

VILLAGE OF SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING-7:00P.M.

11 River Street, Kent, Ohio, Parking Garage

MAYOR: John Guidubaldi

SOLICITOR: Eric Fink

CLERK/TREASURER: William Elder

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Jeff Coffee, Elizabeth Hartley, Nicholas Jordan,

Jason Noble, John Palik, and John Stein

Also in Attendance: residents David and Renee Manning

Excused Absence: John Guidubaldi

Call to Order: President of Council Jeff Coffee called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. President Jeff Coffee led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were presented to Council. Nicholas Jordan motioned to accept the May minutes as presented with him attending the May meeting but arriving late before any voting was started. Jason Noble seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0. The Clerk/Treasurer will correct the May minutes.

Reports: **Financial**
The Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the financial data for the month of May. The financial review included the following reports: the primary bank reconciliation, the fund status, the cash summary by fund, the revenue status, and the appropriation status for the month of May. The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council that the bank reconciliation statement was balanced for the month of May. John Palik motioned to approve the financial reports as presented. Nicholas Jordan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

Bills Payable

The Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the bills payable for June. The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council that just like every month, some of the normal monthly bills have not been received yet. Elizabeth Hartley motioned to approve the June bills as presented.

John Palik seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

Comments from the floor:

There were none at this time.

Old and New Business:

1) Traffic Committee

President of Council Jeff Coffee advised the Council that nothing new has been done on this topic since the last meeting. President Coffee advised the Council that he has noticed that First Energy trucks are still using Lake Martin as a short cut between State Route 43 and Ferguson Road.

2) Violations in the Village

Council was informed that there has been no more clean-up done at the property located on State Route 43 and there has been no response to the correspondence sent to and left at the property. Village Solicitor Eric Fink advised the Council that if they want to pursue this issue, the next step will be through the courts.

Jon Stein presented to Council a list of potential violations in the Village based upon neighbor complaints and his personal observations. It was suggested that this list be referred to the exterior property maintenance inspector for further consideration.

Solicitor Fink reviewed language for an ordinance for trailers, boats, and RVs. This ordinance would spell out specifically what could and could not be done with these items. The ordinance language did reduce the time limit for storage in the Village down from six months to 7 days. It would also allow the Village to have the items in violation possibly towed from the Village. Renee Manning understood the reason for the Council's concern for this situation but felt going from six months to seven days was going to extremes. Several Council members also questioned the time limit included in this potential ordinance. It was also questioned if having these items in the Village actually affected the property values in the Village.

3) Easements

President of Council Jeff Coffee advised the Council there was nothing new done on this subject since the last meeting.

4) Lakes

Council discussed contacting Aqua Doc to help with ongoing treatments for the health of the lakes. The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council they needed to watch because he will not pay them until they resolve the state sales tax issue from the last 5 bills dated from 2017 through 2019 which Aqua Doc has never responded to.

Council also revisited the noise from the air compressor that pumps air into both lakes. Council previously discussed planting bushes around the compressor to see if this would deadened some of the noise but the bushes were never planted.

5) Ferrara Property

Village Solicitor Eric Fink advised the Council that the attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Ferrara has not yet responded to the last correspondence from the Village.

6) Kandel Property

President of Council Jeff Coffee advised the Council that communications is still ongoing with the Kandels through their attorney. The new property owners are not involved with the roadway damage but they are now responsible for the silt fence protecting the runoff into Lake Roger. Council was reminded that there are monetary penalties for foreign material being introduced into the lakes. Pictures have been taken to show that the current silt fence is not doing the job and the current land owners have been contacted advising them of the situation and their responsibilities. It has been less than 30 days since the correspondence was sent to the current land owners and Council is waiting for a response.

Village Correspondence:

The mail received during the month of May was available for review.

Other committee reports:

There were none at this time.

To be introduced:

President of Council Jeff Coffee advised the Council that no response has been received from the property at the end of Orin Drive that is located outside of the Village limits. Council discussed the grassy area in front of the walking path leading to Lake Martin. Vehicles are parking there and creating ruts in the grass. Adding gravel to the area will help prevent the ruts but there were some questions if gravel should be brought in. Council questioned if most people driving in are Village residents or outsiders and if they are outsiders, should they be encouraged to use the lakes in the Village. Council was reminded that anyone using the lakes should be a Village resident or be accompanied by a Village resident. There was also some discussion about checking IDs for people using the lakes but then who would be responsible to maintain and enforce this process.

The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council that Mr. Knuth requested the meeting minutes where the pond behind his property was discussed at the Council meetings. Council was informed that copies of the February, April, and May minutes were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Knuth. Council was reminded that this pond is owned by 3 property owners; Knuth, Gibson, and Kauffman with a stream feeding the pond running through the Closs and Rhoads' properties.

President of Council Jeff Coffee reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting will be held Monday July 13h probably in the parking garage again at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Jon Stein moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P. M.
The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**William Elder
Clerk/Treasurer**