

City of Blue Ridge Manor

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BLUE RIDGE MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2011

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 25, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on March 28, 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
Gino Leona – Dorsey Village
Roger Lanning – Dorsey Village
Eric Tarpley – Tarpley Lawn Service
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Mayor Ober asked the City Clerk, Fred Nicoulin to read the minutes of the February 28th meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Fred proceeded to read the Special Meeting minutes of March 21st regarding the closed bids for the City's waste removal contract. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Bob Carter, gave his report. Bob indicated that there was a calculation error reflecting the Total Operating Funds. It was stated that his report was showing the total operating funds in the amount of \$76,969.11. The correct amount should have been \$76,903.91.

Bob also submitted the comparison figures of the new Industrial Disposal contract versus the old Industrial Disposal contract. The original contract for the year was \$59,172.00. The new contract bid totaled \$42,868.32. The difference is a savings to the City in the amount of \$16,303.68. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON MSD

The Mayor met with a representative from MSD to review the culvert drainage issue located on Dorsey Lane, Shelbyville Road and between the two shopping center areas. Mayor Ober stated that he was given three options to attempt to correct this problem.

1. The City of Blue Ridge would attempt to clean up the area and monitor it when there is any measurable rainfall, within an approximate thirty day period to see if proper cleaning will keep it debris-free. If the problem still exists the representative suggested:

2. Contact a civil engineering company to analyze the layout of the land area. The land area is consisted of various ground levels that prevent proper water flow drainage. This improper flow appears to be a part of the problem. The problem became more obvious and troublesome when the City began to expand and construction of townhomes, condominiums, and apartment complexes were part of the expansion
3. A third option would be for MSD to open a section of Shelbyville Road to further resolve this issue by laying a larger size drainage pipe.

Roger Lanning of Dorsey Village brought some discussion to the floor regarding his experiences and concerns of the Culvert issue

- Continues flooding due to improper draining
- Collection of debris other than leaves. Lawn chairs, toys, etc. began to flow from the drain pipe after a heavy rain.
- Safety hazard to younger children who reside near the flooding areas
- Safety hazard to pedestrians and ongoing traffic on Shelbyville Road due to flooding

This problem had been addressed to the MSD over two years ago and the concern of the City of Blue Ridge is that improper construction of the culvert could be the major problem. Mayor Ober then suggested another meeting with the MSD and asked Mr. Lanning to attend this meeting with him. Mayor Ober inferred that with Mr. Lanning's engineering background, he would be able to inquire and receive more pertinent and crucial information that may help to resolve this issue permanently. Mr. Lanning agreed to meet with MSD and the Mayor.

The next order of business was an update on the Attorney General's Opinion with reference to the City's alcohol license ordinance and collection of fees for the fiscal year of 2010-2011. City attorney, Stan Chauvin, was not able to attend the monthly meeting due to a personal emergency but Mayor Ober related that he discussed this with Stan. Mr. Chauvin indicated to the Mayor that to date, he has still not received any response from the Attorney General's office. In the meantime, Mayor Ober made mention to the Commissioners that the Kentucky League of Cities Guide book has a section covering City taxes and fees and recommends that each Commissioner review this section to become properly educated for further discussion on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNING OF NEW GARBAGE CONTRACT

Julie Colucci was asked to give her report on the results of the garbage disposal bidding for the City of Blue Ridge. Julie reported that the City garbage contract for April 2011 through April, 2012 was awarded to Industrial Disposal. Everyone who participated in the bidding process was notified by phone of the results. She then stated that later that week she received an email from Mike Patterson of Industrial Disposal indicating that there may be a problem picking up recycle materials on a weekly basis as stated in the spec sheet they submitted in their bid proposal. Mr. Patterson proposed that they remain picking up the recycle materials every other week as they have been for the past nine years under their old contract serving the City. Julie stated the purpose of having a weekly pick up was to have a more consistent schedule for all trash to be picked up at the same time. This would avoid confusion by the residents about which week

recycled trash should be placed out for pick-up service. Mr. Lanning encouraged the Commissioners to be firm with Industrial Disposal to comply with the specs they submitted. This would also be fair to the other vendors who submitted bids. Discussion followed by other attendees. Everyone was in agreement that Industrial Disposal should comply to their specs originally submitted. If resolution cannot be made then the City will approach the next highest bidder. Julie claimed that she will contact Industrial Disposal and give us an update at the next meeting.

REVIEW OF CITY-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP

For the past seven years, the City of Blue Ridge has contracted with two young gentlemen, who are residents, to pick up litter in the City of Blue Ridge. This encompassed a distance of approximately 2.7 miles per week and also included the 2.3 acre City Park. Their services are partially compensated with a grant from the Litter Abatement Program with Metro Louisville. Since the City of Blue Ridge has expanded its residents with construction of Condominiums, townhouses, and apartments, their services for litter pick up was considered for these additional residential areas.

A proposal for these additional services was presented to the Commissioners for review. Several concerns were discussed. They were:

- Liability issues that may arise while performing this service to the City.
- Proper orientation of litter that may be drug related when providing litter pick up services
- Proper identification garb to be worn while the pickup service is performed
- Proper pick-up equipment to be considered to upgrade the additional services rendered

The Commissioners were basically not opposed to the additional services proposal but the Mayor encouraged the Commissioners to explore all aspects of this service and the above concerns so they will be prepared to vote on their findings at the next monthly meeting. If all are in approval of the new additional services proposal, the new effective date for services will be May 1, 2011.

DUTIES ORDINANCE REVIEW

The next order of business was the findings of the Duties Ordinance introduced by Carla Kreitman. Carla presented a draft of these Ordinances to the Commissionerws. This was a draft that defined the roles of responsibilities for each department and the Commissioner responsible in that distinct area. Carla briefly outlined each area and compiled them in the order of their responsibility. She also commented that legally, this review of responsibilities should be reviewed every five years so we are in line with this procedure. Mayor Ober requested that each commissioner review the outline submitted and be prepared for a discussion of these responsibilities at next month's meeting.

PHOTOS AND ARTICLES FOR THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER

Mayor Ober reminded the Commissioners that immediately following the meeting, photos will be taken of those who do not have one to submit for the April Newsletter. He also reminded them that he would like for each of them to also submit an article. The Newsletter will be distributed on April 15th.

Porter Lady inquired about the liability responsibility of the City for any damages to a resident's mailbox. In February, a check in the amount of \$225.00 was issued for replacement of Blue letters on the residence mailbox of 104 Blue Fields Road. This generated some discussion of validity for this type of claim. It was stated by the Mayor that it is clear that each resident is responsible for any claim to their personal property such as a mailbox, should be covered by their Homeowners policy. There are however, some exceptions to this ruling. According to the League of Cities Guide lines this would only be when any claim filed would involve a "City" activity that may have caused the claim and even then it would have to be a high involvement by the City in order for them to be held liable. The Mayor also stated that he would review the circumstances of the check that was issued to the residents of 104 Blue Fields Road and report his findings at the next meeting.

The Mayor asked for a report from Porter Lady, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation. Porter reviewed the concerns that the City's insurance carrier had with some of the park safety issues. Porter complied with these concerns in these areas:

- The swing set area was enclosed with mulch
- Seesaw handles were replaced with bicycle handle bars for safety measures
- Mulched the swinging gate area
- Corrected sinkhole areas
- Tree stump left after LG&E cut a tree, will be corrected by removal if it does not produce new life. He will monitor this.
- Damaged play yard hand rail corrected with concrete.

Porter also stated that he is still within his budget for the Park and he has funds available to purchase additional trees and some bushes that he would like to plant in strategic areas that will not only enhance the park but will help provide a safety plan in areas that could cause problems. Porter enlisted the expertise of Eric Tarpley of Tarpley Lawn services to provide him with an estimate of expenses for trees. Trees to be considered are four oak trees, one dogwood, and one Maple tree at \$98.00 each with an additional cost for labor of \$60.00 per tree planting. Estimated additional park expenses would be \$1,000.00. Since this is still within the park budget, the Mayor agreed for the purchase of the landscaping materials. All were in favor of the purchase. At this time, Porter introduced Eric Tarpley to the Commissioners in case there were any further questions that needed to be resolved. Eric agreed he would work closely with Porter to comply with any requests made of him.

The Mayor then called on Carla to see if she had any further business to report since she gave a partial report earlier in the meeting. Carla reported that she submitted a proposal to Brightside for an additional grant for trees for the park for additional landscaping. There was also some mention of a possible water line that may need to be installed in the park for sprinkling purposes once new landscaping is in place. Presently, Fred Nicoulin, volunteers his water for these purposes but this would not be sufficient as the park develops. This approach will be monitored as things begin to develop.

Mayor Ober then asked for a report from Hans Klose, Commissioner of Road Maintenance/Safety. Hans claimed that everything was running smoothly and there was nothing to report. He did mention however, there has been some interest by the residents with small

children, for the City to invest in some “Children” signage such as: “Children at Play”. This matter will be looked into for further discussion.

Roger Lanning of Dorsey Village asked if the city would pay for any additional signs for Dorsey Village that would better identify their subdivision. At present, the only sign is located on the side of a building that is not very visible for identification purposes. The Mayor suggested that he and Mr. Lanning meet and discuss Derby Village’s options for a proper identification like the other subdivisions now have. This would assist in the continuity of the other entrances to the City of Blue Ridge.

Mr. Lanning also made a suggestion for the Commissioners to consider regarding the Park. He suggested that the City have an engineer submit a layout plan that would rearrange the park in order to make it more viable. This would include centralizing the playground area that would open up the park for other activities. Everyone was in agreement that the park could be the focal point for the City and make it a beautiful and safe place for City residents. This suggestion would be another item to discuss further at another meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor made a move that the meeting be adjourned. Carla Kreitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Fred A. Nicoulin, City Clerk

Mike Ober, Mayor