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**CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 26, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor was held on October 22, 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	Carla Kreitman - Commissioner
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem	Julie Colucci – Commissioner
Pat Gramig, City Clerk	Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor
Robert Carter, Treasurer	Roger Lanning – Dorsey Village
Stan Chauvin – City Attorney	Frank Rassiga – Blue Ridge Manor/Plainview
Porter Lady - Commissioner	

Approval of September Minutes

Having distributed the September minutes to the Commission prior to the October meeting, Mayor Ober asked for any corrections or omissions. Carla Kreitman moved that the September minutes be approved as read. Hans Klose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Carter gave an overview of the following financial reports:

- Property Tax Receipts as of 10/22/12
- Balance Sheet as of 9/30/12
- End of Month Report as of 9/30/12
- First Quarter Report/FY 2012-2013
- Preliminary accounting breakdown of receipts/expenses handled from cash box at Oktoberfest

He also reported that the City received an audit postponement for one year. This was granted by the Department of Local Government in order to recover records. Instead of an audit, we filed an end-of-the-year financial statement. He is meeting with Mr. Craig Harbsmeier, the City auditor, next week to arrange a full audit soon. Porter Lady moved that the reports be approved as read. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Oktoberfest

Mayor Ober requested to table the Oktoberfest event discussions till the November meeting. At that time, a full financial report and a critique of the event will be reviewed in full detail.

Mayor Ober briefly commented how pleased he was with the crowd turnout and the favorable comments he received. He would like to see the City consider this event again next year. He asked the Commission if they would be in favor of this proposal. The Commission agreed that it would be worth pursuing. Mayor Ober would also like to book the Ken and Mary Accordion Band from Marysville, Ohio again. Due to their popularity, it will be necessary to engage them as soon as the city has chosen a date for 2013.

Other possibilities for the Commission to consider would be to conduct the event for two days, or possibly one day with longer hours. Another area to consider evaluating would be the shuttle service that was provided this year. Roger Lanning felt the shuttle service is a good idea but needed to be advertised more to the public.

Mayor Ober will be sending out an email to the Commissioners to get their feedback and suggestions in order to improve the event and make it more financially successful next year. This will be part of the discussion at the November Meeting.

Parking Lot Update

The final stage of the parking lot project is in process. The posts are in and the cable will be placed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ober introduced Frank Rassiga, resident of Blue Ridge Manor/Plainview who had some concerns to share with the Commission. Mr. Rassiga's property backs into the area of the newly constructed parking lot in the park. When it rains, the rainwater runs to the center onto his backyard. He claims that this is due to the way the parking lot is sloped. Mr. Rassiga contacted MSD regarding this matter and they referred him to the Mayor.

Mayor Ober suggested that when the next rainfall occurs, Mr. Rassiga take photos of the area of concern and submit them to him at his email address. He will then contact the engineers to review this issue in order to have it resolved. Bob Carter also mentioned that there are plans to have the parking lot landscaped. Porter Lady confirmed this.

Mr. Rassiga also mentioned a possible issue with the location of the new bat house that is near the parking lot. He mentioned that he is knowledgeable of the breeding history of bats. It will take approximately 18 months for bats to begin habituating there and breed. Mr. Rassiga's concern is that when the parking spaces are occupied with cars, the bat droppings could cause some damage to the cars parked there. Mayor Ober assured him that Porter Lady, the Commissioner of the Park, will keep this concern monitored and maintained.

Porter Lady then asked Mr. Rassiga about the concrete culvert located near his property and his neighbor, Mr. Darrel Metcalfe. It was regarding the debris that collects at this site. He wanted to know if Mr. Rassiga knew of any problem concerning the other side of the road where debris was affecting the water flow thru the culvert into the retention basin. Mr. Rassiga commented that he was not aware of any.

Sign Issue

Mayor Ober reported that the night of the Oktoberfest, we experienced 40 mile winds. When LG&E hung the Oktoberfest banner across Shelbyville Road, the cable holding it was too tightly hung causing stress on the bottom line of cable. The 40 mile winds caused it to snap and the bolt supporting it, shot across the street and struck the side of an automobile. No police report was filed. Mayor Ober requested that Stan Chauvin, City Attorney contact the owner of the damaged car. Stan agreed to follow through and report his findings to the Mayor.

Mayor Ober added that the beer distributor, who gave us the road banner for this year's event, may provide us with a better sign next year with more input and control from the City.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Julie Colucci reported that all the City signs are going in according to Eagle Sign & Designs' schedule and set up plan. This includes:

- Street Signs
- No Parking Signs
- Stop Signs
- Entrance Signs

She also stated that we will have a new snow removal contract with Cooke Landscaping. The current vendor, Holloway, is no longer providing this service. They recommended Cooke Landscaping who also services Middletown, Blankenbaker and Indian Hills. Julie remarked that the South Dorsey way to the Park is included in the snow bid. Roger Lanning inquired if the sidewalks would also be included. Julie said they would.

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans Klose reported that he and Bob Carter will be working to improve the financial reporting procedure programs for better efficiency.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records – Carla Kreitman

Carla Kreitman thanked everyone involved with the success of the Oktoberfest. The turnout was very favorable for the first year and reported the numerous compliments she received from those who attended. The City officials who could not attend this year due to conflicts, requested to be kept on the invitation list for next year.

Carla also reported that she has a meeting next week with the people who designed the City Website. She will discuss some software issues with them that have recently developed.

Carla also reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter are now due and would like to have everyone's article in this week in order to meet her deadline.

Department of Park and Recreation – Porter Lady

Porter reported that:

- Pansies have been planted at Shelby Pointe and some older boxwoods removed and replaced with smaller boxwoods and roses.
- Dorsey Station has their pansies planted and will be getting some additional mulch
- Dorsey Village will have pansies and mums planted next
- Arborist is reviewing the planting of trees and plants for the park and submitted other recommendations for plant maintenance
- Six (6) trees are on the schedule to be planted in the park
- Ash Trees need to be treated
- An old waterline that was recently discovered in the park is being checked and a search for an active waterline that has been capped, is being done
- Park entrance will have burning bushes planted on the left and red and pink rose bushes on the right

Stan Chauvin reminded everyone that he is reviewing the City Ordinances as well as taxes to give an update at the November meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Patricia Gramig - City Clerk

Mike Ober – Mayor