

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

April 9, 2018

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Room of Village Hall in a regular meeting called to order by Mayor Winslow at 7:15 p.m. The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Roll call was taken by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance. Present: Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons, Buhs, and Mayor Winslow. Also present: Police Deputy Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Asst. Fire Chief Jimmy Schulte, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, and Zoning Administrator/Asst. Fire Chief Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, to approve village board minutes of March 12 , 2018 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of March, noting 96 total calls for the month with 6 calls going unanswered. There was a \$75,000 fire loss this month. All hoses have been inspected and tested, with one failing. Campbell is budgeting for replacement hoses in the coming fiscal year. Truck 2210 should be back to us by the end of April, as Cottage Hills has purchased a new truck. There will be an Open House on May 12 from 10am-1pm at the Fire House, with a live fire demonstration and a medical helicopter appearance. Several of our firefighters will be attending training and seminars in Indianapolis next month. There were no questions.

Deputy Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report. There were no questions. There was one stolen vehicle in March, but unlike those in November this one was family related and recovered. Welch noted 15% fewer traffic crashes in the first quarter of the year as compared to 2017, and noted that this is largely due to our Public Works department’s diligence in taking care of the roads in icy and snowy situations.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of March. Work continues on getting generators installed on all lift stations. The Fairway lift station went down for about an hour during recent heavy rains, but all others stayed fully functional. Planning on additional CIPP sewer lining is being done now. 32 tons of salt were used in March; there were 8 total ice/snow events this season, compared to 4 in 2017 and 3 in 2016. Pothole work continues, and a pre-construction meeting was held with IDOT for the final phase of the East Central project. This project should begin in the next month or so. Sidewalks are being repaired and brush removal continues. Mowing season has also started. Work on the Splash Pad continues, with concrete being finished and fencing to follow. Mulch is being installed at the Splash Pad park. Trustee McRae asked if the Arboretum was complete; it is with the exception of plantings and beautification that will be done by the Bethalto Spirit Group. Sports Complex 2 still has some sidewalk and parking lot work to be completed prior to opening. Cheatham believes this will all be done in 4-6 weeks. Trustee Mull asked if Mr. Manhole would be utilized again this year; Cheatham stated manholes will be repaired as more sewer linings are completed. There were no further questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Charles Keef, 610 Georgia St, was in attendance to present a situation with his neighbor, who has been setting out D-Con around his yard. Mr. Keef is concerned about poisoning birds and animals, and has contacted various agencies to discover that this practice is against the law. Mr. Keef stated that the owner of the property should be informed of the violation, but that he was told the homeowner can do “whatever he wants on the property”. Dennis Zerkel, the neighboring home owner, was also in attendance and stated he was told that Mr. Keef was “raising mice” in order to attract hawks and that he was using the D-Con to protect his property. Mr. Keef denied he was raising mice. Zerkel stated he will comply with any laws. Mayor Winslow stated that the Village will do research on the laws and will inform both parties as soon as possible.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-06 A Suggested IMRF Resolution to Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings** was presented. This resolution is post-dated back to 2002 and covers clothing allowance and car allowance as reportable IMRF earnings. It was discovered during our IMRF audit that these amounts were being reported as income but we did not have the authorizing resolution on file with IMRF, so this covers that requirement. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2018-06 A Suggested IMRF Resolution to Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2018-07 A Resolution Authorizing Planning for Recognition and Celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance** was presented. Bethalto will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 19, 2019 and wishes to commemorate the occasion with a large event next summer and will encourage other Village events to tie into the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration as well. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Buhs, to approve Resolution 2016-07 A Resolution Authorizing Planning for Recognition and Celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2018-08 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wood River Township for Multi-Use Trail Property** was presented. This was discussed last March but tabled due to clarification being needed with the legal description and was never brought back up for consideration. Wood River Township is now ready to begin construction on the trail so this agreement is necessary. This covers the old railroad right of way from Franklin to 255. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2018-08 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wood River Township for Multi-Use Trail Property.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2018-06 An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Third Amendment for Extension of Lease Agreement** was presented. This is for an extension of the current tower lease agreement with Sprint, which currently expires in 2026. This will extend the lease for an additional 30 years and will initially raise the lease payment from \$18,662 to \$20,662 with a 4% annual increase thereafter. Some other items covered in the agreement are sub-leases and first right of refusal if the Village should wish to sell. It was noted that this is for the same size tract of land, located behind Village Hall. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Buhs, approving Ordinance 2018-06 An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Third Amendment for Extension of Lease Agreement.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Bethalto Spirit will hold a Plant Sale in Central Park on April 21 to benefit the Bethalto Arboretum. This sale will be from 10am-2pm.

The annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting will be Friday, April 27 at 1:00 in the Committee Room.

The Plan Commission has forwarded a recommendation to approve the final subdivision plat for the Corbin Street Storage subdivision. Attorney Balsters reviewed that this is currently a non-conforming use in a residential district. The plat takes four separate parcels and creates two individual lots, one with a house and the other with the storage facility. Setbacks were the issue for the commission, as it was noted that the house and lot will be completely compliant, but the current storage units encroach on the required setbacks on the west and north sides. It is a grandfathered non-conforming use right now, but should the storage facility ever be destroyed, rebuilding would not be allowed. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Mull, to accept the Plan Commission recommendation to approve the final**

**plat for the Corbin Street Storage Subdivision, recognizing the current non-conforming use.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Splash Pad grand opening is set for May 25 with a time to be determined. Mayor Winslow will let everyone know well in advance.

The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 28 with line-up behind the Water Office at 10:15am. Trustees are encouraged to participate. The Memorial Day service will be at Rose Lawn beginning at 11:00am.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Winslow presented proclamations for National Small Business Week, Arbor Day (which will be April 21 in Bethalto), and Motorcycle Awareness Month.

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report. Building permits have been slow again this month, but projects by WestStar, BJC, and others may begin soon. 514 B Street has been demolished and the lot seeded and strawed. Live burns may be possible with some of the other properties to be demolished, providing training for the fire department. The Emergency Action Plan is being updated. The fire department generator has been rehabbed and the Winona Street siren repaired. 544 Park Street will be the next property to be demolished, we are waiting on the court order for that property. There were no questions.

### **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the March, 2018 Treasurer's Report, noting we are getting near the end of the fiscal year. Schoppet noted that low cash balances are typical for this time of year, but stated that today's bank balance was \$848,000 and that the Village has plenty of

cash to meet obligations. Schoppet reviewed the different funds. The meter fund is increasing again now that radio reads are all installed. MFT has a healthy balance and cash reserves are OK. Loan balances were reviewed. Schoppet also presented his cash flow analysis report, noting that expenses in March were lower than expected and operating expenses are also down, which hopefully will lead to a good end to the fiscal year. Schoppet reminded the board that some annual payments come in during the month of April as well. Trustee McRae asked if discretionary spending would have an impact on the month of April; Mayor noted that most large expenditures occurred earlier in the fiscal year and that nothing large is anticipated this month. Trustee Gibbons wanted clarification of the line of credit used for the Sports Complex; it was confirmed that once the OSLAD grant money is received it will be put toward that debt. There were no further questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the March, 2018 Treasurer's Report.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were set for Monday, April 23 at 6:00pm. Budget meetings will be set for the finance committee once schedules are ironed out.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$281,107.74.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$144,671.52.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**ESDA FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,401.54.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons, and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**LIABILITY FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$768.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**MFT FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$8,359.41.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$54,238.76.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$57.50.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, May 14, 2018 with the Water Board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

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Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn was made by Mull, seconded by Bost.**  
All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor