

# *City of Blue Ridge Manor*

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## **BLUE RIDGE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25, 2011**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on April 25, 2011 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. The meeting came to order at 7:30pm, Mayor Mike Ober, presiding.

The following were present:

Mike Ober, Mayor  
Hans J. Klose, Deputy Mayor  
Fred A. Nicoulin, City Clerk  
Robert Carter, City Treasurer  
Julie Colucci - Commissioner  
Porter Lady - Commissioner  
Carla Kreitman - Commissioner

Debbie Mills – Shelby Pointe  
Debra Wegner – Shelby Pointe  
Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor  
Roger Lanning – Dorsey Village  
Lloyd Chilton – Shelby Pointe  
Gary Ruskowski – Dorsey Village  
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Mayor Ober asked the City Clerk, Fred Nicoulin to read the minutes of the March 28th meeting. As a matter of record there was only one inaccuracy. Roger Lanning stated that in the March minutes it was noted that Mr. Lanning had an engineering background. In fact, Mr. Lanning stated that he has had only some recent working experience with engineers in the specific areas of Dorsey Way concerns and felt that his current knowledge could be of some assistance to the Mayor's attempts to resolve the City's drainage issues at hand. This inaccuracy was noted and the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Bob Carter, gave his report. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Mayor Ober then asked Bob to introduce the Proposed Budget for 2011 – 2012, to the Commissioners. He indicated this was only to get them familiar with its content and category breakdown. The official first reading will be at the May meeting, the second reading will be at the June monthly meeting. In July, the proposed budget will be voted upon as an ordinance. Mayor Ober also said that this same procedure will take place on the Tax Ordinance.

Bob Carter proceeded to introduce the proposed budget for 2011 – 2012 with detailed description.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE ON MSD**

Mayor Ober announced that he is going to set up a meeting with Jerry Miller, Roger Lanning, and himself with a representative from MSD. It was recommended by the MSD representative to also have on hand at this meeting a history of the City Developments.

The Mayor also inspected the Shelbyville Road draining issue during our current downpour for the past couple of days and took photos of the area. At this time, it appeared to be draining without difficulty. Roger Lanning also viewed the area and took photos as well.

Mayor Ober further investigated the situation with another MSD worker regarding the basin area and the various levels that the land had been landscaped. The Mayor was advised that it was designed this way in order for the water to drain properly from the basin area. The MSD worker also stated that there are claimed and unclaimed drainage areas. If it is claimed, the specific subdivision, in this case, Dorsey Village, would be responsible for any drainage issues. If it is *not* claimed, it is the responsibility of MSD to make the necessary corrections. Mayor Ober also elaborated about the gathering of water on Shelbyville road. He stated that there are three drainage access ways at that particular turning lane. He also indicated that this part of Shelbyville road was part of Metro Louisville. Mayor Ober took photos of this area as well. Roger Lanning also took photos of the Shopping Center area where there is mud and silt collecting from the ground water that runs off of the surrounding properties. Mayor Ober will give us a progress report of his meeting with MSD at the next monthly meeting.

### **DORSEY VILLAGE – ENTRANCE WAY**

The Mayor spoke with Roger Lanning regarding funds to be allocated in the new proposed budget for construction of an entrance to Dorsey Village. This will give them the appearance and identification that already exists with the other subdivisions. Roger is in the process of acquiring estimates for this project.

### **INSURANCE VERIFICATION**

At the request of Mayor Ober, Karem and Karem Pick Up Services submitted a proposal at last month's meeting to expand their services to the other subdivisions and condominiums that are now a part of the City of Blue Ridge Manor. This proposal was to be reviewed by the Commissioners to evaluate these services and any concerns that could exist.

One of the concerns the Commissioners had was any liability issues that could arise while these two gentlemen were performing their services for the City. They claim that their main concern was their safety of ongoing traffic as well as dangerous items that would be picked up while picking up litter in the streets of the City. The City's insurance carrier was contacted to get their opinion. The insurance carrier was very leery having this service done by them due to their youth and inexperience. They felt that a company who carries their own liability insurance would be more appropriate.

Carla Kreitman elaborated that an opinion from the City's attorney would be better defined on behalf of the City. Both Carla Krietman and Julie Colucci shared this concern of safety. It was decided to table this issue till more precise clarification could be established.

Bob Carter, the Treasurer suggested that the trash pickup services expenditure remain in the proposed budget. All agreed to table this issue till next month's meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NEWSLETTER COMMENTS**

Most everyone agreed that the first issue of the City of Blue Ridge Manor Newsletter was received well by the residents. It was also suggested that a Calendar of upcoming events and important notices be inserted preferably in the middle of the newsletter. This way, if the resident wishes to remove it and post it somewhere in their home, this would be the easiest place to locate this type of information.

There was a motion made by Carla Kreitman to have all future newsletters be mailed to each resident. This would bring more immediate attention to the Newsletter as a periodical of information rather than a circular being hand delivered. Julie Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **REVENUE INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAXES**

Mayor Ober requested that Fred Nicoulin, City Clerk, provide detailed information on those property taxes that are delinquent in payment. Fred indicated that there were only about nine that have not been paid as yet. He will provide the Mayor this list as requested.

### **ORDINANCES**

Stan Chauvin, City Attorney, met with Carla Kreitman regarding the City Ordinances and the results of her research and potential revision. Stan was unable to attend the April monthly meeting due to personal health problems. But the Mayor was able to discuss this with Stan prior to the meeting. There was some additional language to be included in the specific areas of responsibility of each Commissioner that needed further discussion before it would be included in the revised ordinances. The Mayor suggested that these ordinance changes should be tabled till Stan Chauvin could be involved with this procedure.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

#### **PARKS & RECREATION – PORTER LADY**

With reference to researching ways to provide water to the Park for irrigation purposes, Porter reported that he contacted Jeff Chism of Chism Irrigation Systems and Andrew Kown of Landshapes for some estimates. Landshapes was unable to handle this type of request but indicated to Porter that they would attempt to assist his request by locating a firm who could fulfill his needs and would get back to him with their findings.

Chism Irrigation submitted a quote of \$2,385.00 to install a hydrant and water meter for a possible water line in the Park area. Porter outlined these in detail. Chism Irrigation also submitted a quote of \$4,900.00 to install a water drinking fountain as an option. Porter related to the Commissioners that these quotes for services is still within his budget for Park improvements.

Porter also reported:

- the bicycle handles that were applied to the seesaws for safety purposes are no longer there. Within a three week time period the handles were taken by vandals.
- The wire cage that surrounded the sliding board for safety purposes was ripped out by vandals. This has been repaired.
- Huge limb that had broken off from a nearby tree. Tiger Paws has been notified and they will handle the removal of the limb.
- Basket ball nets have been repaired
- Eric Tarply Lawn Care is in process of planting assorted trees that were listed in last month's minutes
- Eric Tarply is also nurturing 25 saplings that were acquired free, through the Kentucky Division of Forestry. These saplings will be put in the park ground area within the next three weeks.
- The big stump that is still in the park area will also be removed

#### **SANITATION/STORM SEWERS – JULIE COLUCCI**

Julie reported on the following:

- Working with Industrial Disposal of converting to smaller recycle cans for Dorsey village
- Announced that there will be an interlocal contract agreements meeting in May. This involves the Subdivisions of Woodland, Douglas Hills and others. Julie felt it important that the City of Blue Ridge attend this meeting in order to see how our City could become involved in this process.

#### **SAFETY/ROAD MAINTENANCE – HANS KLOSE**

Hans reported that the Metro Police who provide the City security patrols, were issuing parking tickets to those residents who parked their vehicles on the street stating that these vehicles were blocking traffic flow through the subdivision. With some discussion with the police, they will no longer perform this service. They will, however issue tickets to a resident if they park their cars on the street that is parked in the opposite direction of traffic flow. This is considered a parking hazard.

#### **DORSEY VILLAGE /FRONT ENTRANCE – CARLA KREITMAN**

Carla Kreitman was happy to report that there were no problems to report in her area, at this time.

Art Sims, a resident of Blue Ridge Manor posed an inquiry to the Commissioners. He felt due to the City ample tax surplus, a change in the tax structure should be considered. Some of these options would be:

- Discontinue taxes due for the next three year period
- Tax refund to residents

Roger Lanning also reminded the Commissioners to be cautious when restructuring property taxes. This would require a different ordinance and it should be carefully worded so that it would benefit all residents. This would involve new residents as well as long time standing residents of the City.

Porter Lady also commented that a tax refund is not an illegal process and is probably the fair way to handle this potential change in structure. If a resident received a tax refund, it is their option to do with it what he wishes i.e., improvements to his property that would otherwise be an issue if the City were to be involved in some way.

Mayor Ober commented that he would take all these suggestions under consideration but at this time he would like to keep things the way they are until he has performed his objectives that he stated in his campaign platform when he ran for the Mayor's office. He also stated that some of his objectives are already in progress such as the park improvements and dedicating his term for getting the City of Blue Ridge in proper shape in order to maintain its status along with the other six class cities.

Roger Lanning informed the Commissioners that he is doing a research for supplying dumpsters for Dorsey Village. He inquired if anyone knew of a company who could provide him with estimates for pouring concrete pads. Porter Lady mentioned that he could give him a referral for this purpose.

Lloyd Chilton a resident of Shelby Pointe brought to the Commissioner's attention that there is a resident who lives in the apartment complex who owns a commercial truck and works from there. This resident parks his truck too close to the corner. This is apparently the only place available for him to park. But in parking there, his truck is obstructing normal traffic through Shelby Pointe. Debra Wegner added that they have tried to accommodate him with possible solutions but without success. Mayor Ober stated that he will review the situation in order to see if it is obstructing normal traffic flow to Shelby Pointe and possibly need to be cited in order to make other parking arrangements for his business truck.

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Carla moved for adjournment and Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

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Fred A. Nicoulin, City Clerk

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Mike Ober, Mayor