area business and well as copies of the press release that was sent to the Courier Journal.

City Website

Carla has upgraded the City Website. This new upgrade is more of a blog based format for better communication and it will be easier to manage and download information.

Solicitation Complaints

Carla has received some complaints about solicitation. She has addressed these complaints with some solutions such as enforceability, posting message on door. Since this seems to be a reoccurring theme, it should also be brought to the attention of the other residents by placing an article in the City Newsletter regarding this.

Newsletter

The deadline for all articles for the Fall Issue of the newsletter is October 15th.

Department of Park and Recreation – Porter Lady

Porter reported that he will have some additional expenses regarding tree care in the park and some maintenance needs under the advisement of two arborists

- The trees near the swings and seesaws have a compaction problem
- Four trees need to be treated chemically
- The oak tree has a bacterial problem
- Will be laying a hardwood mulch on the stress maple because it will hold moisture better
- Will be cabling the Bradford Pear tree which is the largest in the City along with several other trees that require this
- Two oak trees will need to be removed and will be replaced with two more oak trees that will give more shading – Mr. Blankenship, a certified arborist, will provide this service.
- Gator Bags (these are 5 gallon water bags that are slow releasing) will be installed at six trees
- Leland Cypress will replace the arborvitaes that is showing stress

Porter also reported that Annie Duncan Ponvert, appreciated the roses that were planted along her fence that faces the park but she had some concerns and felt they could be planted at a more useful site. Porter will have them removed and planted in the front entrance.

There being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Julie Colucci made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Porter Lady seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Patricia Gramig - City Clerk

Mike Ober – Mayor