

Belle Center Village Council January 11, 2011

The Belle Center Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Rick Bednarki, Dione Campbell, and Dustin Plikerd.

Reading of the minutes from the December 14 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Fulmer made some additions to the minutes. Councilwoman Roebuck made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Bednarki made a motion to continue the \$ 68.00 per month payment to fulltime employees to supplement the cost of Health Insurance for the year 2011. Seconded by Councilwoman Fulmer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Lowery made a motion to elect Councilman Plikerd to the position of President Pro Tempore of the Council. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Mayor Johnston asked if a Councilperson wanted to make a motion to continue the \$ 100.00 per month donation to the Belle Center Food Pantry. Councilwoman Roebuck made the motion to continue the donation of \$ 100.00 per month to the Belle Center Food Pantry. Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Johnston indicated that the Fiscal Officer has a proposal for replacing the current copier /fax /printer with a new one at the same monthly cost. The Fiscal Officer indicated that we could get a new machine with a 5 year lease with monthly payments of \$ 195.00. The new machine would be much faster, can print in color with an additional charge of \$.13 per copy. The machine will also have the ability to scan documents.

After some discussion Councilman Plikerd made a motion to approve the lease of the new machine. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Johnston then presented a short "State of the Village" report stating that all funds except the Sewer Fund were in good shape at this time.

Mayor Johnston then discussed the E-Mail she had received from an individual from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding an alternate way of dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer in Ash Trees.

Mayor Johnston then asked the Council members to read the report and make their own decision.

The Village Administrator said he was going to get a new drop box for utility payments. A new drop box is needed since the current box allows moisture to enter when we get a heavy and blowing rain which causes the checks to get wet.

Village Administrator indicated that the 1993 Ford Pickup truck will have the bid information in the paper soon and that the minimum acceptable bid will be \$ 1,500.00

The Fiscal officer passed out the Fund Summary and included the budgeted revenues and appropriations for the year 2010 indicating that the actual revenues exceeded the budget by \$ 5,000 and that the actual expenditures were \$ 54,908 less than budgeted.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Plikerd made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

W. B. Mc Cormick

Fiscal Officer

James A. Johnson

Mayor

Belle Center Village Council February 8, 2011

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Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Rick Bednarki, , Dione Campbell, and Dustin Plikerd.

Reading of the minutes from the January 11 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

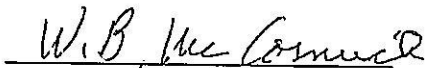
Councilman Plikerd made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell... Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Johnston indicated that the full time employees (John Linson & Frank Harrod) should be granted a pay increase of 1.0%. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to grant the full time employees a 1.0% increase in pay effective immediately. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call : All Ayes. Motion passed.

The Fiscal officer passed out the Fund Summary for the month of January and indicated that the balances had decreased due to 2 loan payments. There were no questions from Council .

Councilwoman Fulmer requested that the Fiscal Officer provide a monthly report showing revenues and expenditures. She also asked if the Village employees were still plowing sidewalks and she was told that they were not. The Fiscal Officer said that he had heard that some residents complained about the sidewalks being damaged and that was one reason why it was not being done anymore. Councilwoman Fulmer asked where the payment from Logan County Solid Waste Management as the Village's share of profit was deposited and she was informed that it was deposited into the General Fund.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Lowery made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:23 P.M.



Fiscal Officer



Mayor

Additional Information: Councilwoman Fulmer requested that it be noted that the Transfer Out amount from the General Fund approved in December was transferred to the OWDA Loan Debt Fund.

Belle Center Village Council March 8, 2011

The Belle Center Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Rick Bednarki, , Dione Campbell, and Dustin Plikerd.

Reading of the minutes from the February 8 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Fulmer made some additions to the minutes. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Ann Beck made a presentation on her candidacy for Municipal Court Judge and asked for support from Council.

Mike Elson , representative for the Summer Recreation Program asked Council for some support for the summer baseball program. He said that they wanted to put 40 tons of sand on the ball fields and replace the netting on the batting cage. The cost for these 2 projects would total approximately \$ 1,200. Mr. Elson was informed that the Council would make their decision when the appropriation budget was discussed.

Janet Daniels said that the employees did a good job on snow removal on the streets. She asked about the ditches which were supposed to take away the water during storms and was informed that due to the high water in the streams that there was no place for the water to go.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of passing Ordinance 2011-01 on its first and only reading. Ordinance 2011-01 is an Ordinance Setting the final appropriation budget for the year 2011. Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick presented the minor changes made from the temporary Budget approved in December. He indicated that he increased the overtime hours by 25 for both John Linson and Frank Harrod due to the hours spent plowing snow and working on Grinder Pumps after the flooding. He also increased the cost for OPERS and Medicare. In addition to these items the Fiscal Officer increased the budget for repair parts for the Grinder Pumps by \$ 5,000 due to the problems caused by the flooding.

At this time Council discussed the issue of a donation for the Summer Rec Program made by Mr. Elson since nothing had been appropriated for Summer Rec. There was much discussion since Summer Rec. had not used the funds that they received one year (As far as Council knew) and that they did not request funds during the year 2010. Councilwoman Fulmer said that they should provide invoices for their expenditures if any are approved. There was much discussion and then Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to donate \$ 1,000 with no stipulations. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote on this motion

Fulmer - YES

Campbell - NO

Roebuck - YES

Tie vote – Mayor voted NO . Motion failed

Bednarki - YES

Lowery - NO

Plikerd - NO

After more discussion Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to donate \$ 1,000 to Summer Rec for the purchase of sand and new netting for the batting cage, and if any funds remain they can be used to purchase equipment. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd.
Roll Call:

Fulmer - YES

Campbell - YES

Roebuck - YES

Motion passed 5 - 1

Bednarki - YES

Lowery - NO

Plikerd - YES

Mayor Johnston announced the following appointments to the Tree Commission:
Rhonda Fulmer, Dione Campbell, Janet Daniels, Carol Jordan, Carl Dunlap, Gerald Houchin and Teresa Johnston.

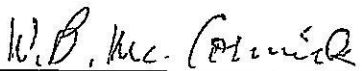
Village Administrator reported on the following items:

Julie Ward from RCAP will be attending the April meeting to discuss the possibility of a 30 year loan at 3.0 % interest to purchase a telemetry system for the water tower and new water meters. She told the Administrator that Belle Center does not qualify for grants since our income is too high. (Our low & Medium Income is at 32.6% and , in order to qualify for a grant it has to be 50 % or higher) and our utility rates that on in place for residents are 40% too low.

The Administrator attended a meeting at the Logan County Commissioners office regarding grants. They discussed the possibility of a Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Grant for the demolition of the Haley Building and the Administrator has the paperwork to complete in order to apply for the grant. There is a total of \$ 100,000 available to the entire County for those who qualify. Best estimate at this time is that it would cost approximately \$ 60,000 in total to remove the asbestos and demolish the building.

The Fiscal Officer passed out the Fund summaries and indicated that approximately \$ 76,000 was paid on 2 loans during January. He also indicated that the Village received a donation of \$ 1,000 toward the repair of the Depot.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Plikerd made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:07 P.M.



Fiscal Officer



Mayor

Belle Center Village Council April 12 , 2011

The Belle Center Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer , John Lowery , Garnet Roebuck , Dione Campbell and Dustin Plikerd. Councilman Bednarki was absent.

Reading of the minutes from the March 8 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. Roll Call : All ayes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd . Roll Call : All ayes. Motion passed.

*Guest Julie Ward spoke – Topic RCAAP and its involvements with Communities. RCAAP is an agency that works with municipalities on trying to obtain Financing for infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer etc., and also managing the funds for such projects.

Speaker Ward spoke on the likelihood of the village receiving a low interest loan or a grant from the Ohio Public Works or agencies of this type.

It was established that our village has too high of a percentage of residents earning over the low to moderate income range. Belle Center's percentage of residents earning over the low to moderate income level is currently at 51%. Many grants require a percentage of 31% or lower of the residents to be **above** the low to moderate income range

Additional she informed council that our current utility rates are set too low to receive any loans or grants from such agencies. In order to receive loans of this type the village would have to increase current utility rates to residents because currently our rates are set too low in regard to our percentage of income level.

*Fiscal officer Bill McCormick reported that we are experiencing a higher amount of Income tax refunds to be paid out than had originally been budgeted for. (income tax refunds are paid to those who once lived or worked in the village but no longer do but the income tax is still being withdrawn from their check and paid to our Village) A short fall of approximately \$400 is expected with the projected refunds. Fiscal Officer McCormick stated that filing a 'Supplemental Appropriations' report with the county would be not necessary for such a small amount of funds. At this time the yearly Workers Comp bill has been paid leaving a surplus in that fund of over \$900. Both the income tax refund 'fund' and the workers comp 'fund' are sub-accounts Within the General Fund so a transfer of the needed \$400 from the Workers Comp fund to the Income Tax refund fund would be needed and appropriate.

*Motion to transfer \$912.73 from the Workers Comp Fund to the Income Tax Refund Fund
Motion made by Dione Campbell 2nd Dustin Plikerd Vote 5/0 approved by council.

*Village Administrator Gerald Houchin reported that we have a need to clear a drivable Path along the RR tracks running southwest parallel with the tracks behind the residences along Elizabeth Street. The Village does have an Easement running along the sewer lines for such purposes. The need for this 'path' is to provide drivable access to the grinder pumps located behind the residences long this portion of Elizabeth St. Administrator Houchin will research the cost of this project and get back with council.

*Also Admin. Houchin suggested the village purchase a generator capable of handling 5,000 watts. In the event of a prolonged loss of electric service in the village we would need to use a generator to 'Cycle' each grinder pump allowing it to process the sewage and therefore helping protect the residences from experiencing sewage backup into their

households. Admin. Houchin will seek price quotes on a generator of this type and then Present this information to council for their approval or disapproval.

*Admin. Houchin stated Arbor Day will be the 29th at 4PM and everything is lined up and ready to go

*Mike Bow recently spoke with Admin. Houchin about the estimates for the demolition of the Halley building. Mr. Bow is in the process of completing the estimate paper work and once that is completed Admin Houchin will submit the Grant paperwork to Natalie Comer who works on behalf of Logan County. Admin. Houchin had attended a county wide meeting with the Commissioners previously and at that meeting Ms Comer stated that the LMI (low to moderate income) was not a deciding factor in qualifications for this grant.

*Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick passed out the year to date and the monthly fund balances to council. He noted that the total of overall funds had increased from \$481,000 to \$488,000 primarily due to the OWPA loan payment had been paid early. At this time Mayor Teresa Johnston stated to council to notice the Sewer Fund balance. It had decreased approximately \$1,000 since last months reporting. The Sewer Fund had decreased from \$7,900 to \$7,000. Mayor Johnston commented that instead of the fund going up as it should it was actually going down due to the unexpected part purchases in the past month because of the many failing grinders pumps during the recent flooding. Mayor Johnston advised council to be aware of this and Fiscal officer Mc Cormick also stated that we still have a few outstanding invoices on parts for the grinder pumps so this situation will get worse as far as the sewer funds balance.

*Fiscal Officer McCormick reported that he would tentatively have surgery on May 3rd and would be out of the office for a few days at that time.

*Fiscal Officer McCormick also stated that the Villages Audit was scheduled for mid-June and that the auditors would be on-site for 3 or 4 days once the audit starts.

*Report of Tree Committee Chair Rhonda Fulmer. Councilwoman Fulmer reported that 29 communities had successfully been awarded a share of the \$540,000 funds provided by ODNR for those who had applied for the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal and Replacement Grant. Belle Center being one of those 29 communities that were awarded the grant will receive 75% of the requested amount. This is a 50/50 grant which means Belle Center will need to spend at least \$4,500 in order to receive from the ODNR the approved \$4,500(from ODNR). The village will now be working with a budget of \$9,000 for Ash tree removal and replacement instead of the requested \$12,000.

Councilwoman Fulmer stated she had supplied estimates from Tree service removal company Delmar.

Councilwoman Fulmer stated that Delmar has submitted an estimate of the tree removal of \$6,085. An estimate from Mac-o-chee tree service had also been received in the amount of \$8,880. These estimates were for approximately 17 trees to be removed. Councilwoman Roebuck asked at this time if all the trees slated to be removed were dead at this time. Councilwoman Fulmer replied that these trees were 'infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and have been infested at least 6 – 8 years and are dying.

Councilwoman Fulmer stated the original estimates for tree replanting cost had been \$3,500 and that was at the 18 tree removal/replacement plan. Since the village will only receive 75% of the requested grant funds a reduction of this estimated amount is expected. Councilwoman Fulmer stated she estimated a cost of 3,000 for tree replanting

Mayor Johnston stated that despite disagreements amongst ourselves we are still bound by Village ordinance to abide by the recently approved Resolution that council adopted That approved and adopted the Ash Tree Removal Plan submitted by Tree Commission Chair Rhonda Fulmer. Mayor Johnston stated that the village will abide by each guideline that we have received in writing from the ODNR on how to properly carry out this plan in order to receive the grant money.

*Councilman Plikerd asked if anyone needed to see the receipts of the expenditures of the funds donated to Summer Rec. At this time no one requested to have the receipts of purchases by Summer Rec submitted to council. Councilman Plikerd stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone felt comfortable and were aware of how this money had been spent since it was not going to be totally spent as initially stated.

*Councilwoman Dione Campbell stated that she had received complaints from some residents about the kids running up and down the abandoned RR tracks with their 4-wheelers. Councilwoman Campbell asked what could be done to help this situation out.

Mayor Johnston replied that we do have the Logan County Sheriff's office on patrol and if she could report and approximate time in which this annoyance was occurring it could be reported to the Sheriff's office to handle.

*Councilwoman Rhonda Fulmer added that the Tree Plan adopted by the council states within its guidelines that the Village agrees to notify each property owner in advance of the tree removal. Mayor Johnston stated this was a good idea and that the Village should certainly make sure it follows this guideline.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm motion made by councilman John Lowery 2nd by Councilwoman Garnet Roebuck Motion to adjourn passed 5/0.

W.B. Mc Cormick

Fiscal Officer

James A. Johnston

Mayor

Belle Center Village Council May 17 , 2011

The Belle Center Village Council met in a rescheduled regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer , John Lowery , Garnet Roebuck , Dione Campbell , Dustin Plikerd. And Rick Bednarki.

Reading of the minutes from the April 12 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck.
Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki . Roll Call : All ayes. Motion passed.

Village Administrator reported on the following items :

There are 3 sink holes on Charles Street near the Residential Homes. Chris Fulkerson will repair these as soon as the weather permits.

The drain tile on S. Elizabeth Street is clogged and John Core will work on this when the weather permits. The location of this is not known and could take some time to locate. The cistern behind the residence at 202 S. Elizabeth Street is full which indicates that the tile is clogged.

Electric has been installed in the Village Shelter House at Murray Griffin Park and we are waiting for D P & L to turn on the power.

The Village has to have a sign maintenance program in place by January 22 , 2012 regarding the retroflective signs required by the State. The Administrator will check with the County Engineer about buying the signs in bulk with them. Councilman Plikerd indicated that we need to prioritize the location of the new signs.

The vacuum truck has a pump which can operate a cutter which can clear clogs in tile but the pump is not operating. The Administrator indicated that a new truck would cost approximately \$ 300,000 and a used one is available for \$ 45,000. The cost to repair the pump would be \$ 8,000. The Council decided to not exercise any of these options.

The Mayor inquired whether anything had been done about the “ right of way “ along the railroad so that we could get the vacuum truck to the grinder pumps on S. Elizabeth Street and the Administrator said he was waiting for the weather to improve before pursuing it.

Fiscal Officer passed out the fund balance reports and the report comparing the budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures through April. The Fiscal Officer indicated that the April reports represent 33.3 % of the year. In total the revenue through April represented 35.84 % of the budget and expenditures represented 30.45 % of the budget. The General Fund has received 46.01 % of the budget due primarily to income tax receipts.

Other Items :

Councilman Plikerd asked about mowing the property on Main Street and the Administrator said all mowing of abandoned property would be done once the properties dry.

Councilwoman Fulmer brought up the following items:

Did the Village receive any Federal Funds due to the flooding and she was told no . Logan County was not declared to be a disaster area.

She asked whether a permit was issued for the building being constructed behind the Phone Company Office close to the alley. No permit has been issued.

She asked about the extension to complete the ash trees removal and planting of the canopy and was told that the extension was received.

Councilwoman Fulmer said she had read where other villages were getting a discount on their municipal electric bill and she wondered whether Belle Center was getting this discount. The Mayor indicated that this would require the Village to enter into a contract with a third party and that she would be concerned about entering into a contract for the Village with a third party. The Fiscal Officer indicated that there would be a monthly fee for each account and that the Village has over 50 grinder pumps which are all separate accounts.

Councilwoman Fulmer indicated that Stephanie Miller from the Ohio Division of Forestry would be here on June 9 to review the sites for the planting of new trees.

With no further business before Council Councilman Lowery made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell. Roll Call: All Ayes . Motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



Fiscal Officer



Mayor

Belle Center Village Council June 14, 2011

The Belle Center Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Persons present were Rhonda Fulmer, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dione Campbell, Dustin Plikerd and Rick Bednarki. Absent Solicitor Chris Schrader.

Reading of the minutes from the May 17 meeting was suspended. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck.

Roll Call:

Fulmer	NO	Bednarki	NO
Campbell	YES	Lowery	NO
Roebuck	YES	Plikerd	NO

Motion failed – 4 – 2

After Councilwoman Fulmer made a correction to the minutes of May 17 Councilman Bednarki made a motion to approve the May 17 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Attorney Steve Fansler spoke regarding his candidacy for Bellefontaine Municipal Court Judge and asked for the support of Council.

The mayor thanked the following for their donation of time, materials and funds for the restoration of the Depot: Dennis Wilson, Rick Joseph, Eric Olson, Easton Antiques, Steve Burggraff and the Red Mill and A.I. Allen. As well as anyone else who have donated their time to this project.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of passing Ordinance 2011-02 on its first and only reading. Ordinance 2011-02 is an Ordinance approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$ 607.00 in Fund 4901 - Repair of Depot. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Additional funds were received from a yard sale in the amount of \$ 507 and a \$ 100 donation from Bill McCormick in memory of his wife, Dorothy. (donated to the Depot repair fund)
The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the passage of the Ordinance so that discussion could be held. Councilwoman Roebuck made the motion. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked if these donations would reduce the amount that the Village would be spending this year. Mayor replied No it would not reduce the original appropriated amount for 2011 because these were additional donations for the Depot fund and would not affect the portion of the 2011 appropriations that council agree to allot to the Depot fund.
After more discussion the Mayor asked for a vote on the Ordinance.

Roll Call:

Fulmer	NO	Bednarki	YES
Campbell	YES	Lowery	YES
Roebuck	YES	Plikerd	YES

Motion passed – 5 - 1

Village Administrator reported on the following items:

Administrator Houchin passed out a worksheet showing the 3 quotes received to cut down 7 ash trees and remove the stumps'

DelMar - \$ 6,245, Coyer - \$ 4,870 and Hull Tree - \$ 4,725. The Administrator said he would be going with Hull Tree Service.

The Administrator e said that Stephanie Miller(Ohio Dept of Natural Resource) was in town for several hours and developed a program for the right kind of trees to be planted in the Village. He indicated that with the quotes received to cut down the trees there should be enough funds remaining to plant several trees.

The Administrator indicated that John Core would be in town this week to work on the clogged up drain on S. Elizabeth Street and that Chris Fulkerson would be reviewing the sink holes on Charles Street on Monday.

Fiscal Officer passed out the fund balance reports and the report comparing the budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures through May. The Fiscal Officer indicated that the Village had received approximately \$ 9,300 from the Sewer surcharge but that the Sewer Fund has only increased \$ 904. This situation will have to be addressed before year end. He said the audit was complete and that there were no findings. The Auditors are recommending that the Village prepares a Policy that Covers access to records in the Fiscal Officer's office. He also indicated that he would be having hip replacement surgery on June 28.

The Mayor summarized a letter that was received from "The Friends of the Belle Center Library" thanking the Village for past contributions and requesting any help that could be provided this year. The Mayor asked Council whether they wanted to do anything. The Fiscal Officer indicated that \$ 1,000 had been budgeted and that was the same amount given during the year 2010. Councilman Plikerd made a motion to contribute the amount of \$ 1,000 to "The Friends of the Belle Center Library" Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Other Items:

Councilman Bednarki asked if there was a timeline to remove the trees and stumps. The Administrator indicated that the work should be completed by the end of August and said that the actual time would depend when we received information from "Call to Dig". Councilman Bednarki also asked whether they were taking the wood away and was told that they would be leaving the wood.

Councilwoman Fulmer brought up the following items:

Mrs. Miller developed a "Tree Planting Design "for the Village block by block.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked if we were going to notify the residents before the ash trees were cut down and she was told by the Mayor that they would be notified.

She then brought up the fact that the Administrator indicated that he was going with Hull Tree Service to cut down the trees and questioned whether that was a good decision due to problems the Village had with him a few years ago. There was some heated discussion and Councilwoman Fulmer stated that she didn't think it was a good idea to do business with Mr Hull since thousands of dollars of work had been billed to the Village without prior approval for this work. The Mayor then asked the individual Council Members who they wanted to cut down the trees.

Councilwoman Fulmer wanted to go with DelMar who gave a quote of \$ 6,245. There were no members who wanted to go with Coyer who presented a quote of \$ 4,870. The other 5 members of Council wanted to go with Hull who had the lowest quote of \$ 4,725.

She then asked whether the Village had received any additional patrols from the Sheriff's Department with a grant that the Sheriff's Department had received. The Mayor stated she had spoken the Sheriff about this grant and was informed that Belle Center was not as 'high crime area' as other areas of the county that were more in need of the extra patrols.. She then asked whether the Village had received any money from Richland Township toward the contract patrolling we have with the Sheriff's office and she was informed that we had received \$ 1,000.

Council woman Fulmer said that the date for notification for the grant inspection was the end of August.

She then discussed the ash trees in the alleys and said that if we took down 1 tree in an alley that we should take all the ash trees (in the alleys) of the Village. The Administrator said he would take care of it. The Mayor informed the Administrator that he must get and estimate on any additional trees to be cut down and that the Mayor needed to see the estimate before any additional work was performed.

Guest Dennis Wilson spoke and stated that many people have provided their time to the restoration of the Depot and that many people other than those mention should be thanked for their work as well.

With no further business before Council Councilwoman Roebuck made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

W.B. Mc Cormick

Fiscal Officer

Lorinda Johnson

Mayor

Minutes of July 12th, 2011 Village of Belle Center Council meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order July 12, 2011 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
Rhonda Fulmer, Rick Bednarki, Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck and Dustin Plikerd all present
** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, Solicitor Chris Schrader all present
(absent Fiscal Officer Bill Mc Cormick)
- 4) Guest Present: Janet Daniels
- 5) Mayor asked for any additions or corrections to the June Minutes:
- 6) Changes were submitted by council member Rhonda Fulmer. Council then had some debate about suggested changes. Mayor reminded council that the discussion at this time could only be on the June minutes and the changes or correction to those minutes only. No discussion of other subjects should be discussed at this point in the agenda. These topics should be brought up at a later time in the meeting.
- 7) Motion to approve June Minutes Motion made by Dustin Plikerd 2nd John Lowery
Vote 6 Ayes to 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- 8) Motion to pay June's bills Motion made by Dione Campbell 2nd Rick Bednarki
Vote 6 Ayes to 0 Nays. Motion passed
- 9) *No Ordinances or resolutions to enact*
- 10) Report from Tree commission chair Rhonda Fulmer
Council member Rhonda Fulmer stated that Stephanie Miller from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has completed the 'Tree Plan' for our village which includes a list of all the trees she recommends for our plantings.
- 11) Report of Administrator Gerald Houchin
 - a) Ditches (drains) behinds Elizabeth St have been repaired this should take care of the drainage problems in that area. The village hired John Core for assistance with this project.
 - b) Situation at Charles St area (sink holes) has been resolved as well. Village hired Chris Fulkerson to handle this project.
 - c) The clearing of brush and trees from the sewer 'right of way' behind Elizabeth St. is still needed so that the employees can be able to maneuver the Vacuum truck into this area to work on the sewer pumps. Hourly quotes were received from John Core and Chris Fulkerson. Neither could give a total estimate of the cost of the clearing of this area so council tabled this matter until next meeting.

Mayor reminded Administrator Houchin that he had asked in a previous meeting for council to consider purchasing a 5000 watt generator (at a cost of \$1,600) that would be capable of 'cycling' the grinder pumps in emergencies if the electric power was out for a lengthy period of time. Mayor asked Administrator Houchin if he had heard anymore on the possibility of a

donated generator. Administrator said he had heard nothing more about this possibility and no other estimates had been obtained as far as cost of this generator. Nothing further was discussed on this matter.

12) Other Business

- a) Council member Dustin Plikerd asked how many Maples trees are affected by the new Maple tree 'blight'. Council member and Tree Commission chair Rhonda Fulmer responded that our local trees were not dying because of the new insect but rather were dying of normal causes. She stated at this time this new Maple tree problem has only been present in the Cincinnati area.
- b) Council member Rick Bednarki stated that the past 4th of July holiday left a mess (trash) at the property of the old IGA on east Buckeye St. Solicitor Schrader offered to try and find out who the owner of the property might be. Mayor stated that the village would not clean up this property until it was determined who owned it if we could assess a charge for cleanup.
- c) Council member Fulmer stated that some of the cracks in the pavement on the walking trail at the park had been patched. She stated that although some of the cracks had been repaired there were more cracks that still needed repaired. Mayor asked Administrator Houchin if more work on this walking track was planned and he stated no not at this time. Mayor will check on appropriated budget for park and see what funds are left for projects at Village Park.
- d) Councilwoman Fulmer stated the resident on State St had requested a tree removed from her property that might be in an alleyway. Administrator Houchin stated he was aware of this tree and it was in this resident's back yard and not in or near the village alley and would not be removed by the village.
- e) Council member Fulmer said she had received complaints about the over grown trees in area adjacent to the alley next to the old PK building on State St. Administrator Houchin advised that he was already aware of this and working on notifying the property owner to remove the trees that over hang the alley.
- f) Council woman Fulmer submitted quotes on new trees for the replacement trees once all the Ash has been removed. She asked that Administrator Houchin obtain additional estimates for the replacement trees.
- g) Council woman Fulmer stated she had heard that work had stopped on the Depot due to notification from the state. The Mayor stated that yes work had voluntarily stopped at the depot and that the Mayor was in the process of working with the State Bureau of Building code on this matter.
- h) Administrator Houchin advised that Engineer Mike Bow was retiring due to illness and would not be available for advice on the demolition of the Halley building. Additionally on this matter the Mayor said that although Natalie Comer was no longer with the Logan County CAC that this should not affect our application for grant money from the Logan County since Natalie

was the representative who handled these funds for the county. The Mayor stated that after meeting with the Commissioners she felt good about our chances of being awarded this grant for removal of the Halley building.

With no further items up for discussion the meetings was adjourned at 7:45 pm by 6 Ayes in favor and 0 Nays.

W. B. Mc Cormick

Fiscal Officer

Laura John

Mayor

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Minutes of August 9th, 2011 Village of Belle Center Council meeting

** Meeting called to order Aug 9th, 2011 , 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

** Pledge of Allegiance

** Roll Call

Rhonda Fulmer, Rick Bednarki, Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck and Dustin Plikerd all present

** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, and Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick all present
Absent Solicitor Chris Schrader

Guest Present: Representatives from Speed Wav 2

** Mayor asked for any additions or corrections to the June Minutes: None

** Motion to approve minutes as written Dustin Plikerd 2nd Dione Campbell

Motion passes 6 in favor no nays

** Motion to pay the monthly bills made by Councilman Bednarki seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. Vote all Ayes motion passed.

** Mayor Johnston stated a need for a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance and asked that Fiscal Officer McCormick explain the details.

Appropriations were needed to the General fund in order to pay for the tile work performed on Charles St and S. Elizabeth. (approval for these two jobs had been obtained in a prior council meeting). Also an income tax refund needed to be paid out. Also attached to this ordinance was the possible cost of a future project of clearing the brush in the sewer right of way behind S. Elizabeth St. (The approval for this project was not obtained at this time) Total of supplemental appropriations would be \$7,000 for all 4 items. Discussion followed among council members.

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-03 made by Councilwoman Campbell 2nd by Councilwoman Roebuck
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to suspend the rules passed 5/1 vote

** Ordinance 2011-03 Supplemental appropriations within the General Fund \$7,000 (Appropriations needed to pay for tile work on Elizabeth St, Charles St, Income Tax refund and possible work on sewer right of way behind Elizabeth St. if work is approved by Council)

Motion to enact Ord-2011-03 made by Councilman Bednarki 2nd Councilman Lowery. Approved 5 Ayes with one nay from member Rhonda Fulmer

** Village Administrator reported that he has to have a maintenance plan in place by January 22, 2012 for the replacement of all Village Signs.
Administrator Houchin stated that the application for grant funding for the purpose of demolition of the Haley Building was going very well and he felt confident that the grant to the Village would be awarded for demolition. Administrator Houchin also informed council that it was likely the Village would be receiving grant funding for the purpose of installing 'handicap accessible' sidewalks to several sidewalks in town.

- ** Administrator Houchin stated that 16 ash trees have been removed and the removal of the stumps would start next Monday.
Councilwoman Fulmer stated that an inspection date for the Ash Tree Plan had to be set by August 31st.
- ** Councilwoman Fulmer stated she had read where Huntsville had the Soccer Assoc. sign a waiver releasing the Village of any liability should there be any injuries while the Soccer Assoc were using the villages park area. She ask if Belle Center had anything like this in place. Mayor Johnston stated that yes she had previously developed a similar 'Park Use Permit' and that she would be meeting with a representative from the North Logan Soccer Assoc.
- ** Councilwoman Fulmer mentioned complaints about the brush and trees over hanging
the alley beside the former PK Lumber Co building. Administrator Houchin stated he was aware of the problem and had spoken with the owner and that he would continue to follow up with this issue with the owner.
- ** Councilwoman Fulmer asked if anything can be done at the store (IGA) about the buried gas tanks. Mayor stated that this was private property and not an issue of the Villages at this time.
- ** Councilwoman Fulmer stated she had noticed that work had resumed at the Depot and she asked if the Village had obtained a permit. The Mayor stated that yes we had received the building permit from the State of Ohio for the depot work.
- ** With no further business before Council, Councilman Plikerd made a motion to Adjourn seconded by Councilman Lowery. Vote all Ayes no Nays
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

W. B. Mc Cormick
Fiscal Officer

Lois Johnston
Mayor

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Minutes of Sept.13, 2011 Village of Belle Center Council meeting

** Meeting called to order Sept. 13 th., 2011, 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

** Pledge of Allegiance

** Roll Call

Rhonda Fulmer, Rick Bednarki, Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck and Dustin Plikerd all present

** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick and Solicitor Chris Schrader

** Mayor asked for any additions or corrections to the August Minutes: None

** Motion to approve minutes as written Dustin Plikerd, 2nd Garnet Roebuck

Motion passes 6 in favor no nays

** Motion to pay the monthly bills made by Councilwoman Dione Campbell, 2nd by Councilman Plikerd. Vote all Ayes motion passed.

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-04 made by Councilwoman Roebuck, 2nd by Councilman Bednarki

Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,

Motion to suspend the rules passed 5/1 vote

** Ordinance 2011-04 Supplemental appropriations within the Donation Fund \$4,725 necessary to spend additional funds which have been donated for the restoration of the Depot since the last supplemental appropriation.

** Motion to enact Ord-2011-04 made by Councilwoman Campbell, 2nd Councilman Bednarki. Ordinance 2011-04 passed with 5 Ayes votes and 1 nay vote from Councilmember Fulmer.

Village Administrator:

The storm tile behind Gertrude Buck's house was broken and that Chris Fulkerson would be looking at it on Thursday and that the Administrator estimated it would cost approximately \$ 1,000 to fix it.

The Village has been invoiced for the cutting of the Ash trees and other trees.

The employees will start picking up leaves soon. They also have to install risers on the Streets which were paved so that the shut off valves can be reached.

The Village has enough funds in the County's sales tax funds to complete the chip and tarring for the remaining alleys in town.

He mentioned that we are having problems with some streets with grass clippings clogging up the storm drains because some people are mowing and throwing the grass into the streets. The Mayor suggested that a note be put in the Utility bills.

The Administrator then said that there is a possible leak in the bowl of the water tower and he will be contacting Nelson Engineering to look at it. He indicated that we have put off painting it. He said we are probably looking at a cost in excess of \$ 140,000.

Fiscal Officer:

Passed out Fund Balance reports and there were no questions. The Fiscal Officer indicated that he would be paying the bills for Hull Trees and the bill for the audit which will be about \$ 9,000 during September.

Other Items:

Councilman Bednarki asked if we know the owner of the store and the Solicitor said he did and would get the information to the Fiscal Officer. He also said that the property was not in foreclosure.

With no more business to be brought before Council Councilman Plikerd made a motion

to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

W. B. Mc Cormick
Fiscal Officer

Lenora Alphonso
Mayor

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Minutes of Oct. 11, 2011 Village of Belle Center Council meeting

** Meeting called to order Oct. 11 th., 2011, 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

** Pledge of Allegiance

** Roll Call

Rhonda Fulmer,,Rick Bednarki,Dione Campbell,John Lowery,Garnet Roebuck andDustin Plikerd all present

** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick and Solicitor Chris Schrader

Guests present: Dennis Wilson, Sherri Wilson, Janet Daniels, Cathy Pool

** Mayor asked for any additions or corrections to the September Minutes: None

** Motion to approve minutes as written Dustin Plikerd 2nd Garnet Roebuck
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye,
John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to approve the minutes passed 5/1 vote

** Motion to pay the monthly bills made by Councilwoman Dione Campbell seconded by Councilman Plikerd. Vote all Ayes motion passed.

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-05 made by Councilman Bednarki. 2nd by Councilwoman Campbell.
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to suspend the rules passed 5/1 vote

** Ordinance 2011-05 Supplemental appropriations within the Donation Fund \$ 750.00 necessary to spend additional funds which have been donated for the restoration of the Depot since the last supplemental appropriation.

Motion to enact Ord-2011-05 made by Councilwoman Roebuck 2nd Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call Vote: Approved 5 Ayes with one nay from member Rhonda Fulmer.

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-06 made by Councilwoman Campbell 2nd. By Councilman Bednarki.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes motion passes 6/0.

** Ordinance 2011-06 Supplemental appropriations \$ 8,000.00 Street Fund made by Councilwoman Campbell 2 nd. Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.
Ordinance enacted.

** Motion to suspend the rules for one time reading on Resolution 2011-01 Made by Councilman Bednarki 2nd. By Councilwoman Roebuck.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Resolution 2011-01 is a Resolution to accept Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission made by Councilman Plikerd. 2nd. By Councilman Bednarki. Roll Call vote: All Ayes. Resolution passed.

Village Administrator reported that the trees and everything have been taken care of and that the lady from the Forestry Division will be here on the 17th of November to inspect them. Administrator Houchin then stated that all the alleys in town are all done except the "side alleys which are not used. He stated he still had \$ 2,000 left in that fund for streets and alleys to use but he was not going to use it at this time unless he had to, he would save that for if something came up. Administrator also stated that the new trees will be planted the first of November.

Fiscal Officer McCormick handed out the fund balance reports, Mayor asked for questions if there were any on the fund balance reports. No questions were asked.

Other Items:

Councilman Bednarki asked about the store (IGA) if we can get them to clean up Fiscal Officer stated he had that address, which came back to a location of Monroe, Ohio. Councilman Bednarki asked that a letter be sent to the owners. The Fiscal Officer asked what he would like the letter to say? Councilman Bednarki said the letter needed to ask them to get the weeds out of there which were getting out of hand. The Mayor asked the Fiscal Officer if we had a standard form letter already setup. the Fiscal Officer stated "no "we do not. The Mayor told Councilman Bednarki that it will be taken care of. Councilman Bednarki asked how many trees would be planted and the Administrator indicated that 21 trees would be planted.

Councilman Bednarki asked about the quotes and the Administrator said that Angle Nursery was the only one which quoted for all the trees. The Administrator said that there will be a cost of \$ 60.00 each to plant the trees and that we would have a one year warranty.

Councilwoman Campbell wanted to have a Park Committee meeting to determine what to spend the \$ 50.00 donation received in 2010 in memory of Deb Crowe's mother.

Councilwoman Fulmer brought up the following items:

Jeanette Gordan of 501 N. Elizabeth wanted to know if she could get permission to set up a small mobile home or camper on her property and hook it up to sewer and water for her grandmother to live in. The Mayor said to Councilwoman Fulmer she will have to get back to her on this. The Mayor stated she would

check the zoning rules but at this point she thought the zoning did not permit mobile homes but that she would check it out to be sure.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked whether the Village had an Ordinance prohibiting farm animals from being kept in town. Councilwoman Fulmer stated that she has heard that there are chickens being kept on Torrence Street. The Mayor said she would check on it. The Fiscal Officer did not think there was an Ordinance but maybe it was addressed also in our Zoning.

Councilwoman Fulmer then presented 3 proposals regarding the utility rates for the Village. Fix sewer fund

Proposal (Part A) Reduce the minimum charge for water from \$ 10.00 per month (2,000 gallons of water usage) to either \$ 8.00 or \$ 7.00 since the water fund has over \$ 40,000 in it. This would partially offset the \$ 5.00 surcharge being charged for sewage. She said that we could set aside money that is being stockpiled in the Water Fund. The Mayor asked Councilwoman Fulmer whether she planned on raising the sewer rates and she said "no".

Proposal (Part B). Reduce the minimum trash rate to \$ 10.00 per month for 2 bags each week instead of the current 3 bags a week for \$ 12 a month. Also increase the cost for extra haul (additional bags per week over and above the 2 allowable) to \$ 3.00 - \$ 5.00 per bag. This would help the people who only have one bag per week and the extra cost per bag would encourage recycling.

Councilman Plikerd reminded Councilwoman Fulmer that the chassis for the trash packer is very old and will need replaced sometime in the future and that the water tower needs painting and to do it properly will cost at least \$ 190,000.

Councilman Bednarki asked Councilwoman Fulmer to put her proposals on paper with numbers, etc.

Proposal (Part C). Considering using Income Tax which was implemented in 1984 for sewer debt to pay the debt portion of the Sewer Fund. Councilwoman Fulmer read some of the minutes from 1985 where the Council made payments on the sewer debt from the original sewer project which was terminated. The Mayor reminded Councilwoman Fulmer that many things are said during meetings and that Ordinance, Resolutions and motions are the only things which matter. The Mayor stated that only what was stated in the Ordinance is the law and only the Ordinance itself is what matters, not comments made in council meetings or rumors or anything else. The Fiscal Officer read the Ordinance which said that the

income tax was to provide funds for construction, maintenance, capital improvements, and the general municipal operations of the Village of Belle Center.

At this time the Mayor told Councilwoman Fulmer that she had made her proposals and again Councilman Bednarki told Councilwoman Fulmer to prepare her proposals in writing. Councilwoman Fulmer said she would bring them to the next meeting.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Plikerd made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lowery. Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

W. B. Mc Cormick
Fiscal Officer

James A. Gohf
Mayor

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Minutes of Nov. 8 2011 Village of Belle Center Council meeting

** Meeting called to order Nov. 8 th., 2011, 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

** Pledge of Allegiance

** Roll Call

Rhonda Fulmer,,Rick Bednarki,Dione Campbell,John Lowery,Garnet Roebuck andDustin Plikerd all present

** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick and Solicitor Chris Schrader

Guest present: Janet Daniels

** Motion to approve minutes as modified by Rick Bednarki 2nd Dione Campbell
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Aye, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye,
John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to approve the minutes as modified passed 6/0.

** Motion to pay the monthly bills made by Councilwoman Dione Campbell seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck. Vote all Ayes mo

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-07 made by Councilman Bednarki. 2nd by Councilman Plikerd
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Aye, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to suspend the rules passed 6/0 vote

** Ordinance 2011-07 Supplemental appropriations within the Garbage Fund \$ 2,000.00 necessary to repair the Garbage Truck.

Motion to enact Ord-2011-07 made by Councilman Plikerd. 2nd Councilman Bednarki. . Roll Call: All ayes. Motion passed 6/0

** Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-08 made by Councilman Bednarki. 2nd. By Councilman Plikerd.
Roll Call Vote. Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to suspend the rules passed 5/1 vote.

** Motion to enact Ord-2011-08 Supplemental appropriations \$ 2,300.00 Donation Councilwoman Campbell 2 nd. Councilman Bednarki.Vote: Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed 6/0.

** The Mayor presented a request for a \$ 300.00 donation for Haz Mat. After some discussion, no action was taken by Council.

** The Mayor asked Councilman Bednarki to report on the Depot Committee meeting.

Councilman Bednarki reported that a State Representative was present at the Meeting and was interested in helping us obtain funding for the project. There are enough funds available to move ahead with the installation of the windows.

Councilman Bednarki then made a motion that the Depot be used as a Community Center and that Senior Citizens will be able to use it at no charge and no alcohol will be permitted on the premises. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked about insurance and the Fiscal Officer said it would be covered under our current insurance and that he did not think there would be much of an increase in the insurance cost. She then asked about where the funds would come from to finish the Depot and the Mayor said she was working on several sources to obtain donations. Councilman Lowery asked whether there was a timeline to complete the project and was told that it depended on how quick we get donations.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked about the cost to finish the Depot and the Mayor estimated around \$ 30,000.

The Mayor then called for a vote on the proposed use of the Depot once it is Finished as a Community Center. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed 6/0.

The Mayor then presented a proposal to purchase the property in the Village owned by D P & L for a cost of \$ 1.00 plus the surveying cost. Lee Surveying gave a cost of \$ 4,930.00 including the cost to prepare the necessary paper work. She hopes we can get a lower surveying cost. The property consists of 14.52 acres and is in 5 parcels.

The property runs from the sewer pumping station to the other end of town.

Councilman Bednarki made a motion to purchase the property from D P & L for \$ 1.00 and, hopefully can get a lower surveying cost. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd.

Councilwoman Fulmer said she was not in favor of buying the property unless the residents had a chance to weigh in on it and that it is an expense that the Village doesn't need .

There was much heated discussion about the purchase including the fact that the residents did not have input about spending \$ 12,000 on trees with \$ 4,500.00 grant from the State offsetting part of the cost. Councilwoman insisted that the tree work was a "need to "project not a "want to " project.

At this time the meeting was getting out of control so the Mayor said the Council needed to vote and Councilman Bednarki wanted a vote tonight and the Mayor called for a vote. Roll Call Vote: Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye, Motion. Motion passed 5/1.

Councilwoman Fulmer then presented her proposal to reduce the minimum water and trash bills for one year while maintaining the sewer surcharge. She recommended reducing the minimum water bill from \$ 10.00 to \$ 7.00 per month which would reduce the fund balance by approximately \$ 1,000 per month.


The second part of the proposal was to change the costing for trash pickup. She recommended that the minimum charge be reduced from \$ 12.00 to \$ 10.00 for approximately 100 residents who only put out 1 bag or less per week. The Fiscal Officer told her that the minimum cost would have to be reduced for all customers which would reduce the monthly cost by approximately \$ 720 per month or approximately \$ 8,500 per year instead of Councilwoman Fulmer's estimate of \$ 2,400. She also wanted to increase the extra bag fee from \$ 2.00 per bag per week for any bags (30 gallon) over 3 to \$ 4.00 per bag for any bag over 2 per week which (based on her calculations) would generate approximately \$ 3,500 additional revenue.

Many of the councilpersons and the Mayor said people would go to the recycling center and buy a bag for \$ 2.00 for their additional bags and the Village would then incur additional dumping charges at the landfill.

Councilwoman Fulmer was advised to make a motion to implement her proposal. Councilwoman Fulmer made a motion to implement her proposal but there was no second so the motion died for a lack of a second.

With no more business to be brought before Council Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Plikerd. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.


Fiscal Officer


Mayor

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Minutes of Dec. 13, 2011 Village of Belle

Center Council meeting

Meeting called to order Dec. 13 th., 2011, 7pm regular session with Mayor Teresa Johnston presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Rhonda Fulmer ,Rick Bednarki ,Dione Campbell, John Lowery ,Garnet Roebuck and Dustin Plikerd all present

** Village Officers: Mayor Teresa Johnston, Administrator Gerald Houchin, Fiscal Officer Bill McCormick, Solicitor Chris Schrader was absent

Guests present Several

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Dione Campbell 2nd Garnet Roebuck
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Aye, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye,
John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 6 – 0.

Motion to pay the monthly bills made by Councilwoman Dione Campbell seconded
by Councilman Plikerd.. Vote all Ayes motion passed.

Motion to suspend the rules for one-time reading on Ordinance 2011-09
made by Councilman Plikerd. 2nd by Councilman Bednarki.
Role call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye,
John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye,
Motion to suspend the rules passed 5/1 vote

Ordinance 2011-09 Temporary appropriations for the year 2012 so bills can be
paid during the first part of the year. The final appropriations must be finalized
by April 1 .

Motion to enact Ord-2011-09 made by Councilwoman Roebuck 2nd.
Councilwoman Campbell.

Councilwoman Fulmer asked many questions about the temporary budget
asking whether there was any data from the Sheriff's office regarding
citations , etc. during their paid patrolling and was told "no".
She mentioned that there were no donations budgeted and was told that Council
could pass a supplemental appropriation if they wished to make any donations
during 2012. She asked what the engineering cost was for and was told that
it was needed to check out the possibility of a leak in the water tower and possible
painting of the tower. She also noticed that there was no appropriation in the

General Fund for Depot restoration and was told that the plan was to obtain funds from the public to finish the project. She then indicated that there was a deficit of approximately \$ 49,000 projected.

The Mayor then called for a vote on the appropriation budget.

Roll call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye Motion passed 5/1.

The Mayor indicated that the new Council members and Mayor needed to schedule their oath of office on either December 31 or January 1.

Administrator:

The administrator said the the street lighting contract with Miami Valley Lighting effective January 1 , 2012 – December 31 , 2016 with a small increase in cost during this period. Councilwoman Fulmer asked if we had obtained any other bids and was told that they were the only providers in this area and she then asked if we could lock in for 3 months and look for another provider. The administrator indicated that we had no other options.

Councilman Plikerd made a motion to enter into the 5 year contract with Miami Valley Lighting. Seconded by Councilwoman Roebuck.

Roll call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye Motion passed 5/1.

The administrator reported on the ongoing project to fix the storm sewer problems and that it would be fixed no matter the cost. He said the trees were all planted and the paper work had been presented to Lisa Bowers but that there had been a snafu regarding the address of the Village and that the Fiscal Officer had taken care of it. He announced that trash pickups the next 2 weeks would be on Wednesday and Thursday due to the holidays.

The Mayor said that the Fiscal Officer needed approvals to adjust some appropriation amounts.

Reduce Repair & Maintenance – Bldg. & Grounds (A/C 1000-620-431-0000) and increase Capital Outlay by \$ 3,200.00 (A/C 1000-800-590-000)for purchase of land from DP&L for \$ 1.00 and surveying and filing cost of approximately \$ 3,199.00 (surveying cost was \$ 2,950.00) Councilman Bednarki made the motion to approve the transfer . Seconded by Councilman Plikerd.

Councilwoman Fulmer questioned whether the Council had approved the Purchase at the November meeting and the Fiscal Officer read the motion which indicated that Council approved the purchase and , hopefully could

get a lower surveying cost.

At this time the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye Motion passed 5/1.

At this time Councilman Plikerd made a motion to pay the surveying bill for \$ 2,950.00. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki.

Roll call vote Rhonda Fulmer Nay, Rick Bednarki Aye, Dione Campbell Aye, John Lowery Aye, Garnet Roebuck Aye, Dustin Plikerd Aye Motion passed 5/1.

The second adjustment was to reduce the Repair & Maintenance account in the Sewer Fund (A/C 5201-549-432-0000) and increase the electric account (A/C 5201-543-311-0000) by \$ 800.00 due to the estimate for electric being too low.

Councilman Plikerd made the motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Councilman Bednarki.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed 6/0.

The third adjustment was reducing Bldg. & Grounds in the General Fund (A/C 1000 -620-431-0000) and increasing the fuel account (A/C 1000-620-420-0050) by \$ 430.00 and reduce Repair & Maintenance in the Water Fund (A/C 5101-539-432-0000) and increasing the fuel account (A/C 5101-539-420-0050) by \$ 430.00 due to the estimate of fuel being too low.

Councilman Plikerd made the motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Councilwoman Campbell.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed 6/0.

Other Items:

Councilwoman reported on the Park Committee meeting regarding the donation of \$ 50.00 given by Deb Crowe in memory of her mother.

The committee is recommending the purchase of 2 " fire bushes " and a plaque.

Mike Driscoll who owns property adjacent to the property being purchased by the Village asked about purchasing some of the property and Mayor Johnston said it would be her recommendation that none of the property should be sold.

There were 2 representatives from a wireless internet company requesting permission to rent space on top of the water tower. No action was taken and were asked to return at the next council meeting with a proposal.

Councilwoman Fulmer brought up the following issues:

She asked for permission for her and 2 or 3 other members to go to a Tree Academy in Findlay and indicated that the cost would be either \$ 25.00 or \$ 35.00 and that there was no cost for the Mayor .The Fiscal Officer indicated that he could find the funds for them to attend. She also said that she was not responsible for spending nearly \$ 11,000 on trees and that the Administrator made the decision to plant 21 trees instead of planting less and charging employees' time against the grant expenditures. She also mentioned that the roadway to the recycling center was in need of repair. The Mayor asked the Fiscal Officer to talk to Alan Hale about and he said that he would.

The Fiscal Officer said that we have \$ 75,000 insurance on the Depot and that the insurance cost for 2012 went down very slightly and was told that the Village would not incur any additional cost for the property acquisition as long as it was vacant property.

He also passed out proposed Council rules to the Council and Mayor Johnston Said they should review them and pass them at the January meeting.

Before adjourning Dennis Wilson thanked Mayor Johnston for all her support and help on the Depot restoration.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Plikerd made a motion to Adjourn. seconded by Councilman Lowery. Vote all Ayes no Nays
Meeting adjourned.

W.B. McComick
Fiscal Officer

Rhonda Fulmer
Mayor

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