

# *City of Blue Ridge Manor*

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## **BLUE RIDGE MEETING MINUTES JUNE , 2011**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on June 27, 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  
Stan Chauvin Sr. – Attorney  
Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor  
Gino Leone – Dorsey Village  
Valerie Thomas – Dorsey Village  
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Mayor Ober read the minutes of the May 23rd meeting. Julie Colucci made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Hans Klose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Bob Carter, gave his report. Carla Kreitman made a motion that the financial report be approved. Julie Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The second reading of the Tax and Budget Ordinances was read by Mayor Ober. Before roll call, there was brief discussion from the floor whether additional services such as police patrol, would include all the subdivision entities. This was confirmed by the Mayor that these additional services would include everyone.

There was also some question of the City budget regarding payment of property taxes. The concern was regarding the anticipated revenue amount of \$109,000. The question was if this amount reflected the 25% discount if taxes were paid before the effective date indicated. The Mayor also stated that it did

The Mayor then continued with the second reading of each ordinance. A roll call of each commissioner was given in order for each to cast their vote. All were in favor of accepting the attached Ordinances. These will be published as a matter of record in the Courier Journal.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **REVIEW OF NEW ORDINANCE (City Official Duties)**

The next order of business was to review the new Ordinance that specified a detailed description of each City official's duties as well as the Commissioners' disbursements. Mayor Ober tabled this discussion at this time. It was felt that a special meeting should be held for further planning of this matter. It was also suggested that at this special meeting the following items should also be discussed for further completion. The agenda will have the following items open for discussion:

- Commissioner Duties ordinance
- Commissioners Disbursements
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Picnic planning Wrap-up
- Fiscal Annual Report

The special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

### **MSD UPDATE**

Mayor Ober met with the following people to review the drainage concern issues at Shelbyville Road and Dorsey Way:

- Mr. Brent Jones – MSD Construction Field Inspector
- David Schaftlein – MSD Engineering Manager
- Jerry Miller and assistant – Metro Councilman of District 19
- Valerie Thomas – Dorsey Village
- Roger Lanning – Dorsey Village

After a complete inspection of the concerned area by MSD officials, they concluded that the basin border had pulled away from the earth boundaries causing a serious safety hazard. It was decided that this would be totally reconstructed at the expense of the MSD. Estimated cost would be approximately \$700,000. The additional concerns involving the state road would fall under the jurisdiction of Metro Louisville. MSD officials made notes of this condition and will forward it to the proper Metro officials. MSD also will provide a survey of all the drainage in the immediate area. Mayor Ober will give progress reports of this particular project as they develop.

### **UPDATE ON DORSEY VILLAGE ENTRANCE WAY**

Roger Lanning, Valerie Thomas and Mayor Ober met with contractor Bob Roger, who specializes in stonework, to discuss the Dorsey Way entrance way to be constructed in brick. Since Mr. Roger's expertise is in stoneware he suggested another contractor who deals more in brick work. Other options for the brickwork of the entrance way are still being pursued.

The other issue concerning the construction of the entrance way is proper location to install street lights to the entrance. Valerie Thomas' concerns were that the sign location might be a possible conflict with the upcoming MSD drainage construction. It was mentioned that maybe the installation of street lights should wait until MSD construction was complete. Mayor Ober indicated that MSD construction may not even begin until a year from now and that would only delay the Dorsey Way entrance way planning. He felt the installation of lights could be worked out compatibly with MSD construction and he would follow through with this attempt.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BLOCKWATCH AND SOLICITATION SIGNS**

Mayor Ober informed the Commissioners that he received approximately (7) seven calls regarding solicitors intruding the City of Blue Ridge residential area. He approached the City Commissioners with the thought of purchasing some "No solicitors" signs to be placed in strategic areas of the City. Preferably at the entrances as well as other traffic used locations. Stan Chauvin, Sr. emphasized that Cable TV solicitors can be very aggressive and the intrusion of gypsies who are also aggressive as well as potentially dangerous when attempting to sell their items.

It was also suggested that a possible Ordinance "mention" on the sign would indicate that any solicitor would require a permit before they could solicit in the vicinity. This would help to deter this infringement. Other subjects of discussion for deterring solicitors involved possible surveillance cameras. Signs stating "You are being watched" would also be a worthwhile investment. Stan Chauvin interjected that the concept of the Block Watch is no more effective than a "Good Neighbor Policy". There is also the liability issue of the City sponsoring such a "Watch". Porter Lady suggested that signs for solicitation and block watch should be at all entrances of the City and subdivisions. He presently uses a sign company that is very reliable and suggested giving them an opportunity to submit a bid. Julie Colucci mentioned to also consider church and religious organizations to be exempt. Porter made a motion to use the sign company mentioned. Julie seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Ober requested that Hans Klose review and supervise this project and report his findings at the next meeting

### **REVIEW OF PAST DUE REVENUES**

Mayor Ober asked Fred Nicoulin to report on past due revenues. Fred indicated at this time there were approximately (9) nine people that are past due in their property taxes and he has sent each of them Letters of Notice. Mayor Ober suggested that he and Fred meet in the next few days to discuss these delinquencies further in order to bring them to a final conclusion for collection.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

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

Porter Lady reported of a water service problem with the water fountain and sprinkler irrigation installation. There appears to be some sort of obstruction that is preventing Chism Irrigation to lay proper piping for this. Porter suspects that the sewage treatment plan originally at the site may have caused obstruction with capping the water line. Stan Chauvin mentioned that MSD should have a plot of this area that may assist in solving this situation. There was some discussion about placing the piping in other locations in order to alleviate the problem. It was suggested to find the best way without causing too much expense or digging up the park unnecessarily. Porter will have Chism work with him on these options and report back to the Commissioners of his progress.

Porter also reported that the trees are looking very healthy and the seedlings should be planted around September. This will alter plans with the Ron Walker Grove dedication. There may be a ground breaking ceremony rather than a grove already landscaped, at the same time of the Park dedication ceremony. These plans will be discussed further.

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

Julie reported that she had no concerns to report at this time.

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

Hans stated that the stop signs and street signs in the City are in bad shape and will need to be replaced. He has received an estimate of \$377.28 to have this accomplished. Since this is within his budget, the Mayor approved Hans to proceed with the purchase of the signs.

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

Carla reported that she had no concerns to report at this time

Bob Carter reported on the Nazarene Church and Brightside project to pick up litter in the City of Blue Ridge Manor. There will be 40 volunteers from the Church of Nazarene to pick up litter. Bright Side will provide trash bags and gloves. The City of Blue Ridge will provide food. This will be an all day function. Two people from the City of Blue Ridge will help to supervise and guide the workers to the areas where they will be working. Fred Nicoulin will work with the Trinity Presbyterian Church to arrange an area where supplies will be dropped off for the volunteers. It was suggested that we ask to use the extra parking lot that has the toddlers play lot as the designated drop off location since this seems to be a more workable area and not in the way of regular motorists who use the Church parking lots.

Gino Leone was interested in the winter snow removal and how this affects the City of Blue Ridge and the other subdivisions. Dorsey Village will have their Board meeting on July 6th regarding this issue and invited the Mayor to attend. Their concern would be the bidding process and how it will effect all of the City of Blue Ridge. The bidding process will also be addressed at the Dorsey Village meeting. Stan Chauvin suggested to consider a “Blanket Bid” for this. More information will be available at the next City 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 9:15pm.

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Fred A. Nicoulin, City Clerk

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