

September 26, 2022

Council President Mr. Martin called the September 26th, 2022 meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McClead, Mr. Millhone, Mr. Null, Mr. Ruth and Mr. Wallace present. Also present was Mayor Lorentz, Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell, City Law Director Mr. Webster, Treasurer Mrs. Cassady and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Absent from the September 26th, 2022 meeting was City Auditor Mrs. Nolan.

Council President Mr. Martin asked that everyone please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ruth gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of Council Mr. Martin asked that everyone turn off cellphones so they don't interfere with the recording. He also reminded council and the administration that if you have a report, please see that the clerk gets a copy of your report.

Mr. Martin also reminded everyone in the audience that if you are speaking before council to stand, state your name and address clearly for the council clerk to hear and what you are addressing.

Mr. Ruth made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12th, 2022 as presented and by-pass the reading. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor Lorentz announced that as reported last meeting we did have the meeting with the MOVTA and the possibility of having the Easy Rider run routes in our city. Hopefully Mr. Ruth will have a report.

Mr. Martin, Ms. Dennis, Sergeant Kirby, and I met with Commissioner Schilling and the new Executive Director at Buckeye Hills Chasity Schmeizenbach. Ms. Dennis and I along with a couple others may travel to Belmont County to see firsthand how well their 911 system works.

Our Civil Service Commission is very busy. As of last week, we had 11 candidates for the positions in dispatch. As soon as the Chief's test is complete, we will need to go straight into testing for Sergeant and patrol positions.

The O'Neill Center received a grant of \$13,000.00 for the roof over their outside patio area. With that as well as Sr. Levy money they can easily complete the improvements and be under \$20,000.00. With that being said we had two bids and chose the lowest and are well under the bid restrictions.

Please let everyone know that the Marietta Belpre Health Board will hold a Flu Shot clinic at the Bingo Hall on October 15th from 10am until 1pm. We need a good response to keep this going.

Our State Representative contacted me with news of a \$25,000.00 appropriation to be used for our Civitan Park. After research and looking at our facility we have decided on making the pond handicapped accessible. As the project gets closer, I will keep council apprised.

On Friday I attended the End of summer Celebration with Sunday Creek Horizons in Athens. This group has been able to assist our region with numerous funding opportunities.

Mr. President with the loss of two dispatchers the UFWC and administration want to enter into an MOU stating that we will allow a fully qualified new hire the ability to bring forth vacation earned elsewhere. This has been done before but does need approval. This allows us to offer employment to a person already trained and working for us part-time. I would like a voice vote to be able to get the union and this dispatcher onboard.

As you should remember Chief Williams retired on the 15th. To keep the department running smoothly, the sergeants and I have decided on an interim Chief for Belpre. At this time, I would like to swear in Sergeant Michael Stump as Police Chief for our city. Upon completion of a civil service test a permanent assignment can be made. I truly appreciate Sergeant Stump for stepping up. He will agree that we are blessed as there was no back choice for this assignment.

At this time, Mayor Lorentz swore in Sergeant Mike Stump as interim Chief for Belpre. Chief Mike Stump thanked everyone who was in attendance this evening and for giving him their support.

President of Council Mr. Martin stated that the mayor had forwarded him a Letter of Understanding by and between United Food and Commercial Workers Local, 400 and City of Belpre, Ohio. I have asked the law director his opinion on this because typically I don't like to do any agreements or anything that he is not familiar with or in line with, not approval of or whatever. We know we have a situation in the city where we are short dispatchers, police officers and everything else. I understand this and know that. I am going to ask council for a voice vote on this. I don't know if that is legal or not. Mr. Webster stated there was an email we received from the Labor Attorney for the city from Columbus who had reviewed the document and said that the document appears to be fine. Secondly, all the members of the union were consulted and if they would agree with the MOU and the committee members did agree by a unanimous decision. I tried to contact council again directly to see if it had to come before council. There was no direct yes or no answer from Columbus. Mayor Lorentz stated that in trying to research this and make it happen we have two officers now that this was done back 15 or 16 years ago. This is not a presidency. Their seniority will start the

day they start. Mr. Martin stated in his opinion this is correct. They should be able to bring it with them. What my concern is whether or not it is legal. If we don't have a law suit or a grievance a month from now, two months from now or three months from now for something we shouldn't have done. Mr. Ferguson asked if this was a one-time deal. He was informed by the law director that it was. Mr. Martin stated that if it is this might be something we need to address going forward so we don't have to go through this the next time. If there is a viable candidate that is willing to come to Belpre and work are legislation is not blocking that in some way. Mayor Lorentz stated that he wouldn't be so much in favor but the person is already here and trained. The person works here parttime. Mr. Martin just wants everyone to know we are all accountable. Mr. Ferguson stated that in light with the police department and being shorthanded and not getting any patrolman candidates after advertising should this be considered from other departments. You could get officers from another city that would have 5-7 years' experience and could be in the same situation and consider it with legislation. Per Mr. Martin this is something we need to look at. Mr. Webster stated that you need to worry about the contract that is going to be negotiated this fall with the union. You have to worry about what the union representative and members of the union are going to say about that. This is my only concern. Mayor Lorentz stated that more importantly an issue like this ours reads you have to be trained, you have to be 35 or less age wise. A lot of the departments are 50 looking for these state troopers who are viable. We have never had to look at this before. We are short two officers and when we name the new chief, we will be three officers short. We have never been in this position since I have been here. Mr. Ferguson stated that as a personal opinion not being able to hire a police officer who is not 35 is a big age discrimination there ever was. Mr. Null asked if we are two officers short now. He was informed that was correct. Mr. Null asked how many dispatchers we were short? He was informed two also. Is the Washington County Sheriff's Department assisting us with officers? He was informed that they are not. Have they been asked? Mayor Lorentz stated they have not. Mayor Lorentz stated it takes time with advertising and Civil Service. Thank goodness we have had a few part-timers willing to help us out. Mr. Null stated he is concerned as there is a lot going on in our city. Mr. Martin stated let's get through this and the other will have to go through the day-to-day operations with the administration. Mr. Martin asked if everyone has a copy of this. Mr. Millhone asked if we vote on this is there any guaranteed liability in this. Mr. Webster stated that there is no specific statute and we are not in violation.

Mr. Martin called for the voice vote on this matter. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except for Mr. McClead who voted nay. The vote was 6 for and 1 against.

Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that we have started training with Software Solutions Company. This is going to be a good fit for us.

The Tree Commission is going to start selling raffle tickets for one of the Holdren Apple Tree's. The tickets are \$5 a ticket and will be drawn at the Apple Butter Stir-Off.

I have started looking at options for a new phone system. No one including the police department has voice mail. The phones are irreplaceable. We are looking at the new voice phone system. I have only checked with one company at this time.

City Auditor Mrs. Nolan was absent. Mrs. Nolan in her absence asked that Mrs. Cassady to present the Utility Adjustment Report for August for approval. Mrs. Cassady asked for a motion and stated that everyone should have a copy. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

City Law Director Mr. Webster reported that the City Auditor and I have reviewed the resolution that comes back from the County on the Tax Budget for next year. Our intentions were to submit this to the Finance Committee this evening however we found two typos' so I have taken back to the County Auditor's Office for correction. This is why we don't have it this evening. He had a copy to give to Dave and ask him to decide if he wanted it to go to committee or present it to council at the next meeting.

City Treasurer Mrs. Cassady stated that each member of council has received a copy of the August Treasurer's Report and I'm asking for approval. Mr. Ferguson asked about the Swimming Pool fund balance showing -16,293.69. If you look at the July Report it is 16,488.69 with the same balance at the bottom line. I will check with the Auditor about that as I get the numbers from her to submit. Also, the \$1,000 under the Capital Improvement Fund what is the \$1,000 under expenses. Mrs. Cassady stated that since she didn't have the report in hand, she would need to check on this also. Mrs. Cassady withdrew her motion on the approval.

Communication and Petitions -

Mr. Martin stated that he has talked with several council members about this. On the phone system we have talked about a system in council chambers that will record and broadcast voice. I don't know the budget for city council as Mayor's Court is held in here as well as other things. I feel we need a system and get this mess fixed. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that someone needs to let her know what we need. It will have to record, broadcast voice. It doesn't have to be the greatest and have the best of everything however it needs to work. Mr. Martin to get with Mrs. Hoblitzell to start looking at things.

Mr. Martin also stated that on my desk is the license for Las Trancas Alcohol that we voted on previous. Mr. Martin asked Chief Stump if all the sergeants got together and signed this? Chief Stump stated that it had been signed by all the sergeants. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that it is changing from Jetlag to Las Trancas. Mr. Webster stated that it does not request a hearing. It has a checked box. Mr. Webster stated they needed this because of the timing. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that the police department got the same thing. It was back ground checked. Chief Stump stated the only one they

signed was the original one that the mayor had. There were no new papers received in the police department. Mayor Lorentz to check about this and report back. Mr. Martin stated that Las Trancas has been extremely busy.

Reports of Standing Committee -

Finance/Audit Committee Mr. Ferguson reported that his committee met this evening to address Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$681,000.00 to two different accounts. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except for Mr. McClead who voted nay.

Mr. Ferguson introduced Ms. Erin Stevens who is with SOPEC. Ms. Stevens is going to share with you an event that is coming up next Sunday, October 2, 2022. Ms. Erin Stevens stood before council and announced that she was with SOPEC (Sustainable Ohio Power Energy Council). I am your Southeastern Ohio Liaison. If you don't know, SOPEC is the City of Belpre's Electric Aggregator. Ms. Stevens apologized for not being here sooner to introduce herself. She stated that she was actually waiting to receive an award that she has for the City of Belpre. The City of Belpre is receiving one actually two of these Green Power Community Award. This is (2) large signs are usually placed as you are coming into town or existing. The signs says that the EPA has recognized Belpre for exceeding their guidelines for clean renewable energy.

Ms. Stevens was here to announce an Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive Event that will take place on Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 at Civitan Park in Belpre, Ohio from 1-4pm. Stop by to test drive electric vehicles, talk to current EV owners and hear from clean transportation industry leaders. There will be raffles and a question-and-answer session. See the vehicle lineup and register for the event at the event page.

Mr. Martin stated that when he sees the charging station at the city park, I know that a lot of charging stations are specific to vehicles. I see a Tesla on there and Tesla's doesn't use the same charging station. Do we know what the charging station at the park is capable of doing? Mayor Lorentz stated he knew at the time they were putting them in but he would have to check about it now. Most of the charging stations for Tesla's are at Sheetz. Mr. Ferguson stated he was talking about bringing in a new station. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that there is a company that comes and puts in new stations. There is a charge for it but the City of Belpre has a part in it. Tesla and Sheetz have a contract per Ms. Stevens. Tesla's come with a converter.

Mrs. Dennis, Police and Fire Committee congratulated our Interim Police Chief. There was a committee meeting for Police and Fire Committee at 6:45pm this evening to discuss signing the contract for future heavy rescue for the fire department. We are moving forward with the legislation on that and it should be completed by the next meeting. I am in charge of Facebook live here in the city building. The last three meetings we have not been able to get connected as we are fighting with the Wi-Fi.

Connie and I have put our heads together and have ordered a Wi-Fi booster so we are hoping by the next meeting it will work. Please bear with us.

Mr. Ruth, Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer reported that the Mayor, Connie and myself had a ZOOM meeting with MOVTA regarding a transportation study. There was a study done in 1997 and 2017.

The Mid=Ohio Valley Transit Authority located in Parkersburg, WV, has a vision to expand our fixed route and paratransit bus service across the river to Belpre, OH. Due to an increase in growth and with the expansion of WVU Medicine and Marietta Memorial Health System into Belpre, MOVTA believes this possible expansion of service would be of great benefit to the citizens of Belpre, OH, and Parkersburg and Vienna, WV.

MOVTA, in cooperation with the Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission) (WWW), is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct a transit study and would allow for cost efficient and effective bus transit service to Belpre. Factors to be considered are density (demand), time, safety, ease of operation and connecting desirable locations such as medical facilities, retail, housing for the low-income and disabled, etc.

Included with this General Scope of Work, MOVTA has provided a map developed by staff of a potential route for your review along with cost allocation data.

The study at present will cost about \$407,000 for the scope of the project. Our part would be 20% which would total \$81,400 per year to run that bus line through the city. The monthly total would be \$6,783.00 per month. There are still some other things I need to look at in depth before we have a committee meeting. I need some clarity of the map, budget requirements, etc.

Mr. Millhone, Utilities Committee reported that recently he had conversation with Bob Rauch regarding cleaning city vehicles. Mr. Millhone asked Mr. Rauch to put it in writing and he would bring before council. Mr. Rauch asked Alan how he could accommodate city employees using my carwashes to clean city vehicles.

The easiest way for me, and hopefully the city, is to issue a credit card or debit card for each vehicle or one card that would be the responsibility of one person to be used for all the vehicles.

All of my bays (automatics, self-services and vacuums) are equipped with card readers.

Your employee would simply swipe the card at either location and wash.

The city will get the invoice monthly and would be able to determine if all charges are legit.

The review of all charges would be easier if a card was issued for each vehicle.

If this plan is unacceptable, I will try to find an alternative.

Thanks for the opportunity,

Bob

Seconding Mr. Rauch stated that yes, I have been talking to Connie off and on for four months. The intent of my email is to get the contract language to state 'contractor has 90 days to complete the project once started, they finish it uninterrupted. Mr. Millhone stated that this is on the Farson Street Project.

They just came in, fixed the holes and repaved.

Why didn't they do this four weeks ago?

That mess on Farson could have been cut short by four weeks!

Is there something here I don't know about?

Bob

Thirdly, Mr. Rauch stated that I am a business owner on Farson Street and I have some concerns about the construction/water line installation that is currently in progress.

This job was started before Memorial Day by York Paving of Athens, Ohio.

At various times over the summer, Farson Street and the intersection at Farson and Washington Boulevard have been shut down to install the line.

This has caused access problems for my carwash, Citizen Bank and The Hustle protein drink business plus Memorial Health Systems.

I understand the importance of installing the line for the future expansion of Memorial Health Systems.

I also understand that major inconveniences and interruptions did and will occur.

I get it!

What I do not understand is why York Paving has been allowed to stretch this project out for four months and disrupt this entire west end of Belpre.

Are they still have not finished it. Mr. Millhone stated that they might have finished it however I received the email on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Their contract may give them the flexibility of 120 days to complete but I think that they should have the professional courtesy to complete the job ASAP.

I am asking that York Paving be disqualified from ever receiving another contract with the City of Belpre or as a subcontractor in the City of Belpre.

I feel that the City of Belpre needs to take a strong stand with future contractors to move in, get the job done and move out.

I will make myself available to discuss my comments.

Bob Rauch, Farson Street Carwash.

Mr. McClead, Parks and Recreation Committee had no report. Mr. McClead asked about the stump at the park that is sticking up. Can it be cut down? I get questions all the time. Connie to talk to the Street Foreman about the stump.

Mr. Wallace, Planning and Zoning Committee had no report.

Mr. Wallace, Economic Development Committee had no report.

Mr. Null, Rules Committee had no report. Mr. Null stated that he has reviewed the updated Codified Ordinances for the City of Belpre and would like to make a motion to add to the agenda for first reading **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BELPRE, OHIO.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Null stated that our next meeting is on Columbus Day. Do we need to make a motion to change the meeting? Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that we are not off that day and there would be a council meeting.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only ((President of Council will ask if there is anyone wishing to address City Council on any agenda items.)) None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ((President of City Council will recognize that there is or is not any Unfinished Business this evening)). None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except for Mr. Millhone, Mr. Null and Mr. Wallace. The vote was 4-3 and is still good. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

Mr. Null brought before council for first reading **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BELPRE, OHIO.** Brief discussion followed. Per Mr. Webster, Walter Drane is responsible for updating our code. Once they are updated, they are added to the codification. It is brought before

council for approval. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Rod O'Donnell #3 Grand Pointe Drive came before council to thank everyone that helped with our Invitational Track Meet last week. It does have an impact on our city. We have about 1500 total including spectators and 500 athletes from 31 different schools. 150 officials, veterans and coaches which brought our total to about 1500 people. This is our 5th year for this meet and we appreciate it so much. Everyone in the room including the Locke's who spent a couple of days down there doing physical labor and their dog. The dog had my spirits up which was good too. I would like to read a message from an old coach. It is symbolic how folks feel about this meet that leaves a good impression. It reads as follows:

A message from an old coach from the far-distant past. I attended the Belpre Invitational yesterday with the team I coached so many years ago. The meet was perhaps the very best organized, best run cross country meet I have witnessed in my 82 years of life. Congrats to you, Jen Wells, and the scores of people who provided such a wonderful experience for all who witnessed or participated. I sat with Blake Rodgers' grandparents and other relatives. I hope he gets his leg back onto running form soon.

Once again, wonderful experience

Bob Reall

Lancaster Cross Country Coach 1963-1991.

Mr. O'Donnell appreciated the message very much and it reflects the impression that this meet left on many people. The only thing I ask is that we will start planning next years meet within the next couple of weeks. Coaches also plan well ahead of time. If there are any issues that come up that we are afraid will interfere with our meet or the course please let us know well enough in advance so that we can make adjustments to it. Also, the meet will be on September 16th, 2023. We will plan within the next couple weeks so we can get information out to the other coaches. We have been blessed that four out of the last five years that we have had 1 out of the 5 top runners across the United States here. The #2 girl here this year was from Morgantown and unfortunately a car ran over her foot a week before the race. It kind of delayed her run but it didn't break her foot. She will be okay. This is the kind of teams we are attracting in here. Again, we appreciate the cities help along with others. Mr. Martin thanked Mr. O'Donnell for his efforts. Mr. O'Donnell stated that Bob Reall is a legend in the State. Mr. Locke stated that 70 years ago they won state.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that we honored the 1952 State Track Champions in Belpre. Three were able to attend. There are 7 or 8 still living. We presented them with a shirt and a hat. It showed the 500 kids that we had what an accomplishment was.

Sue Crissman 310 Florence Street asked if we still have a Grant Writer. How do we know what they are applying for? Is there a resource that we can look into? Mayor Lorentz stated that he could supply that information to her.

Mr. Ferguson stated that Mrs. Locke asked at the last meeting about squad maintenance. Was this resolved as to who was going to pay for the maintenance. Mrs. Locke stated there was a squad that was down because of a fuel pump. Mrs. Locke said she was informed that we will pay some and they will pay some. Mrs. Locke noticed it was back. Did you happen to notice the cost? Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that we did not pay for that. The corporation paid for it. They have a contract. They took it out of their money. Mrs. Locke asked if they going to be giving a monthly report? Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that they are supposed to. Mrs. Locke stated that they might need more encouragement. Karen Locke 726 Tuttle Street, Belpre.

Mr. Ferguson stated that you say it is in the contract that they pay for maintenance on the vehicles. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated she believes it says that we do. Mr. Ferguson asked where it says that. Do you have the contract? Mrs. Hoblitzell looked at the contract. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that the contract was too old. It is from 2019 but shows 2021. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated this is ProCare and not us. Mr. Ferguson asked what contract we are using. The contract we are using is the Belpre Volunteer Fire Department Association, Inc. per Mr. Webster. Mrs. Hoblitzell to look up his questions and get back with him.

Mr. Ferguson asked where the \$129,000 for Braun Road was paid from. He was informed by Mrs. Hoblitzell that it was paid by CRRSSA Funds.

Mr. Ferguson thanked Rod O'Donnell for Speer heading the Belpre Invitational Cross-Country Track Meet. Without all his efforts this would not happen. I appreciate it very much. Mr. O'Donnell stated that it happens because of everyone helping.

Bill Locke 726 Tuttle Street asked if the leak at the pool was fixed. He was informed that it was fixed.

The mayor mentioned that there is a Grant for \$25,000 and you are going to build a handicap ramp by the pond. Mayor Lorentz stated that this has come up several times. First time it was denied, second time it was accepted. Later it was funded and a sidewalk was put in around the pond. Hopefully with the \$25,000 there will be enough to put the walk way around the pond. There will be a line around the pond per the mayor to appease the EPA.

Mr. Locke asked about the Spires Car Lot and the old driveway that is no longer there. Has this been resolved? According to Mrs. Hoblitzell she has not contacted us. Mayor Lorentz stated that he had never spoke with her.

Mr. Locke stated that he had talked to Mr. Lehew. Mr. Lehew and his neighbor across the street has issues with their driveways. There is a place that was messed up during paving. Mr. Locke stated that it is his understanding that we are not going to take care of that. Is this correct? Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that John gave a report on that at the last meeting. Mayor Lorentz stated that the way you stated that they messed it up. Mr. Locke said someone messed it up.

Mr. Ruth stated that Mr. Lehew contacted him before I came to council this evening addressing concerns as to how his driveway was left. How I feel about it I guess it doesn't matter. What they are going to do about it or if they are going to do anything about it. He asked me to mention his concern for him and his neighbor with the rain and the weather getting colder and the difference in elevation. Mr. Ruth stated that aprons had been put in down the street. Mr. Ruth and Mrs. Hoblitzell went over and looked at it and everyone has their opinion on how it should be fixed. Mr. Ruth stated that they have a nice home, they keep it up and if my opinion matters, I do think the approach needs fixed. Mr. Locke just wondered if we are going to fix it or not. It was fine before they paved it and now it is not. Mrs. Hoblitzell stated that according to Google Earth it was not fine but it is something we need to look further into. I'm not going to tell you yes or no tonight. Mayor Lorentz showed picture of Braun Road by Mr. Lehew's driveway and asked if we created that. This is the driveway. Mr. Wallace stated that from the picture I don't see that, that created that. This is what I see. Mayor Lorentz stated that there is 2 foot that is beyond repair and the gentleman wants it repaired like the road. If I lived there, I would want it too. It would save me a few hundred dollars. Mayor Lorentz stated that everyone has a good transition but I don't.

Mr. Null asked how water stands in front of driveways? Mr. Null asked Ms. Crissman if Mr. Wilfong lived up the street from her on Florence Street. She said she didn't know. Mr. Null stated that he had deep water in his driveway. I mentioned this to the Safety-Service Director to see if she had gone down and checked it. Mr. Null stated that it is a problem down there. In a heavy rain we are talking about four inches of water in his driveway where the pavement wasn't properly installed. There is a drain where it should be going to but the way it is paved it is not going to the drain. In the winter it could be hazardous.

Mr. Millhone stated that he saw the lady that owns the Spire's Lot and I tried to get her to come to council because nothing has been resolved. I will go see her tomorrow and get her here for the next council meeting. Mr. Webster stated that when she was here, she was instructed to talk to the Safety-Service Director and to call me. Mr.

Webster stated that he never received a call from her. Mr. Millhone stated that he was going to see her tomorrow. Mayor Lorentz stated that this is not a council issue. This is a Safety-Service Director and an administrative issue. Mr. Millhone stated that we would get this resolved.

Mr. Ferguson called a Finance/Audit Committee meeting for October 10th at 7PM for the purpose of discussing the Tax Budget.

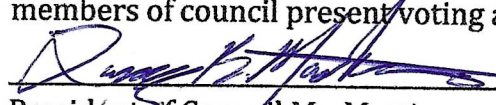
Mrs. Cassady asked permission to address her question to John. When you addressed Mr. and Mrs. Lebew's driveway before did you not say that there was a city person that went down there and talked to him about the snow plow destroying part of that. Mr. Ruth stated yes that was Mr. Shaffer who works for the street department. Mr. Ruth stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Shaffer and he thought it needed fixed and he would have someone come back and fix it. Is the Mayor and Safety-Service Director aware of that conversation. Mr. Ruth stated he relayed that message at the last meeting.

Mr. Webster announced that October 8th and 9th is the Apple Butter Stir-Off at Civitan Park. The Lions Club sponsors it. Pioneer Presbyterian Church makes the apple butter. We invite everyone to attend. We made 91 gallons of apple butter last week in the rain. It was a swell time. We hope for fair weather for the stir-off.

Secondly Mr. Webster announced the band results. The band qualified for State with the highest score of all the bands. Per the mayor, they were escorted back to town by our officers.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.



President of Council Mr. Martin



Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith