

**VILLAGE OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 27 2017**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Bradley Nicodemus opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members of Council present were Dwayne Mohler, Jim Hochradel, Chuck Keller, Tony House, and Mike Hamilton. Councilperson Bob Hankison was absent. Also present were Mayor Bradley Nicodemus, Police Chief Mike Tussey, Solicitor Jeff Feyko, Fiscal Officer Kathryn Jenkins and VA Teri Wise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017 and Keller seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with a 4-0 roll call with Councilperson House abstaining.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilperson Hochradel was added as the sponsor for Ordinance 3-27-2017-1 (Right Of Way). Keller moved to adopt the amended agenda and Hamilton seconded 5-0 vote.

VISITORS: School Superintendent Todd Osborne, Steve Kenney

PUBLIC COMMENT: Superintendent Osborne did a presentation on the proposed 5-year (2018-2023) school bond levy which would be on the ballot this fall. He talked about the current condition of the running track and all the improvements that would be made to it including the addition of two more lanes to allow for flexibility in hosting larger events. He also reviewed the current condition of the grass playing field which would be replaced with synthetic turf and the expansion of the field which would then accommodate both soccer matches and band performances. The addition of a field house will allow in-season and out-of-season areas for teams to utilize along with local residents. Stadium seating will be replaced and upgrades made. Upgrades will also be made to the Land Lab and security cameras as well as the addition of a three-bay mechanics bus garage. Superintendent Osborne passed out information sheets to the Council for their review.

Superintendent Osborne then fielded questions from the Council. Councilperson Mohler stated this levy was more focused on athletics than academics. The Superintendent responded by agreeing with him but adding that athletic activities are an important factor in all-around growth for the children and there were indirect benefits from the turf, greenhouse and land lab. Councilperson Hochradel ask if any of the improvements were located in a flood plain. The Superintendent stated that Osborne Technologies had completed taking core samples and found black clay. Hochradel stated he did not think 60 parking spaces were very many and suggested to the Superintendent he might reach out to the paper mill regarding the 6 acres between the school and the railroad tracks because he believed at one time the Mill had given the property to the school but because there was no money for cleanup the school gave it back. House asked about why they needed to add to the bus garage which was built from the last levy proceeds. The Superintendent stated they did not make the garage large enough to work on any of the vehicles only to park them so that area needed to be expanded. House further stated he is concerned because the Village needs so many things and both the school and fire levies make it hard for the Village to get any levies passed. The Mayor asked at the \$122.50 per year he would be paying what would he

get. The Superintendent then stated he would be able to use the track as well as the field house facilities as a resident of the Village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Report attached. Below are some highlights of the report:

- Water Street bridge was struck by an unknown semi truck so it has been closed down the last few days. We have had a bridge engineer inspect it and it is structurally safe but they suggest we place PCB along the side that was hit since the railing has been destroyed. Once the barricades arrive we will put into place and open the bridge to traffic. We are also investigating the possibility of applying for the Critical Infrastructure Grant through CDBG. More to follow at next meeting when the Village Engineer will be giving a full report. Hochradel stated we need to pressure the Mill to work with us on the issue of trucks leaving the warehouse area. He asked VA Wise to pursue further to see if the Mill has a camera and they can tell us if they know who hit the bridge.
- Because of wage demands we have looked at staffing and have decided to hire a part-time clerk rather than a full-time replacement for the previous Administrative Assistant.
- The utility computer will be upgraded since the VA has received a new computer and the one she is currently using will replace the old utility computer. The old utility computer will then be repurposed to be used as a fire wall at the WWTP.
- Topics around the opening of the 2017 Summer Pool season were discussed
- Updates were given on the Radio Meter installations and the Sludge Tank Diffuser project.

At the conclusion of the VA report, Councilperson Hochradel asked how many radio read meters per week are being installed and what will be the total cost to purchase the remainder of the meters so the complete Village can be converted to radio read meters by end of year. VA Wise to reach out to WTP and have information for the next Council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairperson House reported a meeting was held this evening and pool rates were discussed. The **next meeting will be fourth Monday of April – April 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Mohler reported that at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting the following topics were discussed: Right of Way process (Legislation is on Council agenda this evening); Dura patching versus cold patching of streets; storm line issue on Hansburger and the Lion's Club commitment to the Village. **Next meeting will be April 17th at 5:30 p.m.**

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Hankinson was absent so there was no report. The next **Safety Committee can be on – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. right before Council if needed.**

RULES COMMITTEE: Chairperson Keller reported that the Committee met on March 13<sup>th</sup> to review final revisions to the Village of Baltimore Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations. Legislation to be voted on this evening. **Next meeting can be April 10<sup>th</sup> if needed.**

FIRE BOARD REPORT: Minutes are not out yet but the board did meet last week. During the meeting they discussed the purchase (\$250,000) of a used engine and they will dispose of the old 1984 engine they currently are using but keep the other for backup. **Next meeting will be Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at station 610.**

PLANNING COMMISSION: The final draft of the VOB Zoning Codes was reviewed at the meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017. At the next meeting, the committee will review the final draft and then send any changes to the County Planning team. Hochradel also announced to the Council that Holly Mattei, the current Executive Director for the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, has taken a new job with Violet Township. She will be missed. **The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.**

SOLICITOR: The solicitor reported there is one new piece of legislation on the agenda for the evening Ordinance 3-27-2017-1 which Hochradel will sponsor. This ordinance amends Chapter 1002 of the Baltimore Codified Ordinance regarding Streets, utilities and public services code – street and sidewalk areas – excavations (ROW process)

POLICE: Since he was experiencing computer issues again and unable to print out a report, the Chief gave an oral overview of the report.

- Chief stated he will have his staff investigate the accident at the Water Street bridge and also have them contact the Mill.
- New officer Matt Deskins has completed training and will begin night shift next week
- He is currently working on the summer manning schedule
- As a follow up to the RP3 compliant – VOB officers are still monitoring the area for any noise and as of this evening he has received no complaints
- The new prosecutor is re-opening a fraud case in town
- He is working with Randy Sims to try and fix the computer issues he is experiencing

MAYOR: The Mayor gave his report highlighting:

- Code Enforcement officer will be back to work soon
- Working with Randy Sims on a newer software package, repurposing some of the current inventory and looking at the Village’s overall current inventory of computers

FISCAL OFFICER: Fiscal Officer stated she had a notice from the Liquor Control Board regarding a hearing for the Red Door pub liquor license and asked if anyone wished to have a hearing for the license. No one did, so she will return form to the Liquor Control Board stating that a hearing was not desired. Nothing else to report.

MOTIONS: None

ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading:

**ORDINANCE 3-27-2017-1**

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1002 (STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE – STREET AND SIDEWALK AREAS –EXCAVATIONS) OF THE BALTIMORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES” – SPONSOR – HOCHRADEL**

Sponsor Hochradel asked the ordinance be read and to plan passing it at the next meeting because construction season will be starting soon.

Third Reading:

**ORDINANCE 2-27-2017-2**

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 452.16 OF THE BALTIMORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS) AND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP TO PROVIDE FOR NO PARKING ON A PORTION OF CLIFF STREET, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY” - SPONSOR - HANKINSON**

Keller made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-27-2017-2 and Hochradel 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was no further discussion so vote was taken and the Ordinance passed 5-0.

SUSPENDED ORDINANCE:

**ORDINANCE 7-11-2016-1**

**"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1026 OF THE BALTIMORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (WATER AND WASTEWATER RULES AND REGULATIONS) IN ORDER TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS" - SPONSOR-KELLER**

Keller made a motion to take Ordinance 7-11-2016-1 off the table. Hochradel seconded and with no further discussion the vote was taken. With a 5-0 vote the ordinance was taken off the table.

Keller then made a motion to amend with Table of Contents and page numbers and Hochradel seconded. With no further discussion, the vote was taken and with a 5-0 vote, the ordinance was amended.

Keller then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 7-11-2016-1 and Hochradel seconded. With no further discussion, the vote was taken. With a 5-0 vote, the ordinance was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilperson Mohler asked if something could be done about the gray house next to the Realtor and across the street from him. He said that there is settling of the yard from where the gas company did some work and he would like to know if that can be filled in. VA Wise to get with team.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Hearing for Red Door Pub LLC – was discussed under the Fiscal Officer report.

Councilperson Keller gave a report on the Park Committee meeting stating the baseball organization at Alt Park would like to put a storage shed for equipment at the fields and they would also like to install some lights. **Next meeting of the Park Committee will be Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

LAST CALL: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business so Keller made a motion to dismiss and House seconded. A voice vote unanimously called for adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Kathryn Jenkins, Fiscal Officer

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Bradley Nicodemus, Mayor