

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
February 12, 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 Chief Gregg Smock, Deputy Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Mull, to approve village board minutes of January 8, 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 January, noting 99 total calls for the month, with 10 calls unanswered. There were three fires with a total loss of approximately \$75,000—one RV, one commercial (Arby’s) and an apartment fire at Chateau. Unit 2212 has been repaired. Seven new firefighter applications have been received this month; one local and six from out of town. Trustee McRae inquired as to why out-of-towners would be interested; Campbell replied that our department is listed at LCCC as having no residency requirements and applicants are seeking experience wherever they can get it. Campbell noted that the department welcomes any applicants as help is desperately needed. There were no further questions.

Police Chief Smock provided the trustees with the monthly activity report. There were no questions. Smock commended the public works/street department for the great job they’ve done and continue to do keeping streets clear during inclement weather. The police department has had no snow/ice-related accidents in the past two years.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of January. There were 4 snow events, all of which required salting and overtime hours but nothing major. Pothole repairs continue as needed. The radial arm mower is in and has been used along rights-of-way; Cheatham is pleased with it thus far. Leaf and brush pickup continued into January. Sewer easements along Albers Lane are being worked on and cleaned out. The Fairway lift station generator is installed and operational. Building and park maintenance continues. Trustee Bost asked about our salt supply, Cheatham noted that we still have a good quantity on hand. There were no further questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tab Roberson, representing the Bethalto Jaycees, was in attendance to request use of Central Park for their annual Country Fair. This year's event will be held May 17-20. The agreement was provided to the Village and the insurance certificate is already in-hand. There were no questions. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by McRae, to approve the use of Central Park by the Bethalto Jaycees on May 17-20 for their annual Country Fair.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-02 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Technical Services and Assistance Regarding the Possible Creation of Business District #3 (Route 111 Business District) was presented. This authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Moran Economic Development for assistance with the possible creation of the Route 111 Business District. It was noted that this agreement is similar to the one entered into for the previous two business districts. **Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Bost, to approve Resolution 2018-02 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Technical Services and Assistance Regarding the Possible Creation of Business District #3 (Route 111 Business District).** Trustees Mull, Bost, and Buhs voted aye; Trustees Dugger, McRae

and Gibbons voted nay. Mayor Winslow cast the deciding vote with an aye. Motion carried 4-3.

Resolution 2018-03 A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Apply for Madison County Resource Management Program Environmental Grant was presented. This authorizes the mayor to apply for a \$15,000 environmental grant through Madison County that can be used for storm water system improvements. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, to approve Resolution 2018-03 A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Apply for Madison County Resource Management Program Environmental Grant.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2018-04 A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County was presented. This authorizes the mayor to apply for PEP Grant funding in the amount of \$47,900 for completion of the Splash Pad. This is required annually in order to utilize these funds for this major project. **Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.**

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2018-02 An Ordinance Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Establishment of Business District #3 (Route 111 Business District) was presented. This is a requirement in order to inform the public and receive input on the potential creation of a business district along Route 111 and airport property. This sets a public hearing date for February 28, 2018 at 6:00pm in the council room of Bethalto Village Hall. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2018-02 An Ordinance Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Establishment of Business District #3 (Route 111 Business District).** Trustees Mull, Bost, and Buhs voted aye; Trustees Dugger, McRae and Gibbons voted nay. Mayor Winslow cast the deciding vote with an aye. Motion carried 4-3.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for Presidents' Day.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Winslow presented a Proclamation in support of the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator Brown was unable to print a monthly report due to a power outage in his office. He announced that in January there were no building permits, one demolition permit, 19 occupancy permits and 3 electrical permits issued. James Green Properties (including Chateau) has been sold and the entire complex will be renovated by the new owners. The new owners have offered several of their buildings for training use for the police & fire departments. Brown has completed some drone training, and the drone was utilized recently by the Major Case Squad in a search and was useful in detecting some unauthorized ATV traffic in parts of town. There were no questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the January, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Negative cash balances in the General Fund can be attributed to Sports Complex 2 and Arboretum expenditures, which have been paid out of the general fund but will be reimbursed with grant money. The Water/Sewer Fund balance is healthy. Schoppet noted that this "internal financing" causes fund balances to drop but that reimbursements should be received by the end of the fiscal year. The Capital Improvement fund is rebuilding after expenditures for the radio read meters. The MFT fund has a good balance. Schoppet reviewed loan balances, noting four are quickly being paid off and are now less than \$100,000 total. Trustee McRae noted that the Village is in a major cash crunch right now, and three payrolls and a TIF payment in March will only worsen the situation. McRae wanted to be sure the trustees understood the

cash flow situation as it stands until reimbursements are received. Schoppet noted that Department Heads should be curbing spending for the time being. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the January, 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, February 26 at 6:00pm..

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$387,894.51. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Buhs, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$271,598.92. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ESDA FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$207.93. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$6,431.94. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$49,718.76. 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, March 12, 2018 with the Water Board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

Mayor Winslow announced the need to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to enter into executive session per ILCS 2 (c) (1) Personnel.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Entered into Executive Session at 7:35pm.

Reconvened into regular session at 9:08pm with all trustees, Mayor Winslow, Attorney Balsters, and Public Works Director Cheatham in attendance.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to deny the grievance appeal and uphold the termination of a Public Works employee. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn was made by McRae, seconded by Gibbons.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor