

January 13, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick Dustin Plikerd Present. Dee McIntosh Absent.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Administrator Gerald Houchin, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, and Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 29, 2014 as written Seconded by Bill McCormick. John Lowery, Bill McCormick, & Dustin Plikerd voted yes, Dione Campbell & Garnet Roebuck voted no motion passes 3-2.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voted yes 5-0.

The Mayor gave her Village address and made a plea to Council to not to go forward with the application with WSRLA for the million dollar debt for the water tower project but to move forward with the project process as Julie Ward had suggested by doing preliminary soil borings, surveys, etc. with using fund balance money available or as the Mayor suggested from Water Capital Improvement fund of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year before securing the tank loan. The temporary appropriation budget for 2015 passed in December of 2014 was \$821,510.72 for expected expenditures and estimated revenue of \$771,748 for 2015 (\$50,000 less than expected expenditures).

The Mayor Stated that the Village progress report for 2014 was available by request.

Dione Campbell made a motion nominate Dustin Plikerd President Pro Tem of Council and he respectively refused nomination. John Lowery made a motion to nominate Bill McCormick as President Pro Tem of Council seconded by Dione Campbell. John Lowery made a motion to close nominations seconded by Dione Campbell. Bill McCormick abstained all other members voted yes. Bill McCormick elected President Pro Tem 4-0.

The Mayor requested that Bill McCormick submit his committees when they were available.

The Mayor stated that the Tree Commission, Depot, Zoning, and planning Commission appointments would be the same for 2015 as they were for 2014.

Mayor stated that RITA had collected \$123,268.03 for the 2014 year and they had retained \$3,223.79 for their fees which was 2.62% of collections the Village had cleared 120,044.24 for 2014.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-01 on the Second reading to increase utility rates (water, Trash, & Sewer) excluding the water capital improvement fund by 3% For 2015, 2016 & 2017

including a 3% increase in the Bulk water rates Seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All Members voting yes 5-0.

Village Administrator Gerald Houchin requested that council approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign loan agreements for the new water tower.

The Mayor asked the solicitor if the appointment of the Village administrator was permanent or for specific period of time since it had not been legislatively approved by Council since 2008. The Solicitor stated that the Village Administrator does not have to be appointed on annual basis and when he is appointed he remains in that position unless he resigns or a removal process by council.

The Mayor inquired on the Village Officers Handbook where it states if Council can take certain duties from a village officer and place these under authority of another village officer. The Village solicitor stated they could not.

The Mayor asked if approval had been obtained from the EPA for the Water Tower Project or the loan for the project. Bill McCormick stated that they needed the loan applied for first.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve resolution 2015-01 Authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a water supply revolving loan account agreement on behalf of the Village of Belle Center for design of an elevated water tank and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan. Seconded by Dione Campbell all members present voting yes Resolution passes 5-0. The Mayor refused to sign the resolution that night. The Solicitor stated to the Mayor that she could sign and approve the resolution, or veto the resolution and return it to council with her objections listed within 10 days after it was presented to her by council.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo informed council that the Bank had requested that new signature cards be made for the lock box as the current cards have become outdated.

Bill McCormick made a motion that only Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo be on the signature card for the lock box. Seconded by Dustin Plikerd, John Lowery voted no all other members present voting yes motion carries 4-1.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo requested that council authorize someone to sign the employee time cards if the Village Administrator was not available.

Dustin Plikerd made a motion that the President Pro Tem of Council Bill McCormick be authorized to sign employee time cards in the event that the Village Administrator was unavailable. Seconded by John Lowery all members present voting yes 5-0.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo requested that council consider the Zoning Officer pay.

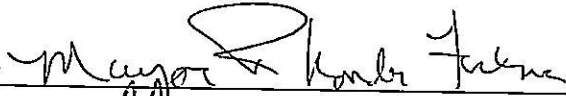
Bill McCormick made a motion that the Zoning Officer pay be increased to \$15 per permit. Seconded by Dustin Plikerd all members present voting yes 5-0.

Doug Mitchell of the Logan County Sherriff's Department working on a grant for the Indian Lake Region addressed Council and presented his contact information for any problems or concerns.

Garnet Roebuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bill McCormick all members voting yes 5-0.
Next Regular Council meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM

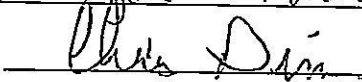
Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer



Date 2-10-15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo



Date 2-10-15

February 10, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dee McIntosh, Bill McCormick Present. Dustin Plikerd Absent.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Administrator Gerald Houchin, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, and Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 13, 2015 as corrected Seconded by Dione Campbell. Dee McIntosh abstained All other members present voted yes, motion passes 4-0.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Bill McCormick. All Members present voted yes 5-0.

The Mayor issued a corrections to the Village address stated at the January meeting

TO BE READ VERBETIM

FOR FEBURARY 10TH 2015

I would like to make a correction to my previous Village address. It was pointed out to me at the last council meeting by council member Bill McCormick; I had made a statement that I believed that in the 1980s the village had paid out \$100,000 for preliminary work done for the sewer project.

Bill McCormick informed me that the 1974 -1983 project was for a wastewater, collection and disposal facility and that the money (approximately \$98,000) was all wasted .The money was spent on preliminary work such as engineers and soil samples for a wastewater facility. All this was for nothing since the EPA refused the loan. This meant that the 2002 sewer project had to start from ground zero.

I chose to research the project in the former minutes, ordinances, and resolutions. I found out after nearly 9 years that \$98,000 and beyond we still had not received approval on a loan or grant from the EPA. (We were still 176 on their priority list according to the January 11, 1983 Council minutes). In addition to added expenses for surveys, modifications for engineering plans, easements, permits required and land purchasing, the village had no alternatives for grants.

The financial notes skyrocketed to \$97,000 plus other funds owed to a Rotary loan. On March 9, 1982 it was determined that the user charge the EPA was going to require was cost prohibitive for most of the residents of Belle Center. On June 22,1982 after being brought up to date of the project from 1974 to 1982 by then Mayor Gerald Houchin,(who was head and pushed through the project for 9 years) 40

residents showed up at a public meeting and asked council to abort the project. Nothing much happened after that with the wastewater facility project.

When the new Mayor (Mr. Hale) took over January 1984 he was faced with the big debt from the failed project for the wastewater facility. The council decided to implement the 1% income tax in January of 1985. The Village paid off the note to the Huntington Bank for the amount of \$97,792 by Nov 1988 for the Wastewater facility. Most of this money came from the income tax and the tap in fees paid by the residents from 1976 to November of 1977. (This information is in the April 11, 1989 minutes)

The Water Tower project is being pushed thru without proper planning and if unforeseen additional expenses arise after the loan is secured or if a major infrastructure demands a large expenditure, the village would be in financial trouble. This would cause another raise in the rates. This also might increase the 1% income tax to save to village from going under.

I as Mayor propose moving forward with the Water tower and doing some of the preliminary projects as Julie Ward of R Cap suggested. On April 10th 2012 in village council minutes, Council member Rick Bednarki also stated that if preliminary projects are done and rates were raised, and we could pay as we go with this plan we might still be able to qualify for a 0% interest loan. I as mayor stated that a smaller loan for the village would not be a burden on the village residents and that we may only require a loan for the elevated water tower tank.

I am not opposed to securing loans to better this community and its quality of life, as long as it does not cause any undue burden to its community residents. If we use the proper planning to reach our goals by securing the loans before we spend the money and do preliminary work, so we will not create unnecessary debt again.

I stated that another million dollar debt might be difficult while we are still paying a 1.4 million on our sewer debt. I do not want to mislead the residents in any statements I have made and do not have the desire for others to do so either. Please feel free to fact check the council minutes, from 1974 to 1983 to check what I have stated.

In 2014 we cleared \$120,000 in income tax.

Bill McCormick commented that the Village Income Tax could only be raised above the current 1% by a vote of the people and council could do away with the credits given to residents without a vote of the people.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-01 on the Third and final reading to increase utility rates (water, Trash, & Sewer) excluding the water capital improvement fund by 3% For 2015, 2016 & 2017 including a 3% increase in the Bulk water rates Seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All Members voting yes 5-0. Cindy Longbrake asked if council was passing one 3% increase or if they were passing a 3% increase each year for 3 years for a total of 9%. The increase is for 3% each year (total 9%) for three years.

Mike Phillips Local Business owner addressed Council about the letter he sent the Mayor and members of Council and requested that council revisit the new trash ordinance requiring all who have water be on trash and possibly amending the ordinance.

Village Administrator Gerald Houchin requested that the Enterprise Committee meet on Thursday February 26, 2014 at 6:30 PM to discuss what if any recommendations be made to council to change the trash ordinance. The Mayor stated that the Chair of the committee is responsible for calling all meetings and to make sure that it is submitted to the newspaper.

The Mayor Stated that Paul Bennedetti head of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau extended an invitation for the Village of Belle Center to include links to their website to promote communities in Logan County.

Village Administrator Gerald Houchin discussed the delinquent utility bills and the steps the Village is taking to collect what is owed. The Solicitor stated that the administrator can make rules and regulations for the management of the public utilities but utility rates must be established by council. Gerald Houchin, John Linson, & Chris Dinovo are allowed to collect payments with receipts, but the Fiscal officer is responsible for setting up payment plans.

The Village Administrator reported on February 6, 2015 an RV camera inspection was conducted by Allied Technical Services for the Belle Center water works clear well at a cost of \$1,200 with the camera disk of the inspection being turn over to the EPA. Mr. Houchin stated a new hatch needs to be installed expanding the space for a diver inspection that the EPA has required and that samples be submitted. Mr Houchin stated that the RV camera inspection showed a perforated and corroded pipe that needed replaced. The Mayor stated that after receiving the inspection paper recommendation that she spoke with the EPA Supervisor and he stated after reviewing the camera disk that there were no red flags or ground water infiltration.

The Administrator requested that the Mayor cancel the meeting with Mr. Clark of the Logan County Water Pollution Control because he could not be there and there was nothing to report and he recommended that the Third full time employee be hired this following Monday. The Mayor stated that she had set up 3 interviews for the following Friday as he had recommended the month before. The EPA had recommended that the Village could benefit by hiring an employee already trained with experience working with public water works.

Gerald Houchin was excused from the meeting at 8:00 PM


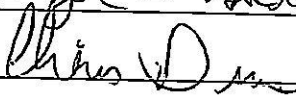
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo stated that Sarah Carnes had submitted a referendum petition on resolution 2015-01. Summary of Referendum Petition Committee. "The residents of Belle Center are willing to proceed with the Water Tower replacement project but desire the residents to have the choice of approving or rejecting the Village of Belle Center going into debt for a WSLRA loan in the amount up to one Million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for known expenses by a vote of the people of our Village rather than allow a decision of this magnitude to be decided by our Village Council, consisting of six (6) people. In response to a question about the referendum the Village Solicitor stated that any action of Council is

subject to the referendum initiative. The requirement calls for 10% of the people who voted in the last Governor's race or 20 registered voters the petition had 37 signatures. The Mayor stated that options were presented to residents in the November bills on whether to go forward with the loan or wait and that the results were 7 undecided households, 19 households to go forward with the debt now, and 21 against going with the debt at this time. In response to the question of the status of the resolution and if the Water Tower Project was on hold until after the election the Village Solicitor stated that the resolution went into effect February 20, 2015 and the project was on hold until after the election.

Doug Mitchell of the Logan County Sherriff's Department working on a grant for the Indian Lake Region addressed Council and asked if council had any questions, problems or concerns.

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dione Campbell all members voting yes 5-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be March 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Minutes approved by

* Mayor Rhonda Fulmer  Date 3-10-15
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo  Date 3-10-15

March 10, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dustin Plikerd, Dee McIntosh, Bill McCormick Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, and Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo. Village Administrator Gerald Houchin Absent.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2015 as presented Seconded by Dee McIntosh. Dee McIntosh yes Garnet Roebuck no, Dione Campbell no, John Lowery yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dustin Plikerd abstained, motion passes 3-2.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dione Campbell. All Members present voted yes 6-0.

Procedure guideline steps of posting and signing of Ordinances and resolutions with ORC 731.22 were discussed and the solicitor agreed to present his research on procedures postings and billing procedures for increases in rates at the April Meeting.

The Mayor stated that proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) needed to be submitted by the Village by April 15, 2015 to the Logan County Commissioners for consideration of the grant money available for Logan County.

The Mayor asked for volunteer's for a committee for CDBG proposals and a committee to develop a long range plan for replacement or repair of major infrastructures in the Village. Russells Point had received over \$300,000 from the CDBG for improvements for their storm water system. No Action was taken by Council; the Mayor said that she would work with the Village Administrator.

The Mayor presented a letter from Mr. Clark of the Logan Water Pollution Control District stating the Village had done little to comply with the inflow & infiltration problems in 2014 to be in compliance with the EPA. Mr. Houchin has submitted a list of projects the Village must complete this year to address the problems to Mr. Clark and to the Village.

The Mayor Stated that two of the Committees presented by Bill McCormick included a 4 Council Member majority plus the Mayor. The number of Council Members on these committees needs to reduce so that majority of the Council does not serve on any committee. Bill McCormick pointed out that the Mayor's zoning committee members needed to have staggered terms with one term ending each year and needed to be revised. The Mayor requested names of residents to replace or fill those positions for the Committee. No names were submitted by Council.

Helen Norris of the EMA had submitted a letter to the Village recommending that the Village clear the snow from the storm drains to alleviate flooding.

Tree City Awards banquet was announced for April 16, 2015 in Bellefontaine at 212 East Columbus for acceptance of the Village's Tree City Award.

Dustin Plikerd Enterprise Committee Chairman presented recommendations for changes in the Trash Ordinance to be presented by the Village Solicitor at the April meeting. The Committee recommended amending the ordinance giving residential business owners the ability to opt out of trash services and not be billed twice for trash services. Trash pickup can only occur at the billed address. Non-resident business owners may also opt out which would affect #1 and #12 of the present ordinance. Mr. Fansler agreed to write the Amended Ordinance for Council to Consider at the April meeting.

The Mayor requested that before any amending of the Trash Ordinance are made next month Council consider allowing the residents the option of opting out of the trash Service. The Mayor believes that not allowing the residents to opt out that takes away the voice of the residents and might hinder the incentive of resident's to recycle with mandatory trash service. Bill McCormick Stated that allowing residents to opt out might lead to the financial troubles in the trash fund.

The Family Dollar Business was discussed and the solicitor agreed to continue correspondence with their representative to encourage the business to locate in Belle Center. The Mayor stated that she was in favor of Family Dollar choosing Belle Center as a location for a future store.

Fiscal Officer Report

The Fiscal Officer presented the permanent appropriation for council approval. Changes from the temporary appropriations passed in December that Council appropriate \$8,000 from the Water Capital Outlay Fund 5701 for engineering cost on the new water tower, and increase appropriation in repair and maintenance by \$6,000 in the water fund 5101 to pay for a new hatch and inspections at the water plant, the proposal did not include appropriations for the third full time employee. Bill McCormick had concerns on the ending balances and the estimated revenue a special meeting was made for March 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM to approve the permanent appropriations. The Mayor asked if the Finance Committee wanted to meet to review the proposed changes to the permanent appropriations and the council decided not to meet.

The Mayor asked Council if they were still requiring the two background checks for the new full time employee. Council stated that they wanted both The BCI and FBI background checks and that they wanted a drug test taken through Corporate Health for the new full time employee.

Council discussed having the engineering firm to complete the soil boring test for the new water tower due to the fact that the study could be used when the water tower is eventually replaced. The Mayor agreed that we could do projects that would need to be completed anyway with upkeep like upgrading the water plant or clear wells or replacing sections of water pipe like Mr. Baxa of RCAP had suggested but the mayor cautioned spending money on projects like soil borings or surveys before the referendum

in November. Bill McCormick stated that when the engineer's and the administrator was at the water department that he was present and asked about the water pressure from a new larger tower affecting the water lines and it was stated that the water pressure was determined by the height of the tower and not how much water it holds.

James Baker Belle Center resident asked about the cost of the referendum on the loan application debt to be put on the ballot. Bill McCormick said that the cost would be insignificant due to the fact that all villages have elections for mayor and two council positions. Mr. Baker also asked if two background checks were necessary to fill the full time position and the Solicitor stated that the checks protect the village from liability.

Dustin Plikerd made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dione Campbell all members voting yes 6-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Date 4.14.15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo

Chris Dinovo Date 4-14-15

March 24, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE THE PERMANENT
APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2015 AND DISCUSS THE HIRING OF THE THIRD FULL TIME EMPLOYEE

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, Garnet Roebuck, Dee McIntosh, Bill McCormick, Dustin Plikerd (Late) and John Lowery Present.

Village Officers : Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Present, Village Administrator Gerald Houchin present, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler Absent, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo present.

The Fiscal Officer presented the permanent appropriations for approval it included appropriations for the third full time employee, Engineering cost for the new water tower from the Water Capital Improvement fund, and increases in the Water Fund for the new hatch for the clear well

The major changes from the temporary appropriations to the permanent appropriations were discussed. The Fiscal Officer proposed that the third full time employee be paid from the following funds at the following amounts

Fund	percent of pay	total for 2015
General	25%	\$6,125.00
Street	15%	\$3,675.00
Water	20%	\$4,900.00
Sewer	20%	\$4,900.00
Trash	20%	\$4,900.00
Total		\$24,500.00

Appropriate \$8,000.00 in the water capital improvement fund for engineering fees for the water tower

Increase in Appropriations of \$10,000 for the hatch replacement for the clear well at the water plant and for other repairs and inspections at the water plant.

Increase Appropriations in the General Fund to include a \$25,000 transfer to the Sewer Fund.

Dustin Plikerd made a motion to suspend the rules to pass the 2015 permanent appropriations on its first and only reading seconded by Bill McCormick passes 6-0.

Dustin Plikerd made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02 Permanent Appropriation Budget seconded by Bill McCormick. The Mayor stated that the Village has estimated \$168,000 more spending in permanent appropriations in the 2015 then in 2014 permanent appropriations and if we over spend the carry over at that rate in four years there will not be a balance to carry over. Vote was taken and passed 6-0.

Discussion on the hiring of the third full time employee


The Mayor stated with all the confrontation and time hiring the third full time employee to pursue his water I license and serve the village as the jack of all trades for employment I will appoint Daren Savage only with the recommendation of the Village Administrator Gerald Houchin and the confirmation of Mr. Savage by the Village Council, with a motion voted upon for confirmation. Only one of the two background checks requested by council has been received to date and the drug test requested by council has not been administer to Mr. Savage. Council agreed that if the results were problematic the hiring would be terminated. Council recommended the DOT drug test and random testing for the new full time employee.

Dee McIntosh left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Bill McCormick made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Daren Savage and the hiring as the third full time employee by Council seconded by John Lowery. Garnet Roebuck yeas, John Lowery yes, Dione Campbell yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dustin Plikerd abstained. Motion passes 4-0.

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn second by Bill McCormick. All Members present Voted yes Motion carried 5-0

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer  Date 4.14.15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo  Date 4-14-15

April 14, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dustin Plikerd, Dee McIntosh, Bill McCormick Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, and Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2015 as amended Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voted yes, motion passes 6-0.

Dustin Plikerd made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting to approve 2015 Permanent Appropriations and to discuss the hiring of a third full time employee on March 24, 2015 as corrected seconded by Bill McCormick. Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery yes, Garnet Roebuck no, Dustin Plikerd yes, Dee McIntosh abstained, Bill McCormick yes, motion passes 4-1.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Bill McCormick. All Members present voted yes 6-0.

The Director from LUC addressed Council and invited the Village to join their agency that represents Logan, Union, and Champaign Counties. The Agency assists townships with zoning, planning, and mapping issues. No action was taken by Council.

The Sherriff's Deputy working through a grant for the Indian Lake Region addressed council and asked if there were any concerns. Mr. Houchin Stated that there have through Truck violations on Charles St. occurring since the ordinance had been established by prohibiting through truck traffic. The deputy asked the Village to submit what days and times the violations are occurring and the sheriff's department would take care of it.

The Mayor brought up a discussion about the Utility Deposit Fund and that the ordinance states that if a home owner has paid their bills on time that they should have their deposit refunded to them after one year of service. The Village solicitor thought the Village should keep the deposit as long as service is being provided. Council requested that the solicitor prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

The Mayor read a letter asking the residents to recycle (letter included in the minutes)

The Mayor brought up the location of the new water tower for discussion (included in the letter) requesting their input. The Village Administrator stated that there would be a public forum for the community with information on the water tower before the general election.

The Mayor mention that Council Member Dustin Plikerd requested that mandatory drug test be required as part of the Villages Drug Testing Policies when any employee accidents occur. Random testing and drug testing requirements for employees with CDL's were discussed. The policy needed to be reviewed.

Village Administrator Gerald Houchin stated that he would set up a meeting with Chris Clark of Logan County Pollution control in June after the Village had completed some of the projects requested by Mr. Clark.

The Village administrator discussed the CDBG grant and the Village's request for the replacement of 8 storm drains on Walnut Street. He had received an extension on the paper work that needs submitted.

Mr. Houchin stated that the Village had removed bushes at Murray Griffffin Park . He also stated that the pipes in the clear well had been replaced.

The Village Administrator stated that cleanup week will be May 11 through May 15. Council requested that the Health department be notified about some residents where trash needed to be removed.

Mr. Houchin discussed the Issue II project for the work to be done on Walnut Street.

Council requested that Mr. Houchin get two estimates to paint the striping for parking in the downtown area.

Fiscal Officer Report

The Fiscal Officer requested that Village Council increase Appropriations for 2015 in the Water Capital Improvement Fund.

Account 5701-800-560-0000 Utility Distributions Systems \$1,600
To pay for Engineering work completed for the new water tower

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance increasing appropriations on the first and only reading seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-03 to increase appropriations as presented seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

The Fiscal Officer requested that Village Council modify appropriations from Equipment to Debt Service for Dump Truck Payment.

Decrease General Fund 1000-800-590-0000 \$8,000 Increase 1000-850-790-0027 \$8,000

Decrease Street Fund 2011-800-550-0000 \$2,169.91 Increase 2011-850-790-0057 \$2,169.91

Decrease Highway Fund 2021-800-520-0000 \$2,000 Increase 2021-850-790-0027 \$2,000

Decrease Water Fund 5101-800-550-0000 \$2,000 Increase 5101-850-790-0027 \$2,000

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve appropriation modifications as presented seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

Bill McCormick stated that the Department of Commerce Division of Liquor control that all permits to sell alcohol would expire on June 1, 2015 and every permit holder must file for a new permit. If Council

had any objections on any permit being issued they could request a hearing. Council stated that they had no objections.

Dee McIntosh presented a letter of resignation resigning her position on Village Council as of April 15, 2015.

Bill McCormick made a motion to accept Dee McIntosh's resignation seconded by Dustin Plikerd. The Solicitor stated that no roll call vote was necessary. The Mayor thank Dee for her service to the Village. Council requested that a notice of the council vacancy be put in the newspaper and that anyone interested should send a letter of interest and attend the next council meeting.

Resident Denise Stidam expressed interest in a farmer's market for the Village. Dustin Plikerd stated that Council was in favor of a farmer's market if someone wanted to set one up and that they would be willing to block off a street if necessary. The Mayor stated that when we had a farmer's market before that it brought business to town and the resident's enjoyed being able to buy and sell fresh produce in Belle Center.

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Lowery all members voting yes 6-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer



Date 5.12.15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo



Date 5-12-15

May 12, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dustin Plikerd, Bill McCormick Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, and Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, absent: Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 14, 2015 as presented Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voted yes, motion passes 5-0.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voted yes 5-0.

The Mayor informed Council that the Sherriff's Department has invited all Village Officials to attend a meeting on June 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Sherriff's Department to help meet their grant requirements for the grant for the deputy assigned to our area of the County.

Bill McCormick made a motion to appoint Rick Bednarki to fulfill the unexpired term of Council Member Dee McIntosh seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All members present voted yes 5-0.

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer administered the Oath of Office to Rick Bednarki. Mr. Bednarki took his seat on Council.

The Village celebrated Arbor Day May 4, 2015 and the ten year recipient award for the Village with some of the original members and other residents in attendance with the planting of a Yellow Wood Tree at the Murray Griffin Park.

The Mayor stated that the painting of the streets was done well and looks nice. The Mayor was informed that parking lines were painted in front of two residents Mail Boxes. The Russell's Point Post Office stated that if the spaces are occupied in front of the mail boxes at the time of delivery the carriers are not required to dismount the vehicle and leave the mail. They suggested yellow no parking line be painted at those two locations. Several Council Members stated to have the residents move their mail boxes to a different location. The Russell's Point Post Master said that there was no other location to move the mail boxes. The Solicitor stated that Council has the authority to control and regulate the streets and to take action.

Bill McCormick gave the Administrator's report. Work is to begin soon on the repaving project for Walnut Street and the replacing of the storm sewers Drains on Walnut Street if we are awarded a CDBG grant. It was discussed that one of the Storm Sewer Drains will need to be replaced even if we are not awarded the CDBG Grant. Clean up is in progress this week.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo informed Council that we have received two offers to lease a new copier One from Perry Corporation and one from Comdoc.com. The new lease would provide the Village with a new and better copier at a lower price than we are currently paying. The Fiscal Officer recommended that Council accept the quote from Perry Corporation since the two quotes were practically identical and we have been happy with the service that we have received from Perry. Dustin Plikerd made a motion to accept the quote from Perry Corporation for a new copier lease seconded by Bill McCormick. All Members present voted yes 6-0.

The bill to paint the Streets totaled \$1,295

The Fiscal Officer requested that Village Council to make supplemental increase to Appropriations for 2015 in the Permissive Tax Fund 2901.

Account 2901-660-430-0002 Repairs and Maintenance (Repair Street) \$4,000
To pay for painting of lines on Village Streets.

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance increasing appropriations on the first and only reading seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-04 to increase appropriations by \$4,000 as presented seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

The Fiscal Officer requested that Village Council approve a transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund.

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund on the first and only reading seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-05 to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members voting yes the motion passed 6-0.

The Solicitor presented updates in 2015-06 ordinance on policies for the Utility Deposits Changing the deposit amount from \$100 to \$150 to cover two months of minimum service cost, and requiring the deposit to be kept as long as the customer has utility services within the Village at that address or any other address in the Village Corporation. Any account delinquent for 60 days or more is subject to disconnection at any time. The reconnect fee is currently \$25 during normal working hours \$50 any other time. The Mayor stated that shut offs records needed to be kept by both the Water Superintendent and the Fiscal Officer. If the Village applies your deposit to your delinquent account the customer would be required to make their account current plus pay a new utility deposit fee to have service reinstated. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass this new utility Deposit Refund and increased utility deposit amount Ordinance 2015-06 for the first of three readings seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All members present voting yes motion passed 6-0.

Village resident Roger Leugers Addressed Council with his concerns of the water tower project. He questioned if the Village would be able to get a 0% interest loan and if the money people had paid for

the water capital improvement would be repaid to the utility customers if the voters do not approve financing for the water tower project. Council informed Mr. Leugers that the money being paid for the Water Capital Improvement Fund could be used for other capital improvements for the Water Department or replacement of the Tower in the future. The Mayor Stated that the Village had already spent \$20,000 this year on improvements to the Water operation. Council also informed Mr. Leugers that they do not know if the Village will still be offered a 0% interest loan for the water tower project. Mr. Leugers also questioned why he is being charged a penalty for not making quarterly payments on his income taxes and choosing to pay the entire amount before April 15th of the following year. Council responded that it is not unusual for a City or Village to apply a penalty if a certain amount is owed at the end of the year or the amount being withheld is not sufficient to pay the total owed. Mr. Fansler stated that the Village Council approves the Village Income Tax regulations and they can choose whether or not to require sufficient payments before year end. The Current ordinance requires quarterly payments. Bill McCormick stated that all Cities and Villages will be required to pass a new income tax ordinance due to changes made by the State Legislature in House Bill 5. Mr. Leugers questioned the letter stating that the proposed site for the new water tower is in the Murray Griffin Park. The Mayor responded that the letter sent to Village residents was only meant to inform residents of the proposed location to give opportunity to the residents to state their opinion, approval, or opposition to the proposed site in time for changes to be made.

Bill McCormick presented 3 estimates of projected additional cost to be incurred by Belle Center residents if the Village is unable to obtain a Zero percent loan for construction of the water tower. Based on a \$1,000,000 loan for twenty years with semi-annual payments for a 1%, 1.5%, & 2.0% interest rates. A 1% loan would be an additional \$105,549 over the twenty year loan, 1.5% would be an additional \$160,578, 2% would be an additional \$217,079. The Mayor questions how you can bring this forward when we do not know how much we will be borrowing. The Mayor stated if the project goes over the cost of 1 million dollars the Village might have to pay current interest rates on the amount over the 1 million dollars. The Mayor stated that the Village could decrease the amount of the loan needed for the water project if some of the preliminary work is done ahead of time and the cost not included in the total loan amount.

Bill McCormick requested that the fiscal officer request from RITA an estimated additional revenue the Village would receive if the tax credit for paying income taxes to another Village or City was eliminated. Rita provided these estimates if the credit were reduced to 50% credit the Village would receive \$34,000 in additional revenue, if the credit were eliminated completely the Village would receive \$58,000 in additional revenue when the full impact was phased in.

Dione Campbell made a motion to donate \$250 to Summer Recreation for improvements to the concession stand seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All members present voting yes 6-0.

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bill McCormick all members voting yes 6-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Date 6-9-15
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo Chris Dinovo Date 6-9-15

June 9, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Dustin Plikerd, Bill McCormick, Rick Bednarki Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2015 as presented Seconded by John Lowery. All Members present voted yes, motion passes 6-0.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Bill McCormick. All Members present voted yes 6-0.

The second reading of ordinance 2015-06 on policies for the Utility Deposits Changing the deposit amount from \$100 to \$150 to cover two months of minimum service cost, and requiring the deposit to be kept as long as the customer has utility services within the Village at that address or any other address in the Village Corporation. Any account delinquent for 60 days or more is subject to disconnection at any time. The reconnect fee is currently \$25 during normal working hours \$50 any other time. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass this new utility Deposit Refund and increased utility deposit amount Ordinance 2015-06 for the second of three readings seconded by John Lowery. All members present voting yes motion passed 6-0.

The Solicitor presented the amended trash ordinance with a new provision for non- resident business Owners and resident business owners with the option to opt out of a double charge for business and home and pick up must be at one location and the bag limit does not double. The Charge will not change unless the ordinance is approved for the third and final reading. This does not allow residents to opt out of trash service. Council stated that if the trash portion of the bill was not paid utility services could be discontinued. Dustin Plikerd made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-07 on the first reading creating a comprehensive mandatory trash system for the Village of Belle Center amendment with the provisions stated above seconded by Bill McCormick. All members voting yes passed 6-0.

Council Member Rick Bednarki requested an update on delinquent accounts at the next meeting.

The Mayor made a verbatim statement concerning the 0% loan that has been stated for the water tower project and read an e-mail from Mary Mariani of the EPA project coordinator for the financial assistance for the WSRLA loan for the water tower construction. Mary Mariani's e-mail stated that the Village would not qualify and has never qualified for the 0% interest loan and the 40% forgiveness program but would have to pay the current interest rate for the construction loan. The Mayor's statement is included below and the e-mail and fact sheets that the Mayor distributed are included.

VERBATIM STATEMENT

June 9, 2015

By Mayor Rhonda Fulmer

I would like to bring the truth out to the council and the residents of Belle Center.

Last month, a resident, Roger Leugers questioned Council on if the Village had a 0% WSRLA loan for the New Water Tower With the construction delay for the Referendum Petition to be decided by the November 2015 election, and how long the 0% would be offered.

Bill McCormick Council President Pro Temp, stated in response that it is not official for the 0% loan and going forward with the Water Tower currently, but that was the plan for the Village of Belle Center and presented verbatim notes for 1%, 1.5% and a 2% projected interest rate projections, that the Village would have to pay additionally if the 0% was not attained for the loan for the water tower project.

After the meeting, I called Mary Mariani, Project Coordinator with the E.P.A. WSRLA loan for Financial Assistance to answer these concerns. Mary Mariani stated on the phone to me and by email in writing (presented tonight) according to the size of the service area and the affordability needs of the resident users of Belle Center Water System the Village Only qualifies for a Small Systems Category interest Rate for the WSRLA loan through the EPA.

As Highlighted, only TIER 1 CATEGORY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES would receive a 0% loan and also 40% principal forgiveness. (That does not have to be repaid).

The Small System interest rate Belle Center qualifies for is currently 1.49%. The rate is subject to change monthly but is locked in at the time the loan is awarded.

She continued to state that what have **NEVER CHANGED** IN Belle Center's case are the **INTEREST RATE CATEGORY**, which is and **REMAINS SMALL SYSTEMS**. The EPA loans program year goes from July 1 to July 1. Although Belle Center officials, Mr. Houchin and Poggemeyer Engineers did nominate the water tower project for the 2016 program year the **QUALIFICATION FACTORS DID NOT CHANGE SO THE INTEREST RATE CATEGORY REMAINED SMALL SYSTEMS** .(the same as it was the 2015 loan.)

At **NO TIME** HAS Belle Center **QUALIFIED FOR THE 0% INTEREST LOAN THROUGH WITH THE EPA FOR THE WATER TOWER PROJECT**, and **will not in the future unless a grant is obtained**. An Income Survey can qualify Belle Center, or Belle Center becomes a Tier 1 Disadvantaged community in the future, if problems occur or **factors change**.

I am not sure if the officials have never done the **RESEARCH** to know that a 0% interest rate was **NEVER** confirmed by the EPA before any other decisions were made!

I ask that the residents of Belle Center be informed by a verbatim statement by council to get to the truth and the real facts of the INTEREST RATE for the loan.

The current interest rate is 1.59% and changes monthly. An application fee and a capitalized interest fee would be added to each payment and projected borrowing of \$246,000 would be added to the 1 Million dollar over the 20 year loan. Gerald Houchin stated that Larry Baxa of Rural Community Assistance Program informed the Village that they would receive a 0% interest loan for the water tower project. Council member Rick Bednarki stated that council needs to confirm Mary Mariani's information on the interest rates. Mr. Houchin stated that it does not matter what the interest amount is until it is voted on in November and the Mayor read from November 2014 council minutes where council asked to emphasize that the water tower interest rate would be zero as the main reason to go forward with the project. The Mayor did not want the residents to think that the petition delay on the November ballot was going to cause the village to pay more interest for the project. The 0% interest had never been guaranteed by the EPA.

Village resident Sarah Carnes asked with the few people living in town how will the village get the money to pay the loan and interest showed concerns on the 80 year old water lines. Dione Campbell stated that the water lines are constantly being worked on during water line breaks. Sarah also asked about the lead and hemp water connections. Gerald Houchin and Mr. Plikerd responded by stating that we have a pressurized water system and that does not enter the water. The Mayor brought up the major corrosion noted by Allied Technical Services in the internal plumbing when the inspection was done at the water plant of the clear wells. Gerald Houchin responded that when you have a pipe that sucks water out of the clear well it will grab corrosion. The Mayor asked about the pipe next to the Village building that was removed from the water lines that was highly corroded. Gerald Houchin stated that was from a line that needs replaced from the fire hydrant from the city barn to the Daniel's residence. Rick Bednarki stated that he would like to see a list of the problem areas with the water lines to help determine what needs to be replaced. Mr. Baxa suggested a long range plan for all of our major infrastructure be drawn up to prioritize projects within a capital improvement plan. Mr. Houchin stated that before the November election the Village would have a public meeting with Keith Nelson (Engineering Firm) Poggemeyer, The EPA including Mary Mariani, and RCAP to answer question that the village residents may have. The Mayor requested that the meeting include someone who would not directly benefit from the Water Tower being built. Cindy Longbrake requested if an estimate of the increase in water rates could be determined to be able to cover a \$62,000 payment per year based upon the current interest rate. Chris Dinovo stated that the only expenditures made from the Water Capital Improvement fund have been for engineering costs associated with the water tower project.

Sarah Carnes asked how much does it cost to keep the Sewer grinders pumps running. Chris Dinovo responded that Council had transferred \$25,000 from the general fund to the sewer fund last month for grinder repairs.

Village Resident Kathy Kerns stated that she had read in a letter that the Logan County Solid waste District had paid the Village \$500 a year for monitoring fees for the recycling center and that the payment was now going to a village resident. She asked instead of one resident receiving the money if

that money could be used to help pay Village expenses. Bill McCormick responded that he monitors the bins at the recycling center and that is what they pay the monitors. The Mayor stated that Bill McCormick monitored the bins for the village when he was fiscal officer for the village and the \$500 a year went to the Village and now Mr. McCormick receives the payment as an independent monitor.

Kathy Kerns Stated that her mail box is being blocked by parked cars several days a month and parking lines have been repainted for parking in front of both her and her neighbor's mail boxes. She requested that signs be erected for no parking in those three spaces during mail delivery times. Gereld Houchin stated that an ordinance for no parking in the affected areas from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM be drawn up by the solicitor and approved by council so it can be enforced.

Bill McCormick stated that the Village has an ordinance prohibiting heavy trucks from traveling down Charles St... The Sheriff's department needs to know when these trucks are traveling down Charles St in order for the ordinance to be enforced.

Cindy Longbrake requested that the Storm drains on Maple Street be cleaned because of flooding problems. Gerald Houchin stated that some of the storm drains are caved in and not deep enough and that grass clippings are getting into the storm drains. The Village has an ordinance prohibiting grass clippings in the street and subject to a fine.

Concerns were stated by a Village resident about the proposed location of the new water tower due to the fact that the park was dedicated to officer Murray Griffin. Dustin Plikerd stated that the location was chosen to satisfy the baseball and soccer participants and to economically hook up to the water plant.

The Mayor asked Council if they were interested in extra patrolling by the Sherriff's Department for the summer months. Council took no action. The Mayor also asked Council if they wanted to endorse the Community Action Agency that represents Logan County but is headquartered outside the county but is responsible for the needs of the county to support and administer our funds. Council took no action.

Administrator's Report the resurfacing project for Keller Ave and Walnut Street would begin in mid-July and be finished in September for a total of \$32,136 and the Village is responsible for 20% of the cost. Gerald Houchin discussed a property that had been foreclosed by the bank that had not been mowed and was becoming a problem. The Village solicitor said that he would look into what posting requirements are necessary.

Fiscal Officer Report

The Fiscal Officer stated that he was going to put a list of Village contact information in the utility bills sent out at the end of June and requested which village officials wished to be included.

The Fiscal Officer requested appropriation increases in the following funds:

Appropriation Increases

General Fund 1000-730-313-0000 Natural Gas \$1,300

Total General Fund \$1,300

Water Operating Fund

Water Fund 5101-539-313-0000 Natural Gas \$ 1,000

Water Fund 5101-539-420-0004 Operating Supplies and Materials (New Meters) \$ 900

Water Fund 5101-539-432-0000 Repairs and Maintenance of Machinery & Equip \$10,000

Total Water Operating Fund \$11,900

Sewer Operating Fund

Sewer Fund 5201-549-432-0000 Repairs and Maintenance of Machinery & Equip \$25,000

Total Sewer Operating Fund \$25,000

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules to approve the appropriation increases for water Sewer and the General Fund on the first and only reading seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members voting yes 6-0

Dustin Plikerd made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2015-08 Increasing appropriations in the Water, Sewer, and General Fund on the first and only reading seconded by Bill McCormick. All members voting yes passed 6-0.

Fiscal Officer Stated to Council that the Village had been offered group rates for our Workers Comp by Comp Management and that it would save the Village over \$1,000 a year and the Village had made a payment of \$110 to accept the offer as opposed to the village staying with the current provider who could not offer a group rate. Council was in agreement with the change in providers. The Mayor thanked Mr. Dinovo for his efforts to save the Village money.

Bill McCormick reported that the yearly RITA Conference would be held in Worthington on June 18th and he would be attending as the representative and Dione Campbell and Chris Dinovo would also be attending to receive information on any changes for next year. The only expense would be more mileage.

Janet Daniels (chair of the Tree Commission) reported that the Village had a Tree Commission meeting and an Arbor Day celebration in which she presented Gerald Houchin with a ten year plaque award, a ten year flag and two signs awarded to the Village at the Tree City Banquet. Two problem Trees were discussed.

The Solicitor stated that he had reprinted all of the Ordinances and resolutions for 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Doug Mitchell from the Logan County Sherriff's Department checked in for any Village concerns.

Next Meeting Tuesday July 14, 2015

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dustin Plikerd all members voting yes 6-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Minutes approved by

• Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Date 7.14.15
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo Chris Dinovo Date 7-14-15

July 14, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Rick Bednarki Present. Dustin Plikerd Absent

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

John Lowery made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2015 as presented Seconded by Dione Campbell. Rick Bednarki no, Garnet Roebuck yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery yes. Motion passes 4-1.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Rick Bednarki. . Rick Bednarki yes, Garnet Roebuck yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery no. Motion passes 4-1.

The Third reading of ordinance 2015-06 on policies for the Utility Deposits Changing the deposit amount from \$100 to \$150 to cover two months of minimum service cost, and requiring the deposit to be kept as long as the customer has utility services within the Village at that address or any other address in the Village Corporation. Any account delinquent for 60 days or more is subject to disconnection at any time. The reconnect fee is currently \$25 during normal working hours \$50 any other time. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass this new utility Deposit Refund and increased utility deposit amount Ordinance 2015-06 for the third of three readings seconded by Dione Campbell. All members present voting yes motion passed 5-0.

The Second reading of ordinance 2015-07 amended trash ordinance with a new provision for non-resident business. Owners and resident business owners with the option to opt out of a double charge for business and home and pick up must be at one location and the bag limit does not double. The Charge will not change unless the ordinance is approved for the third and final reading. This does not allow residents to opt out of trash service. Council stated that if the trash portion of the bill was not paid utility services could be discontinued. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-07 on the second reading creating a comprehensive mandatory trash system for the Village of Belle Center amendment with the provisions stated above seconded by Dione Campbell. All members voting yes passed 5-0.

The Solicitor Steve Fansler presented an ordinance to prohibit parking in violation of any traffic control signs or devices throughout the Village of Belle Center ordinance 2015-09. The Ohio Revised code gives the Village authority to regulate streets and alleys with traffic signs. The first violation would be a misdemeanor and the second offense would be a fourth degree misdemeanor fine by law enforcement. Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2015-09 on the first and only reading seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members present voting yes passed 5-0

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve ordinance 2015-09 on the first and only reading seconded by Dione Campbell. All members present voting yes passed 5-0. Village Administrator Gerald Houchin stated that a sign will be posted prohibiting parking during postal delivery hours in front of the mail boxes affected.

Craig Mescher from Access Engineering Solutions addressed council and stated his firm works with small communities to assist in getting funding and assist small communities in developing a long term plan for the community infrastructure. Open ditch draining was discussed and Mr. Mescher gave references of other communities that his firm has worked with. The Solicitor asked what would his firm charge for obtaining grants. Mr. Mescher responded that they do not charge to obtain funding only for their engineering services for the project. Mr. Mescher encouraged the Village to complete an income survey to qualify for funding. He was informed that the village had made an unsuccessful attempt to complete an income survey in 2014.

The Mayor stated that the Village had two council positions and the mayor's position on the ballot this fall and that the deadline to file petitions to run for any of these positions is August 5, 2015 and required 10 valid signatures and a \$30 filing fee to the Logan County Board of Elections.

Ryan Moran addressed council and stated that he had purchased the Belle Center Hardware and would like the Village to work with him on an easement to allow steps on the back of his building for a loading dock. Mr. Houchin stated that the Village would assist him through zoning and to submit a drawing. Mr. Moran is currently using the building for storage but has plans to move his business there and to eventually open a retail location there.

The Mayor thanked the following for all of their assistance with the flooding and storm damage: The EMA (Emergency Management Association), Helen Norris director of the Logan County EMA, the Red Cross for the cleanup kits, Solid waste District and all of the volunteers for removing debris, the Southern Baptist corps who helped with cleanup, Bill McCormick for assisting, the volunteers of the Village, the effort put forth by the Village Employees: John Linson, Frank Harrod, Darren Savage, Matt Ebright, and Gerald Houchin. A preliminary assessment of \$54,656 for the storm and flooding damage was submitted to Helen Norris to try and qualify for reimbursement funds from the state.

Carol Fry of 311 Charles St. informed the Village that a tree on her property had fallen on the cable lines and requested that the Village remove the tree. The Village Solicitor stated that there was not any easement for utilities of the Village and that removal of the tree was the property owner's responsibility.

Gerald Houchin Stated that the Logan County Commissioners and Chris Clark of Logan County Water Pollution control had offered the Village 170 used grinder pumps for use and for parts. The Village would have to house the grinders and agree to aggressively work to correct the Inflow and infiltration problem.

Mr. Houchin stated that the County is going to purchase 100 new grinders and asked the Village if they wished to purchase any at their discounted rate. Bill McCormick made a motion to authorize Village Administrator Gerald Houchin to spend up to \$10,000 on new grinders plus up to \$500 more to reach the amount required for next whole grinder seconded Garnet Roebuck. All members voting yes passed 5-0.

Mr. Houchin Requested that Council allow John Linson to work overtime some evenings to complete the home inspections of sump pumps. The Mayor requested that John have appointments set up ahead of time to minimize the amount of overtime needed. Council Member Bill McCormick requested that the Village employees adjust their schedules to accommodate the evening inspections.

The Mayor reported that the Village could not specify that Deputy Mitchell be assigned to Belle Center for the extra patrolling and that a contract had been sent for extra patrolling. Council decided to wait and contribute funds for grant services.

There was discussion on flooding issues of residents on Center Street. Bill McCormick stated that the Village needed to consider what the engineer Craig Mescher of Access Engineering Solutions had discussed earlier concerning the Village's drainage problem. No action was taken by Council.

The Mayor requested that the solicitor research a sink hole problem at 403 & 410 East Buckeye on the private property of Teresa Johnson and Linda Blossard. Mr. Houchin stated that the problem was a sewage tile that goes underneath her property but does not drain her property. Mr. Houchin also stated that Jack Leonard's business is filling up with water and other properties at that location are having a little water problem that they don't usually have. Mr. Houchin Stated that Theresa Johnson should not have to pay for the work needed when it does not do anything to help her property. The mayor discussed how the Village did not pay for her repairs when the Village tile caused damage to her property before the sewer system had been installed. Bill McCormick stated that the Johnson property does not benefit from the tile. The solicitor stated that if it is found to be the Village tile it is the village's responsibility to repair the system and the Village has an easement that they paid for on the property. The Mayor stated that under ORC 729.06 sewer and water connections work may need to be done and after giving property owners the opportunity to have the work done at their own expense the Village may have the work done and levy a special assessment for the cost. The mayor stated a reference to the I & I violation problems, if a resident property owner impedes the Village utilities the Village has the authority to take care of the problem , and costs go back on the property owner The Mayor was concerned about performing work on private property when we have flooding issues all over town. The Village solicitor stated that the Village has no obligation to go on private property and fix a flooding issue for a private citizen but if the flooding comes from the ground up because the tile is broken that has nothing to do with the private property owner and if your system is in default the Village should fix it. The Village administrator asked council to pass the motion so that he could fix it. Bill McCormick made a motion for repair at the sink hole location seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members present voting yes passes 5-0.

Mr. Houchin asked Council if the Village could pay the deductible for a resident where a tree in the Boulevard had fallen on her porch roof. The Village solicitor and Council agreed that it would not be lawful for the village to assist her.

There was a discussion on cutting grass on foreclosed properties.

The Solicitor agreed to write a letter for delinquent utilities to be put on the home owner's property taxes. The Solicitor stated that he would bring the ordinance to the August meeting and e-mail the clerk the letter to be mailed in the August utility bills.

The Mayor presented information on the interest rates of 1.5 and 2% from project coordinator Mary Mariani of the EPA for the total project cost estimated for the water tower. The Estimated project costs


for these percentages would add \$246,000 and \$299,000 respectively to the Million dollar project. Mr. Baxa of RCAP had submitted needed rate increases without a capitalized fee or application fee for another \$3 or \$4. Bill McCormick stated based upon Mary Mariani's projections that if the fees were not paid up front by the Village plus the contingency fee of \$50,000 his increase in the bills would be around \$7 a month per resident if we go forward with the water tower loan for construction.

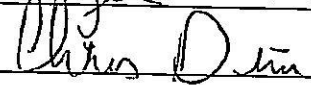
Bill McCormick stated that he would like to go on record in response to Mary Mariani stating the 0% loan was never guaranteed that three people from the EPA at the October public Council meeting were present when Jeff Reynolds of the EPA stated the Village would receive a 0% interest loan. Council used that statement as the basis that the Village would receive a 0% interest loan. The Mayor asked to include what she had stated to council member Dustin Plikerd last month when she read the meeting minutes from that date it states. "They would need the financial information of the Village, and a resolution agreement of who would sign off on documents a rates resolution and a loan agreement draft before a loan agreement from the Water Development Authority (OWDA) could be obtained." "there are no 100% guarantees until the CAP requirements are completed and he said that it depended on the Council's comfort level for obtaining the engineer's contract." The Mayor stated that the 0% quoted was before the EPA had received any financial information from the Village and the loan had not been guaranteed. A 0% interest loan is being offered for the planning and design part of the project for engineering but would need to be paid off in five years and Council stated they did not choose to put a financial burden on the Village and wanted to roll that into the construction loan at the October 14, 2014 council meeting.

Next Meeting Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Lowery all members present voting yes 5-0.

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer  Date 8-11-15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo  Date 8-11-15

August 11, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Rick Bednarki Dustin Plikerd Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on July 14, 2015 as presented Seconded by Rick Bednarki. Rick Bednarki yes, Garnet Roebuck yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery yes Dustin Plikerd abstain. Motion passes 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dione Campbell. All members voting yes. Motion passes 6-0.

The Mayor announced that there will be a Public Meeting on Saturday October 17 at 7:30 PM at the memorial building (Township Hall) in Belle Center to discuss the proposed new water tower loan and for the referendum placed on the ballot. Information will be presented and questions and comments will be taken from the audience.

Street paving update from Village Administrator Gerald Houchin stated Walnut street and Keller Avenue will be repaved on August 28 and 29.

The Mayor gave an update on the insurance coverage for the flooding and storm damage from June. Stolly's Paid \$13,000 of \$13,250 owed to Hull's Tree Service the village did not receive any compensation for the Sewer Grinders damaged by the flood.

Mrs. Longbrake asked if the holes from the removed stumps were going to be filled? Mr. Houchin said that the Village employees would fill the holes, level them off, and plant grass. Mr. Houchin stated that the Village truck damaged in the storm is at R&R for repair. Mrs. Longbrake requested that the drains on Maple be cleaned up. Mr. Houchin stated that he had met with an engineer to develop a plan and to explore programs for funding to improve the drainage problem on Charles Street and other areas in town. Mr. Houchin stated that the Village did not receive the CDBG grant to replace the storm drains on Walnut Street. Mr. Houchin stated that cleaning the drains would not help with the problem due to small tile and no outlet to the river. Beth Karshner of 108 S. Elizabeth Street requested that a Tree in the Boulevard be removed she stated that she has been told by two tree services that the tree is rotted and has a gas line coming up through the stump. Mr. Houchin expressed concern if there was enough left in the budget to take care of the tree. Mr. Bednarki and Mr. McCormick stated that if the tree presents a safety issue it needs to be taken care of. The Mayor stated that Lisa Bowers of the National Forestry stated last year that this tree needed to be removed. The Mayor stated that she would bring estimates to council next month.

Mr. Fansler presented the Third reading of ordinance 2015-07 amended trash ordinance with a new provision for non- resident business. Owners and resident business owners with the option to opt out of a double charge for business and home and pick up must be at one location and the bag limit does not double. This does not allow residents to opt out of trash service. Council stated that if the trash portion of the bill was not paid utility services could be discontinued. The first reading of this ordinance was June 8 the second reading was July 14 and the third reading August 11. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-07 on the third and final reading creating a comprehensive mandatory trash system for the Village of Belle Center amendment with the provisions stated above seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All members voting yes passed 6-0. The Mayor signed the ordinance and said that she would distribute copies of the ordinance.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo stated that the Village Audit had already started and that the State was going to perform an agreed upon procedures audit. This audit is cheaper than a regular audit.

RITA requested that legal counsel participate in a webinar the Week of August 17th to provide information on the required Income tax Ordinance that the Village needs to approve before the end of the year. The solicitor stated that he would participate in the Webinar and that changes have been made to allow Businesses to carry operating losses forward on their municipal income taxes and if the Village wanted to allow the offset paid to other municipalities that live in Belle Center and pay Income taxes to another community where they work. RITA has provided a sample ordinance of 51 pages to work from. The Mayor stated that when this was discussed at the county Mayor's Association meeting that all of the local communities that are working with RITA are pleased with the service they provide. Bill McCormick stated that at the annual update meeting RITA held in June that a Board Member from the Columbus area had been elected marking the first time that a Board Member who was south of route 30 had been elected.

The Solicitor stated that he had e-mailed the letter that was placed in all of the August utility bills on the procedures the Village could take to have delinquent Utility Bills put on the property taxes. The Solicitor stated that council should take action to pass a resolution to certify this placement of delinquent accounts to the County Auditor by September 14th. There were questions to the solicitor about uncollectable utility accounts, what measures could be taken to collect old outstanding utility accounts and how long we should carry these accounts. It was stated that the Village has an ordinance to collect delinquent utilities of renters from the land owner. The Solicitor stated uncollectable accounts on the utility software is not a final determination. It is not forgiveness of the debt because it is owed and can be collected. The Solicitor stated that balances on closed accounts could be certified to the County Auditor before the property was sold. The Solicitor stated that the Village could pass an ordinance requiring accounts be paid in full before the utilities could be turn on for another customer. The Solicitor stated that when a utility customer files for bankruptcy that all amount owed up until their filing date is forgiven but any charges incurred after the filing date are still owed to the Village. Bill McCormick stated that the delinquent trash amounts could not be put on the taxes this year but could be in following years. The Village could also try to collect delinquent utility accounts in small claims court. Bill McCormick made a motion to pass a resolution 2015-02 to put any utilities (not including trash) that are two or more months delinquent on the owner's property taxes seconded by Dione Campbell. All members voting yes. Approved 6-0.

The Village administrator stated that we did not purchase any new grinders at the discounted price through the Logan County Water Pollution Control. Mr. Clark recommended that the Village purchase new parts for repair of the grinders donated to the Village by the County instead. Bill McCormick stated

that the appropriations in the sewer fund will need to be reallocated from capital expenditures to repair and maintenance. The Village Administrator reported that the County would donate the used grinders that they are replacing and forgive the \$1800 charge for parts received in return that the Village would submit a letter stating that they would aggressively correct the inflow and infiltration violations ground water violations. Mr. Houchin requested that the Mayor sign this letter to the Commissioners. The Mayor stated that she would only sign if she were in charge of the project, because little progress had been made during the last three years and she did not feel that the administrator had worked with her on the project. The Administrator stated that we could not have two bosses and that he had spoken with the Commissioner's and that they agreed to accept the administrator Houchin and President pro tem of council Bill McCormick if council would approve a motion for permission for the two to sign the letter.

Rick Bednarki reminded residents that they have two weeks to correct I & I violations after notification or Utility service can be shut off for non-compliance according to the Village ordinance. Bill McCormick stated that he would sign the letter if a progress report documenting monthly progress was submitted to council each month by Mr. Houchin. It was agreed by Council that Frank Harrod and Daren Savage assist John Linson in performing the inspections and flex hours to prevent overtime pay. Mr. Houchin stated he had submitted a plan to raise some sewer grinders and do additional work required by December 31, 2015. Dustin Plikerd made a motion to have the administrator and Council President pro tem sign the letter with the Logan County Water Pollution Control to accept the offer for parts and grinders and in return the Village would aggressively work to correct the I & I violations seconded by Garnet Roebuck. All members voting yes motion passed 6-0.

Village Administrator Gerald Houchin stated that the Village had fixed 10 feet of tile and the sinkhole at Teresa Johnson's and a hole in the top of the drain across the street. The Administrator stated that there is tile under ST Rt 273 that needs replaced and under a shed at the sinkhole across the Street that needs replaced. Mr. Houchin stated that there are more tiles broken down underneath 273 at that location and he was going to request a man from Kenton to drive a tile under the road because he could not tear up the road to fix it. The cost of the project as of now is just over \$2,000.

The Solicitor stated that Family Dollar was not interested in pursuing a Belle Center location at this time.

Trick or Treat has been set for the County for Thursday October 29th from 6 to 7:30 PM.

Fiscal Officer Report

The Fiscal officer requested that council reallocate \$11,200 from the Capital Outlay account in the Sewer Fund 5201-800-500-0000 to the Repair and Maintenance of Machinery & Equipment account in the sewer fund 5201-800-500-0000 for the purchase of grinder parts instead of grinders. Bill McCormick made a motion to reallocate appropriations in the sewer fund seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members voting yes motion passes 6-0. Mr. Houchin stated that we had already received a request from the County to pick up and house 39 of the grinders from the County. Rick Bednarki suggested putting sheeting on the floor and housing the grinders at the depot.

Rick Bednarki asked how many part time employees the village had. Mr. Houchin stated that we have one regular employee who helps on the trash route and one driver that fills in when Frank is off. Rick Bednarki made a motion to increase part time wages from \$8.50 an hour to \$9.00 an hour and part time

driver pay from \$9.50 to \$10.00 an hour if they have a CDL and drive the Trash truck. Effective August 16, 2015 seconded by Bill McCormick. All members voting yes. Motion passes 6-0.

Rick Bednarki stated that he had received a survey from Bill McCormick on Mayor's Salaries from all Villages in Logan County. Bill McCormick made a motion to raise the Mayor's salary beginning January 1, 2016 from \$3,000 a year to \$3,600 a year seconded by Dustin Plikerd. It was stated that the Mayor and Council wages are paid out of the General Fund. Discussion followed The Mayor requested council use caution when giving raises and increasing costs to the budget and stated that we have increased the appropriations over \$85,000 since January 1, 2015. Mrs. Longbrake questioned why whoever is running for mayor was not made aware of the raise before the petitions to run for mayor deadline had passed. Bill McCormick said it would have been nice for all prospective candidates to know what the position was going to pay. Mrs. Longbrake asked who is running for Mayor. Bill McCormick stated that Teresa Johnson was the only candidate for Mayor and John Lowery and Rick Bednarki are the only two candidates for the two open council seats. Rick Bednarki stated that there was still time in August for a write in candidate to file to run. Mrs. Longbrake asked if Teresa Johnson had requested the raise. Bill McCormick and Rick Bednarki said she had not. Mrs. Longbrake stated that she had nothing against Teresa and did not know her but all of a sudden Teresa Johnson's drains have been fixed on private property and now you are giving her a raise? "How much back scratching is going to go on here before I get my drains fixed." Bill McCormick stated that the work that was done on Teresa Johnson's property did not benefit her and Gerald Houchin stated that it was city tile that was repaired. All members voted yes to increase the Mayor's Salary. Motion passes 6-0. Bill McCormick stated that Rick Bednarki had requested the survey of mayor's salaries several months ago before he knew who was running for office. Rick Bednarki responded to the appearance of the increase of the Mayor's salary by stating that the Mayor's salary is currently at the bottom tier of the County. Bill McCormick stated that the Mayor's salary had not been increased for several years.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Lowery all members present voting yes 6-0.

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer

Date

9-8-15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo

Chris Dinovo

Date

9-8-15

September 8, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Dustin Plikerd Present. Rick Bednarki Absent

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler came at 7:30, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin left meeting at 8:00 PM.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on August 11, 2015 as corrected Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. Garnet Roebuck No, Bill McCormick yes, Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery yes Dustin Plikerd Yes. Motion passes 4-1.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All members voting yes. Motion passes 5-0.

The Mayor presented three estimates to council for tree and stump removal at 108 south Elizabeth. Twisted Oak Tree Service was \$650, Brown's Lawn & Tree Service \$700, and Falling Leaves was \$735. Dustin Plikerd stated that we need a copy of their insurance and bonding if they do work for the village. Dustin Plikerd made a motion to have the tree and stump removed by Twisted Oak Tree Service the motion died for lack of a second. Dustin Plikerd made a motion to have Village administrator Gerald Houchin choose who would remove the tree seconded by Dione Campbell. Motion Passed 5-0. The Mayor requested that at least two estimates be submitted to council for any tree removal.

There was discussion on lead testing for the village water system. Bill McCormick submitted the report for 2014 that was mailed to all residents. Mr. Houchin stated that there were no violations. The Mayor stated that she had received information on the effects of lead and how residents can prevent lead in their drinking water from Mr. Haensel of the EPA. Mr. Houchin Stated you can't have lead in water that is moving and that we have no problem.

The Mayor questioned Administrator Houchin on the statement that he had made at the previous meeting concerning the sink hole at 410 Buckeye. The Mayor said that Mr. Houchin stated that the sink hole did not affect the property but it effected the east end of town under 273 from the Johnson to Newman's to the previous Sullivan house, Browns, McDonalds, Amwig, Skidmore, and Linda Blosserd's across 273. So how did it benefit anyone if it did not affect the Johnson property and the pipe is still collapsed under 273. You stated that a man from Kenton would need to fix and hook in under 273. Dustin Plikerd and Dione Campbell stated that the water is still moving through the tile under the road even though it is collapsed and opened it up a little better.

The Mayor requested advertising for the public meeting to be held on October 17 to answer any concerns and to inform the residents of the proposed project to build a new water tower. She stated that the wording on the ballot could not state anything for or against the referendum and the referendum committee had stated that they were not against the water tower project going forward but questioned the debt for the loan and wanted the residents to be able to vote on an expenditure of that magnitude. The Solicitor stated that the chief purpose of the meeting is for questions and comments from the residents and debate both sides to have informed voters. Bill McCormick stated to change the time of the October 17 meeting to 5:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM and to put a flyer in the October Utility Bills. Cindy Longbreake stated the residents will want know what it will cost them.

The Mayor asked the Solicitor if he had participated in the webinar presented by RITA stating changes that the Village needed to make concerning the Village Income Tax. The Solicitor said that he had participated and that the new ordinance needs to be effective by January 1, 2016 and they want a final copy by the third of November. The main changes are the carryover of operating losses and there would need to be a change in the language to offset the credit. The Solicitor stated that there is an overwhelming trend to pass the Income tax to the legal limit without a submitted vote of the people.

The EPA small community loan for September is 1.74% and changes monthly (Water Tower Project).

Mr. Clark is scheduled to meet with Village officials on Thursday September 24 at 8:30 PM at the Village Hall.

The Fiscal Officer requested that Council approve Appropriation Modifications:

Increase Sewer Fund 5201-543-311-0000 Electricity	\$5,000
Sewer Fund 5201-800-500-0000 Capital Outlay	\$2,000

Decrease Sewer Fund 5201-549-432-0000 Repairs and Maintenance of Machinery	\$7,000
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Bill McCormick made a motion to give the fiscal officer the authority to make these modifications Garnet Roebuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Fiscal Officer requested that council approve the rates and amounts as determined by the Logan County Budget Commission for the year 2016. Bill McCormick made a motion to accept the rates and amounts Dustin Plikerd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Fiscal officer requested that council approve the language for the referendum petition for resolution 2015-01 passed January 13, 2015 for Belle Center applying, accepting, and entering into WRSLA loan agreement for design of the Elevated Water Tank and repayment source on the ballot as provided by the Board of Elections. Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the language provided by the Board of Elections seconded by Garnet Roebuck. Garnet Roebuck Yes, Bill McCormick yes, Dione Campbell yes, John Lowery No Dustin Plikerd Yes. Motion passes 4-1.

The Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo reported that if the health levy does not pass every entity in the county will lose property tax revenue to support the Health Department.

The Mayor had stated that the Village had submitted a list of delinquent Utility Accounts to the Village solicitor to be presented to the County Auditor before the deadline.

Next Meeting of Council is Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the village hall and October 17, 2015 at 5:00 at the memorial building for the town hall meeting on the water tower project.

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Lowery all members present voting yes 5-0.

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Date 11/11/15

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo Chris Dinovo Date 11/11/15

October 13, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Rick Bednarki, Dustin Plikerd Present.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

No Minutes were available to vote on due to the village working on the application for the storm relief funds deadline. The Mayor would like to thank Bill McCormick, Chris Dinovo, Helen Norris of the EMA and all of the Village employees for all of their help with the storm relief application. \$45,843 was turned in for approval the projects if approved they will be reimbursed up to 75% through the state

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All members voting yes. Motion passes 6-0

The resident's of 207 Walnut Street addressed council with a survey requesting a variance from the Village on a 2 foot infringement in the alley. Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the variance for 207 Walnut and requested the solicitor take care of the paper work for the variance seconded by John Lowery. Motion Passed 6-0

The Solicitor presented the new income tax ordinance. Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the first reading of the new Belle Center income tax ordinance #2015-10 for the Village Dustin Plikerd seconded. The Solicitor stated the changes that Losses on stock options will be taxed as the IRS taxes them and operating losses carried forward with a three year phase in period, and would state if we are going to allow credit for income taxes paid to other municipalities. The Mayor stated that RITA had informed the village that eliminating the tax credit would add an approximate additional amount \$58,000 within a couple of years. All members voted yes motion passed 6-0. The Mayor commented that you cannot just keep raising rates to take care of all of the Village infrastructures you can only raise the rates so much and that would be another option for additional revenue for the Village. Dustin Plikerd stated that is a way for the general fund to subsidize funds that should provide for themselves. The Mayor stated that the Income tax ordinance that was passed in 1984 stated that it was made to help maintain the Village infrastructure. Bill McCormick stated that it was for General operating expenses only. Council decided to keep the credit for income taxes paid to another entity.

Craig Mescher of Access Engineering presented information and a map of the Village for a drainage project to alleviate flooding on the east end of town. He stated the Village has 4" and 8" tiles all through the community that are not draining efficiently and recommended running a 36" tile down State Street close to the center of town to pick up tile drainage from streets from both directions. He submitted a package and cost to run the tile through and reconstruct State Street. He requested that the Village try to qualify for \$300,000 in CDBG funds through an income survey. He also requested that the Village apply for a \$500,000 grant through OPWC and apply for a \$420,000 loan through OPWC and a Village match of \$43,000 to obtain the \$1,263,000 Drainage project. If the Village could qualify for the \$800,000 in grants the payment would be \$14,000 a year for 30 years. 2018 is the earliest that construction could happen. He stated that you need 3 to 4 years for a plan and to secure grant funds. They recommend Concrete tiles due to the elevation of our water. The Solicitor asked if this required any up front expenditure for project expenses for grants. Craig Mescher stated that approximated \$200 for tabulating Income

surveys and the Village would pay for the mailings and if the Village qualifies for the funding they would set up a contract and move forward with the design and backtrack to pay for the applications through the design. The Survey would only effect the CDBG funding if we are found to be eligible the OPWC grant has 14 criteria that you are rated on and is based on the median household income and he stated we would get more points due to extra traffic on State Street. Bill McCormick stated that perhaps some of the sale tax money could be used for the village match and that we get approximately \$15,000 a year from the sales tax. Mr. Mescher stated that different sources have different criteria. He also stated that the street would be under construction for 5 to 6 months but would be open to local traffic and open for emergency vehicles, truck traffic may need to be detoured further out of town due to the low base on Charles Street. To qualify for the income survey we would need a minimum of 200 responses from the 372 households. March 1 is the deadline to apply for CDBG funds and OCT 1 for the OPWC. You have three months to complete the income survey and if the village is eligible the survey would be good for 5 years for any CDBG project. The Mayor thanked the Engineer for coming and stated that was a good step in the right direction to plan for our infrastructure and to prioritize and to get things accomplished and to acquire funding and grants.

The Mayor informed the village administrator and council that she had received complaints about the holes on north Center and Charles Street and requested that they be patched. Mr. Houchin stated that there had been a Water main Break repaired at that intersection and he would try to take care of it.

Bill McCormick brought forth a letter from the commissioners regarding commercial and residential inspections for permits and the Logan County Building authority would provide the building inspectors. The Solicitor stated that the Commissioner's had already approved this county wide to provide building inspections and permits at a local level instead of getting a state inspector from Columbus. It was stated that they would uphold standards for proper inspections but the cost of permits would be slightly higher but the response time should be quicker. There was a mid-October deadline for approval but the Village could still participate at a later time. The Solicitor stated that it would not affect our zoning.

Next Meeting Saturday October 17, 2015 at 5:00 at the memorial building for the town hall meeting on the water tower project. The next meeting of Council Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the village hall

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick Bednarki all members present voting yes 6-0.

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Mayor Rhonda Fulmer Date 11/11/15
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo Chris Dinovo Date 11/11/15

November 10, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Dustin Plikerd Present. Rick Bednarki Absent.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of Council on September 8, 2015 as written seconded by Bill McCormick. All members present voting yes motion passed 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of Council on October 13, 2015 as amended seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voting yes motion passed 5-0.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All members present voting yes. Motion passes 5-0

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the second reading of the new Belle Center income tax ordinance #2015-10 for the Village Dustin Plikerd second. The Solicitor read the ordinance and stated if passed the ordinance would become effective January 1, 2016. The solicitor stated that it was an amendment to the present Ordinance and it would only amend occurrences after January 1, 2016 but the village can still go back three years to take care of changes to a return and an indefinite time limit to fraud. The Mayor read the current tax ordinance to clear up a discussion from last month's meeting Ordinance 87-703 passed December 11, 1984 It states an ordinance levying a tax to provide funds for the purposes of construction, acquiring, maintaining and operating capital improvements for general municipal operations. The Mayor asked Council if they wished to change the purposes stated in the income tax ordinance amendment before it was passed. Council agreed to keep the same language and provisions in the ordinance amendment for the future that included the purpose of construction and maintenance of capital projects (Water Tower) instead of just operations like was stated last month in case there is a need in the future. Council spoke against using the income tax to subsidize the Utility Funds. Council the passed the second reading of the income tax ordinance 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to rescind the previous motion on Ordinance 2015-10 seconded by John Lowery motion passed 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance 2015-10 on the second and final reading seconded by John Lowery motion passed 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-10 on the second and final reading on an emergency basis seconded by John Lowery, motion passed 5-0

The Mayor requested that solicitor Fansler finalize the Variance papers for the Village and forward them to the resident (207 Walnut) Office. The Solicitor agreed.

The Mayor stated there was a meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday October 12, 2015 at 8:30 AM with Mr. Clark of the Logan County Pollution control concerning the I & I problems with the sewer system.

The Mayor read a verbatim information statement that will be included at the end of the minutes. The Mayor asked Council if they objected to placing the statement in the utility bills and Council had no comment.

The Mayor presented a document from Stolly's insurance that states that coverage on the water tower the well house and the water plant etc. if anyone wanted to review it.

Regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for the disaster recovery funds the Village had applied for. Laura Adcock stated there is a pending appeal of the Logan County Flood insurance rate maps. Since the Village is currently not participating in the NFIP flood insurance cannot be purchased until the appeal is resolved. However due to the nature of the grinders the NFIP would not insure these items even if the Village was participating. Therefore the insurance purchase requirement is waived.

The Mayor submitted documentation from RITA to help determine if the Village might qualify for an income survey if the Village chooses to go forward with one. The Documentation stated income amounts but did not include names or addresses.

The Mayor Stated if the Village was interested in applying for the Army Corps Grant the Village must have the money for the project secured but apply before construction of the project has started and if approved they could recover between 40 to 70 percent of the cost in a reimbursement grant. Bill McCormick stated that the Village had received \$530,000 from the Army Corp of Engineers for the sewer system.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo stated that he had attended a conference on applying for competitive grants on Friday October 9, 2015 and learned that to have a better chance in securing competitive grants the Village needs to appropriate all available resources and have unanimous Council support for the grants applied for.

There was a discussion about if the money in the CD owned by the Village could be used to help pay for the Water Tower. The CD is part of the fund balances of the Village and the money can only be used for purposes for which the fund is intended for. The only funds that the Village has that could be used for a Water Tower would be the General Fund, the Water Operating Fund, and the Water Capital Improvement Fund.

The Relief Fund Application was completed by Chris Dinovo today Reimbursement of what is approved will probably be between \$25 and \$35 thousand. It was stated that Council did not need a resolution to apply for the relief grant since Logan County had already applied for the grant in the Villages behalf.

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo read a thankyou card received from John Linson for the planter he received from the Village officials and employees on the death of his brother

Gerald Houchin stated that the cost to fix the potholes in the Village was \$3,700 and that the curbs on Walnut Street would be fixed in the spring and that the hole on Walnut Street from the repaving was fixed.

The Fiscal Officer requested that council approve supplemental appropriations in the water fund and the sewer fund as follows: and that Council approve these modifications on an emergency basis

Request Additional Appropriations

Water Fund 5101 Increase Appropriations \$2,500.00

5101-539-211-0000 Ohio Public Retirement System \$2,000

5101-539-349-0000 Other Professional and Technical Services \$ 500
Sewer Fund 5202 Increase Appropriations \$1000.00
5201-539-211-0000 Ohio Public Retirement System \$1,000

Bill McCormick made a motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance 2015-11 on an emergency basis for supplemental appropriations for the water and sewer fund as requested by The Fiscal Officer seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voting yes passed 5-0.

Bill McCormick made a motion to pass ordinance 2015-11 on the first and only reading seconded by Dustin Plikerd. All Members present voting yes motion passes 5-0.

Garnet Roebuck stated that she had received several complaints of trash at a home on East Buckeye Street and Bill McCormick stated that the Village should clean up the mess. Gerald Houchin stated that our vehicle ordinance allows the Village to impound both the vehicles at that address that are filled with trash. The Solicitor stated that if the Village does the cleanup a charge can be placed on the property taxes. It was stated that since there was a delinquency on the utilities the water had been shut off Trash pickup was suspended and the balance was placed on the property taxes. The Mayor asked if the Village could go on private property and if the Village could request help from local churches and residents to clean up the mess since children were living in this residence. Dustin Plikerd said that was not our place to do so. The Solicitor stated that the Village should not assist but use their power to clean up the property as a safety hazard to the community. Bill McCormick stated the address was 209 Buckeye Street and stated the two owners of that address. The Solicitor stated he would draft and send a letter of nuisance with a time limit of 30 days sent by certified mail to the two owners.



The next regular meeting of Council Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the village hall

Bill McCormick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dustin Plikerd all members present voting yes 5-0.

Minutes approved by

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer

Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo

 Date 12/17/2015
 Date 12/17/2015

To be read at the November 10, 2015 Council Meeting

I would like to update and inform the residents of Belle Center on what has transpired in the Village. Although the Town Meeting on the water tower was not covered by the Bellefontaine Examiner, the people of Belle Center were presented the pros and cons of a new water tower replacement with responses to their questions at the meeting held on October 17th. The EPA representative, the R-Cap rep, the Nelson Engineering rep (who oversaw the repairs of the water tower in 2008 and administered the inspection in 2013) did not attend the meeting. Only 14 residents (other than Village officials) and a Rep from Poggemeyer Engineering were present. Poggemeyer was contracted for their engineering services for the Water Tower Project for an estimated cost of \$65,000-\$73,000 thru the Village.

I am grateful for the Referendum on the ballot and I believe it was a win-win situation for the Village. The people had the opportunity to be informed and cast their vote, showing their support for the project knowing of the impending rate increases with the majority voting to move forward with the Water Tower Project as well as the debt for the project.

I do hope Council will consider applying for a 0% loan thru OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) before beginning construction since the 0% interest fee was not offered as an option thru the EPA and could save the Village approx. \$300,000 at the current rate, over the next 20 years in interest rates.

It could also save on interest rates to go forward and try to qualify for a CDBG grant for \$300,000 by doing an income survey for the Water Tower Project instead of or in conjunction with the survey for the Drain Replacement on State Street. You may apply for more than one project thru the CDBG if we qualify thru the survey.

Also, the Village could apply for the Army Corps Grant after funding is secured, but before construction begins and be reimbursed a large percentage if approved for a grant.

The Village has close to a million dollars of insurance on our current water tower in case of unforeseen catastrophes and our water testing continues to show that

our water is in good shape. The insurance question came up at the Town Hall meeting on October 17th and I now have documentation to support the coverage thru Stolley's, so it appears that the Village has ample time to apply for grant assistance and/or the 0% interest rate.

The residents has the opportunity to be informed of all aspects of this project before starting construction and on behalf of the Officials, we want to thank you for your support!

The two incumbent Council members, Rick Bednarki and John Lowery were reelected unopposed the term beginning January 1, 2016.

The former mayor, Teresa Johnson was also reelected, unopposed.

I would like to thank the residents of Belle Center for allowing me to serve as a Village Official for the past 8 years and I hope that the Village will move forward in a positive way, listen to the people and be aware of their needs and capabilities for any major decisions in the future.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mayor Rhonda Fulmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Rhonda Fulmer

November 10, 2015

December 16, 2015

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, Bill McCormick, Rick Bednarki Present, Dustin Plikerd arrived at 6:50 PM.

Village Officers present: Mayor Rhonda Fulmer, Village Solicitor Steve Fansler, Village Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo, and Village Administrator Gerald Houchin.

Bill McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of Council on November 10, 2015 as amended seconded by Garnet Roebuck. Dione Campbell, John Lowery, Garnet Roebuck, & Bill McCormick All voting yes Rick Bednarki abstained motion passed 4-0.

Dione Campbell made a motion to approve the payment of bills Seconded by Bill McCormick. All members present voting yes. Motion passes 5-0

The Mayor Stated that since there was no finance committee meeting to discuss temporary appropriations the mayor turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer. Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo requested that council approve temporary appropriations at 50% of the permanent appropriations of 2015 for temporary appropriations for the first three months of 2016. Bill McCormick made a motion to approve temporary appropriations for the first three months of 2016 at 50% of the permanent appropriations for 2015 seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members present voting yes motion passes 5-0.

The Mayor asked council if they wished to endorse Community Services headquartered in Delaware County with a local contact office located in Bellefontaine on north 68 to administer the block grant as a permanent provider for Champaign, Logan, & Shelby counties. The Logan County Commissioners will still decide how Logan County funds are distributed. Council took no action.

The Mayor discussed concern of a council member not wanting to state the names and only the address of a couple wanting approval of a variance but the names & addresses had been released for the Bellefontaine Examiner of a family which the Village had not properly notified at the time with a letter of nuisance as suggested by the village solicitor for a trash problem. It was stated that the names could be obtained from the Logan County Auditor's web site. The Solicitor stated the letter of nuisance had been sent but he was not sure if the letter had been received.

The Solicitor provided the final version of the amended income tax ordinance and received the signatures needed at the meeting to process it before the first of the year.

The Mayor stated that the village had received a check in the amount of \$945 from the Solid Waste Management of Logan County and the Logan County Commissioners for the recycling rewards program for a job well done for their recycled materials

The Mayor stated that she had appointed Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo as the person of contact for the June storm & flood relief grant. I would like to commend Mr. Dinovo for submitting and resubmitting information for the application and proudly announce that the Village will be reimbursed 75% of what we applied for by the end of the year in the amount \$34,377 for the relief grant to be used in the funds where the money was spent. The Village also received \$13,000 of the \$13,250 bill from Hulls Tree Service for tree removal from the storm from Ohio risk Management through Stolly's Insurance. Funds are also too paid from the insurance for repair of the truck that the tree fell on during the storm in the amount of approximately \$10,000 minus the \$250 deductible.

The Mayor stated that the audit of the Village for 2013 & 2014 is available. The Mayor stated that she did not agree with having an agreed upon procedures audit (short audit) and presented an e-mail stating one of the eligibility criteria was that there was no turn over in the fiscal officers position during the audit period and that the Village had three fiscal officers during that time. She stated that the long audit could have helped the Village improve some of its procedures. The Village received no fines and the corrections have already been made to the records. The audit was done through a wavier and the mayor refused to sign the representation letter (in the representation letter the Village states that they gave the auditors everything that they asked for and if there was something that they did not ask for that the Village thought was important that the Village at least offered the information to the auditors) but Bill McCormick signed on behalf of the Village as President Pro Tem. In two years the Village will be required to have a long audit.

The Mayor stated that the Solicitor's contract with Village expires at the end of the year and asked Council if they wished to contract with Mr. Fansler for 2016. Solicitor stated that he would love to represent the village and would be willing to commit to a two year contract. Rick Bednarki made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three different and pass on an emergency basis upon one reading seconded by Bill McCormick Roll Call Vote John Lowery yes, Dione Campbell yes, Garnet Roebuck yes, Dustin Plikerd yes, Rick Bednarki yes, Bill McCormick yes. Rick Bednarki made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-12 Employing Mr. Fansler as Village Solicitor for the 2016 and 2017 Calendar year at a rate of \$620 a month and further that he be a PERS Employers of the Village Seconded by Bill McCormick. Roll Call Vote John Lowery yes, Dione Campbell yes, Garnet Roebuck yes, Dustin Plikerd yes, Rick Bednarki yes, Bill McCormick yes.

The Village Administrator stated that the Village had an inspection of our water plant and the EPA required the village to provide a contingency plan. In case of an emergency at the water plant, Council needs to have a resolution giving the operator of record the ability to spend a specified amount of money on an emergency basis. The solicitor stated that he would contact the EPA for details and write the plan up for council to specify the amount.

The contract with Miami Valley Lighting expires February of 2016 and requested that Council decide on what type of Lights they wanted (LED, Sodium yellow, or Mercury Vapor) for use in the Village

The Village Administrator stated that an individual who had moved out of Belle Center leaving a delinquent utility account of \$400 had requested that utilities at his new address be put in his name and

turned on under his account. Mr. Houchin asked Council if they wanted the Utilities turned on. The account is currently in the name of a roommate who had moved out leaving a delinquent account. The individual had called the administrator and the Mayor on several occasions and stated that he had paid \$200 on the account to keep the service on for November. Mr. Houchin had requested he pay the delinquent account from the previous address before the water could be turned back on according to the new policy that Council had recently passed. The Policy states that if your service is shut off the account must be made current and a new deposit be made (if the previous deposit was used to help bring the account current) before the service will be restarted. The Mayor was concerned that the delinquent utilities would penalize the owner or the former account holder. Rick Bednarki and Dustin Plikerd both stated that the individual should have come to the Council meeting to state his case. Village administrator Gerald Houchin stated that someone had turned the water back on and that the village removed the meter to prevent that from happening again. After much discussion council decided not to deviate from the current policy. The Village administrator asked if the owner could be notified when a renter is delinquent. The Solicitor stated a statement could be sent to the home owner and Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo stated he would attempt to implement that into the system.

The Fiscal Officer requested that Council approve changing the pay date from Friday January 1 to Thursday December 31 for the last payday of the year. Bill McCormick made a motion to change the pay date from January 1 to December 31 seconded by Rick Bednarki. All members voting yes motion passes 6-0.

The Fiscal Officer requested that Council approve a bond for the third full time employee Darrin Savage. Council informed the Fiscal Officer that he already had the authority to purchase a bond for any full time employee. The Mayor stated that she did not agree with 5 employees being able to collect money for utilities on behalf of the village.

Bill McCormick made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Belle Center Fireworks Committee seconded Garnet Roebuck. Dustin Plikerd Abstained all other members voting yes motion passes 5-0.

The next regular meeting of Council Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the village hall

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dione Campbell all members present voting yes 6-0.

Minutes approved by

President pro tem Bill McCormick Bill McCormick Date 1/16/2016
Fiscal Officer Chris Dinovo Chris Dinovo Date 1/16/2016