

CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

Council Minutes, Regular Meeting
Council Chambers 8:00 p.m.

November 3, 2014

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, presiding

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Recreation Director Enovitch, Community Services Director Selig, Police Chief Spaetzel, Fire Chief Lyons, Service/Safety Director Thomas, Operations Manager Landers, SAFEbuilt Director John Cheatham, Assistant Finance Director Popovich.

AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Conda Boyd, Marty Mace, Jerrie Barnett, Sally Irwin Price, John Suter, Bill Clements, Mike Gore, Scott Pohlkamp, Lydia DeGeorge, Pam Cottam, Jim and Crystal Scott, Carl Aronson, Pamela Ebert.

Also in attendance were many other dignitaries and former officials of the City of Bay Village, present to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Bay Village City Hall. Former Councilman Nancy Stainbrook was invited to begin the Regular Meeting of Council this evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Stainbrook was the person who initiated the practice of opening the Council meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag when she began her service as Council's Ward 3 representative in 2002.

Council and members of the administration had assembled at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room to review agenda items; this was open to the public.

Mr. Koomar called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by former Ward 3 Councilman Nancy Stainbrook.

Following the roll call, Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 20, 2014. Mr. Clark **MOVED** to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes as prepared and distributed.

Law Director Ebert commented that he stands corrected on the discussion concerning the Property Maintenance Inspector position. The Property Maintenance Inspector position was not posted. The Assistant Community Service Director position was posted. The minutes are correct, but Mr. Ebert is standing corrected concerning which position was posted.

Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees held October 27, 2014. Mr. Clark **MOVED** to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Koomar expressed appreciation to everyone for their attendance this evening for the 100th Anniversary of City Hall. It is great to see so many old friends to mark this occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sutherland presented a check in the amount of \$880 to Barb Harrell, Director of the Village Project, as a donation from the registration fees for the Be Fit in Bay Program. The Steering Committee of the Be Fit in Bay Program decided that the Village Project is the best recipient out of the community groups to receive these funds because the Village Project is most closely aligned with wellness and nutrition.

The Mayor announced the reappointment of Janet Day to the Community Services Advisory Board for a three year term expiring November 6, 2017. Ms. Day is a current member of the Community Services Advisory Board and had a long term with the Cleveland Clinic. Ms. Day is retired from Fairview General Hospital.

Mayor Sutherland read a proclamation celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Council Chambers in Bay Village City Hall.

REPORTS

Law Director Ebert had no report this evening.

Finance Director Mahoney had no report this evening.

Recreation Director Enovitch had no report this evening.

Service Director Thomas had no report this evening.

Community Services Director Selig had no report this evening.

Police Chief Spaetzel had no report this evening.

Fire Chief Lyons had no report this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Edward E. Chapman, former Mayor of the City of Bay Village, congratulating the City of Bay Village on the celebration of the Bay Village City Hall's 100th Anniversary.

Mr. Koomar called for comments from the audience.

Ms. Conda Boyd, West Oakland Road, stated that she is present this evening on behalf of the League of Women Voters. Ms. Boyd encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Information for voters is available on the League of Women Voters website.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Presentation by the Bay Village Historical Society

Cathy Burke Flament, Vice President, Bay Village Historical Society, addressed the Council, administration and the audience with an overview of how the City of Bay Village reached this point in the governance of their community.

Bay Village was carved from the Northwest Territory in then the Western Reserve, which was divided into five square mile townships. In 1806, Hubbard and Stowe in Connecticut actually purchased Township 5, Range 15, for \$26,087 and named it Dover. The land was Westlake, Bay Village and the northern portion of North Olmsted. In 1901, not everyone was happy with how the government was actually run in Dover, and folks in the northern section decided they were not being represented adequately. Since they were paying the most taxes, they decided to separate. After separation was proposed, a lawsuit ensued as to who would actually be able to have the railroad included in their portion of land. Bay Village won in an Ohio Supreme Court case. The Hamlet of Bay was formed in 1901 and the trustees were elected. With a population of approximately 300, the environment was changing. Trains in the Inter-Urban, which began in 1897, were transporting more individuals to the country and allowing others to go to employment, although Dover continued to remain primarily a rural community. Another change occurred in 1903 when a petition was made to incorporate the Village of Bay. In an old scrapbook, it stated that there were 110 eligible voters, and 40 individuals ran for Mayor. Reuben Osborn was elected Mayor for a two-year term and the first meeting was held in School House No. 1 on May 4. There were interesting issues that Council would actually address over the next few years. In 1905, an ordinance was passed to not allow signs to be erected in the Village. Every effort was made to keep telephone poles from being installed. The world was changed. The Model T, phonographs, light bulbs, typewriters and other advances were emerging. Yet, Bay Village seemed to enjoy its country flavor and did not want to rush into any drastic changes. Bath houses were slated to be installed, which may have been the result of the influx of weekend visitors from the city looking for a relaxing weekend at the Wischmeyer Hotel, or just a day at the beach.

Albert Horace Wolf would become the second mayor of Bay Village in 1910, and one issue that he addressed came up more than once: the conduct and the attire at the beach. This year also brought the addition of our first bank. Two major issues evolved in 1909. It was proposed to have water pipes installed in the Village, and a formal City Hall should be built. The three Cahoon sisters offered land for City Hall which was gratefully accepted. Plans were designed by Architects Knox and Elliott, who were hired in 1912. John Kaiser and Brothers proposed the lowest bid of \$8,300, which was accepted on March 12, 1914, and the building began. Construction was questioned in July, stating that the quality of the brick work needed to be

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reevaluated and may need to be stopped. Evidently the quality improved and the City Hall was completed. The first official meeting was held in this building 100 years ago today, at two o'clock in the afternoon, November 3, 1914. The School Board would also begin using City Hall for its meetings in 1915, with a temporary outhouse built in March. The annual budget submitted in 1915 was \$7,350. One more change would occur as we approached 7000 residents in 1915. We became a city with the official name of the City of Bay Village. Numerous improvements have occurred from the original structure, including a gable roof and a clock tower added to the building in 1990, with additions in 1962, 1973, and in the 1980's. All in all, these additions have mirrored the growth of the City through the years.

Mrs. Flament invited those present to view the photos of early Bay from about 1880 to 1920 which were projected in Council Chambers. Copies of some of the original documents that have influenced our City are on display this evening in the office area. More information is available through the books published and for sale in the main lobby along with City Hall ornaments. The Historical Society is also a terrific way to become involved and learn more about this amazing City. Doug Gertz, President, and Mrs. Flament were available to answer questions about the Historical Society.

Mrs. Flament stated that as a final note she would like to formally acknowledge two city employees she worked with extensively over the years: Joan Kemper and Jim Sears. They are the most dedicated employees she has ever found. Their positive attitude, professionalism, and consistent hard work never cease to amaze her.

Mrs. Flament thanked everyone for the opportunity to present this information about the background of the City of Bay Village and the Bay Village Historical Society.

Resolution No. 14-96 was read introduced by **Mr. Koomar**, marking the Year 2014 as the 100th Anniversary of the Bay Village City Hall, in accordance with the Gold Dedication Plaque on the East Wall of the Council Chambers, which reads "Bay Village Hall, Erected A.D. 1914."

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-96.

Roll Call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas– Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays–None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Resolution No. 14-96, by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Mr. Koomar stated that there are three Trustees of The Bay Village Foundation that are in city government: Mr. Ebert, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Lee. There has been some discussion regarding the City Hall Clock Tower and the fact that it is not keeping the best time. Mr. Koomar stated that they have been working behind the scenes, and called on Mr. Lee to announce an update on that situation.

Mr. Lee announced that tonight, as part of the 100 year celebration, they are very pleased to announce a public/private partnership to raise the funds necessary to repair the clock in the City Hall Clock Tower. The clock has been stuck at 6:33 for a couple of years. This partnership will be kicked-off tonight and hopefully have the funds raised for a functioning clock in 2015. Mr. Lee introduced the President of The Bay Village Foundation, Eileen Vernon.

Eileen Vernon, President, Bay Village Foundation, stated that no one would have been more proud of what is going on here tonight than T. Richard Martin, the founder of The Bay Village Foundation. We are all here this evening because we want to help celebrate. Throughout this past week, the Board of Trustees of the Village Foundation have all agreed to contribute the first \$6,000 towards the repair and maintenance of the clock. The Bay Village Foundation is looking for some really nice people in our community who will join with The Bay Village Foundation and meet the pledge of \$6,000. It is expected to cost between \$15,000 and \$18,000 depending on what they find. Donations can be sent to The Bay Village Foundation, similar to what was done with the fireworks. Dwight Clark, Eric Eakin and Tony Dostal came forward as community members and raised the funds for the fireworks through The Bay Village Foundation. Mrs. Vernon invited all to give a little time this year to think about, perhaps as a member of a group who would like to assist in having the clock ready to go July 4, 2015. Contact The Bay Village Foundation on their website, thebayvillagefoundation.org. If there are groups out there that would like to see the clock right more than twice a day, they would like to hear from you. Mrs. Vernon stated that it is the pleasure of The Bay Village Foundation to give the City \$6,000 to get this project rolling.

The Bay Village Foundation will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary in 2015. They were started by the Play-in-Bay, an investment in the community. T. Richard Martin thought it was a wonderful way to pool money together for a project. The Bay Village Foundation became a not-for-profit and have been together twenty years now, since 1995. Mrs. Vernon thanked everyone who contributes to The Bay Village Foundation.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Motion by **Mr. Lee** to confirm the reappointment of Janet Day to the Community Services Advisory Board for a three year term expiring November 6, 2017.

Motion passed 7-0.

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

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Mr. Clark read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 14-97** amending Section 1 of Ordinance 14-90 regarding Rates of Compensation for the Officers and Employees of the General Administration Department and those Employees of the City not covered by separate labor contract for the Calendar Year 2014 and thereafter, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Clark commented that this ordinance provides for the compensation for the position of Assistant Director of Community Services.

Ordinance No. 14-97 was placed on first reading.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tadych had no report this evening.

PLANNING, ZONING & PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lieske had no report this evening.

RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Henderson reiterated his Committee session advisement that if anyone is interested in learning of the locations of the proposed exercise equipment, to stop by the Cahoon Memorial Park Walking Trail to take a look at stakes and markings in the grounds where exercise equipment is being considered. Any opinions may be expressed by calling Mr. Henderson at 440-385-7268.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Vincent had no report this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

A town-hall meeting will be held on November 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dwyer Memorial Center.

Mayor Sutherland stated that if anyone is interested in buying Bay Village t-shirts they are for sale until 8:30 p.m. this evening in the lobby of City Hall. The profits of the sale go to the Bay Village Fireworks Fund.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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A reception was held in the upstairs of City Hall after the meeting, with document displays and a pictorial display. Mr. Koomar thanked the following people who helped put this evening together:

Cathy Flament, Vice President, and the members of the Bay Village Historical Society, Denny Wendell, Editor of the Westlake/Bay Village Observer, who did a great job pulling out old documents, Jim Sears and Curtis Krakowski, Renee Mahoney, Director of Finance, Ruth Popovich, Assistant Director of Finance, Sue Kohl, Assistant to the Mayor, Gloria Frombach, Secretary to Police Chief Spaetzel, Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council, members of City Council, the administration, and other city employees that may not have been mentioned specifically. It truly was a group effort.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council