

VILLAGE OF SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING-7:00P.M.

Vocational Conference Room-Roosevelt High School-Kent, Ohio

MAYOR: John Guidubaldi

SOLICITOR: Eric Fink

CLERK/TREASURER: William Elder

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Jeff Coffee, Elizabeth Hartley, Nicholas Jordan,

Jason Noble, John Palik, and Jon Stein

Excused Absence: Jon Stein

The Clerk/Treasurer arrived late

**Also in Attendance: residents Mary and Marshall Moore,
Don Bishop, Carlton Sears, Dee Seaholts, and Karen and Randy Nye**

AGENDA

Call to Order: Mayor John Guidubaldi called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Mayor Guidubaldi led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were presented. President of Council Jeff Coffee motioned to accept the August minutes but correcting that the mail for August was not available. Elizabeth Hartley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Reports: **Financial**
Mayor John Guidubaldi reviewed the financial data for the month of August. President of Council Jeff Coffee motioned to accept the financial statements as presented. Elizabeth Hartley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Bills Payable
Mayor John Guidubaldi reviewed the bills payable for September. Elizabeth Hartley motioned to approve the bills payable as presented. John Palik seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

Comments from the floor:

All of the residents' comments are included in the Lake section of these minutes.

Old and New Business:

1) Traffic Committee

Mayor John Guidubaldi advised the Council that this committee did not meet since the last meeting.

2) Violations in the Village

There were no additional violations brought before the Council at this time. Council did discuss the State Route 43 property and the lack of effort by the home owner on resolving the issues with his property. Council reviewed the issues still pending with this property and the next step in this process with the Village Solicitor. Solicitor Fink discussed court proceeding were all that was left to resolve the issues with this property and the possible cost involved to take the home owners to court. President of Council Jeff Coffee motioned for Solicitor Fink to start the process of taking the State Route 43 property owner to court to force the resolution to the violations on this property. The cost limit for this action was set up to \$5,000.00. John Palik seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

3) Easements

There is nothing new to report on this topic since the last meeting.

4) Lakes

Most of the residents attending were interested in the condition of the lakes. Mayor John Guidubaldi gave a brief history of the lakes with the what and the whys of the repairs that have been completed. Dee Seaholts showed pictures of the lakes that were on her computer and Carlton Sears passed out pictures that he took of the lakes. Don Bishop informed the Council of a website called Builders Exchange that list contractors that could complete jobs for the Village. John Palik advised the gathering that he has received several work estimates for treating the lakes with chemicals and both estimates were around \$12,000.00. Mr. Palik recommended against using chemicals to treat the lakes for the remainder of 2020.

Mr. Palik suggested that the Village explore all options that are available for the cleaning up of the lakes and formulate a plan for the early part of 2021.

5) Portage County Emergency Management

Elizabeth Hartley advised the Council that there may be a virtual meeting in November but there was no meeting in September and none was currently scheduled for October. Because of this, there is nothing new to report on this topic since the last meeting.

6) Ferrara Property

There is nothing new on this topic since the last meeting.

7) Kandel Property

Council reviewed the damage done to Sheppard Drive done by the trucking company bringing in dirt and stone for this property and the options available. John Palik motioned to accept the \$500 offered by the Kandel's for the damage caused to the roadways. The Village Solicitor will make contact with the Kandel's attorney to try and resolve this issue.

Council also discussed the silt fence protecting the lakes on this property with the new property owners. The current silt fence is in need of repairs and it was also discussed about reseeded the property to help cut down on the erosion. Bower's Lawncare was suggested to complete this project but at the expense to the new property owner. The cost has been estimated at about \$600 which was agreed on by the current property owner. The Village Solicitor will prepare a form that will be signed by the current property owners making them responsible for the \$600 payment and Bowers Lawncare will complete the work.

Other committee reports:

There were none at this time.

Village Correspondence:

The mail for the Village for August was available for review. Elizabeth Hartley advised the Council that Safer Futures had planned a fund raiser.

To be introduced:

Council discussed a Village newsletter and presented a rough draft. Revisions were discussed and the newsletter will be completed and distributed in the next couple of weeks.

Council discussed weeding around the Village sign on Ferguson Road. President of Council Jeff Coffee will discuss the completion of this project with Bower's Lawncare. Mr. Coffee will also discuss the leaf pickup project at that time.

Council discussed the NOPEC Energized Community Grant and the money available through this program. Elizabeth Hartley motioned to suspend the rules requiring the three reading of this ordinance. President of Council Jeff Coffee seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 5-0. President Jeff Coffee motioned for the Village to apply for the NOPEC Energized Community Grant. Elizabeth Hartley seconded the motion. The motioned was passed unanimously 5-0.

Council decided to not have Halloween in the Village this year due to the threat of the Covid 19 virus.

Mayor John Guidubaldi advised the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday October 12th at 7:00 PM in the parking garage at 11 River Street, Kent.

Adjournment:

President of Council Jeffrey Coffee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**William Elder
Clerk/Treasurer**