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**CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2012**

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 24, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on August 27th, 2012 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	C.W. Glanz – 211 Wenham Way – Blue Ridge Manor
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem	Frank Rassiga – 128 Blue Ridge – Blue Ridge Manor
Pat Gramig, City Clerk	Art Sims –10108 Radford Rd - Blue Ridge Manor
Robert Carter, Treasurer	Darrell Metcalfe- 188 S Dorsey Way-Blue Ridge Manor
Porter Lady - Commissioner	Larry Adams - Atty. Representing Darrell Metcalfe
Carla Kreitman - Commissioner	Marty Cherol – Blue Ridge Manor
Julie Colucci – Commissioner	Barbara Miller – 210 Wenham Way
	James F White - Plainview

Approval of July Minutes

Having distributed the July minutes to the Commission prior to the August meeting, Mayor Ober asked for any corrections or objections. Since there were no corrections, the meeting minutes stood as read. Porter Lady moved that they be accepted. Carla Kreitman seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Carter gave an overview of the July Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Art Sims commented to Mr. Carter that in the past, a complete financial report was presented on a regular basis. Bob stated that complete reports are still given at the meetings but only quarterly rather than monthly. Mr. Sims requested for a complete financial report. Mr. Carter stated that he would be happy to email anyone requesting these reports and to leave their email with the City Clerk. Carla Kreitman moved that the reports be approved as read. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Collection Update

Stan Chauvin stated that he will confirm the status of the remaining outstanding notice letters to homeowners as well as the business contacts at the next monthly meeting.

Parking Lot Update

Mayor Ober reported that all permits have been signed and breaking ground on this project will begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Receipt of Petition

Mayor Ober declared a Point of Order due to addressing a petition the City of Blue Ridge Manor received regarding the construction of a parking lot at Municipal Park. Mayor Ober introduced the Commission to those residents attending. Mayor Ober also welcomed Mr. Lawrence Adams, legal counsel for Mr. Darrell Metcalfe, who is one of the petitioners and a Blue Ridge Manor Resident.

Mr. Frank Rassiga began the discussion stating that the petition had over 300 names from the City and only one resident refused to sign. Mr. Rassiga stated that the petition was not yet ready for tendering. He also asked that if the majority of the residents did not approve of this construction and the Commission moved forward anyway, did the City have liability. City Attorney Stan Chauvin, stated that the City did not have liability but he emphasized that this project has been discussed at monthly meetings for many months and no response was ever made by the residents regarding this project.

Barbara Miller, a Blue Ridge resident, stated that she was not available to sign the petition but was concerned about not having information available to all the residents. City Attorney, Stan Chauvin commented that the monthly meetings are not closed meetings and residents are invited and welcome to these meetings. The meetings have been published in the City Newsletters that are mailed to each resident as well as on the website and publicized in the Middletown newspaper.

Concerning the Park project drainage problem, the Mayor stated that the City even involved the J-town officials in order to get a more precise idea of the problem since it was their concern in the past. Mayor Ober stated that as a commission we were charged to address this drainage issue but then we were told by some of the residents that they were not concerned about the drainage issue but were more interested in not having the parking lot construction take place.

Barbara Miller mentioned that there was no drainage problem till Plainview Subdivision was built. Then drainage became a problem. Mayor ober reiterated that the drainage issue must still be addressed.

Mr. Abrams, legal counsel for Mr. Metcalfe stated that he supported the petition of the 300 tax payers' parking lot issue along with the ordinance that named the road, "South Dorsey Way," as a "private road".

Commissioner Kreitman claimed that South Dorsey Way is not readily accessible to support better access to the park. A two lane road would be more of an issue but a road with a turnabout lane would be more in line.

Barbara Miller mentioned that South Dorsey Road is already paved and not much gravel. In summarizing Mr. Abrams stated that if a lawsuit is filed it would address widening the road. He also posed the question if the road widening could be part of the parking lot project. Mayor Ober claimed that it cannot become a part of the project till the commission meets to discuss any legal issues. Mr. Abrams would be willing to agree to the retention basin and road widening as part of the parking lot project. City attorney, Stan Chauvin asked Mr. Abrams how many feet would he agree to widening the lane. Both parties concluded the width of the road should be from 18-20 feet.

Mayor Ober stated that he needs to meet with the commission before any decisions can be made. Mr. Metcalf claimed he still has an issue regarding the difficulty of getting in and out of his driveway which is located at the project site. There was a disputed discussion regarding the traffic flow at this location.

After the open discussion regarding the park was held with residents, a motion was made to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (c) to discuss the park and potential litigation against the City regarding park/ parking lot construction. The motion was seconded and a majority of the Commissioners present voted to close the general session. No action was taken by the commission during the closed session and the general meeting was reconvened subsequent thereto.

OctoberFest – Budgeting

Julie Colucci reported that she booked the German band through Gigmasters. The price for the band is \$1,000.00 that is due and payable upon their arrival on site. She also offered to follow through with Fresh Market's involvement since they are still very interested in participating. Commissioner Colucci reported that Metro Police are also anxious about becoming involved with the event and will provide four officers to handle security that evening. The fee for this service is \$630.00.

Mayor Ober reported that he has ordered a stage and risers for \$85.00. He also contracted River City Distributors for the beer. They will also provide free signage for the event. He will take the necessary steps to apply for a Special Event permit. Mayor Ober has also enlisted a cabdriver who will provide and drive a minivan shuttle for 6 hours for a fee of \$250.00

Carla Kreitman has ordered the tent, table and chairs for the picnic. She is also in the process of ordering 1,000 pins that will be sold at the event as well.

There was a brief discussion on enlisting a mobil radio unit that would assist in promoting the Oktoberfest event. Mayor Ober will follow through with this in the most cost effective way.

Park Budget Discussion

Mayor Ober stated that the Commission may have to authorize additional monies in order to compensate for additional expenses to the Park project i.e., additional surveys that have been previously discussed. The mayor would also like to address any budget issues related to these major concerns. He also added that the Tarpley Landscaping expenses should be included with these concerns as well.

Grant Conversation

Bob Carter addressed a quarterly grant that is available from the State for our police services. This grant is financed by a supplemental \$20 court fee and is shared by all qualifying local units of government. To qualify, we need to submit a certification from the Mayor, a copy of the Agreement and copies of our invoices for the previous fiscal year along with the current budget. Bob is putting together a proposal for this grant and will keep us notified.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Commissioner Colucci reported that she has submitted certified copies for the City records of the Litter Abatement Grant Funding that had been signed by former Mayor Hardesty for 2011. She also submitted certified copies of the Anti-Litter Control Program Grant Funding for 2012. She also stated that request for Anti-Litter Control Grant Funding has been submitted for 2013.

Julie also made the Commission aware of a resident on Radford Road who has three cars and a pontoon boat that is obstructing traffic and against the City Ordinance. Stan Chauvin will write the resident of this violation.

Eagle sign submitted three letter head samples for the commission to review and approve. After the approval of one of the samples, Julie will submit it to the printers.

There was some brief discussion about getting a shirt with a Blue Ridge Manor logo for the officials for the OctoberFest. This would mostly be for identity purposes. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans Klose had nothing new to report at this time.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records – Carla Kreitman

Carla reported that the City Picnic plans are all in place and press releases have been sent out in advance. She has engaged a hot dog vendor for \$395. Free hot dogs will be available, the band is confirmed and the parade will begin at 4pm and lead by Boy Scout Troop 1 as well as a Girl Scout Troup.

Department of Park and Recreation – Porter Lady

Porter reported on the progress of the Park renovations:

- The bat house is completed and ready for installation in the park
- Has placed a dump truck load of regular mulch by the swings and gate
- Have made minor repairs to the basketball court
- In October, he will be putting in fall plants at the entrance
- Have plans to remove another tree

Porter also made some requests for park improvements. They are:

- Needs storage shed to store lawn hoses and other garden items necessary for park lawn care. Would like to consider placing this shed near the back of Frank Rassiga’s property and lining it with burning bushes for landscaping purposes.
- Would like to plant some trees near the back area of Fred Nicoulin and Jim Catinna’s property that has been in need of proper landscaping.

Julie Colucci received a Christmas decoration catalogue and is offering anyone interested in looking at it for any future Christmas decoration ideas.

Mayor Ober suggested inviting Councilman Jerry Miller to discuss the information he has on the Sidewalk Grant. Everyone agreed that he be the City’s guest at the September monthly meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Patricia Gramig - City Clerk

Mike Ober – Mayor