

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**March 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, Asst. Fire Chief Jimmy Schulte, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, and Zoning Administrator/Asst. Fire Chief Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve village board minutes of February 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 February, noting 77 total calls for the month, with 7 calls going unanswered. The new fire gear ordered by the department has arrived. The Cottage Hills FD has purchased a new engine, so we should have Unit 2210 back by the end of April. Campbell noted that Cottage Hills responded to all of our recent fires with Unit 2210. There were no questions.

Deputy Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report. There were no questions. Several of the vehicles that were stolen in the month of November have been recovered, and vehicle burglaries are down, likely due to the number of recent arrests throughout the area and residents being more diligent about securing their vehicles.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of February. The street department continues to work on leaf and brush pickup. Potholes are being addressed as the weather permits. There will be a preliminary meeting for the E. Central Street project on

March 21; Keller Construction was awarded the job, which came in \$110,000 under the estimated cost. Backup generators are all installed on the lift stations, with a system in place to run the backups from a central location like the water plant iPad. During the recent rain events, no lift stations were lost and little increase in flow was noted which is excellent news. Parks crews are working on getting ball fields ready for the season. Splash Pad concrete work is being prepped then the fence will be installed. New lights have been installed at the tennis courts, making a huge difference there. These lights were done through an Ameren grant in conjunction with Bickle Electric. Joe Schoppet asked when the restrooms will be opened at Bryant Park; Cheatham stated that the weather should be warm enough within the next couple of weeks to ensure no further risk of frozen pipes, so that they should be de-winterized and opened soon.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no guests or attendees wishing to address the Board.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Village Attorney to Negotiate with the City of Alton for Wastewater Services** was presented. The Village is anticipating possible changes with Alton's wastewater treatment system, and this will allow the Mayor and Attorney to negotiate as the need arises. The Village is currently under a 10-year contract (through 2022), but there are several provisions in the existing contract that need to be reviewed. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2018-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Village Attorney to Negotiate with the City of Alton for Wastewater Services.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2018-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Village Code of Ordinances** was presented. This updates the permit fees section, eliminating the “no fee” follow-up inspection. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Bost, to approve Ordinance 2018-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Village Code of Ordinances.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 2018-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage-of the Revised Code of Ordinances** was presented. This shifts the responsibility of leaf pickup services to our waste provider, Republic Services, effective July 1, 2018. The Village will cover the cost of leaf pickup services for all enrolled residents for the months of October, November and December; the other nine months will be paid by the resident if they choose to enroll in the service. The Village will no longer pick up leaves as of June 30, 2018. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2018-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage-of the Revised Code of Ordinances.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 2018-05 An Ordinance Establishing the Bethalto Route 111 Business District; approving a Business District Plan; Authorizing the Imposition and Collection of a Sales Tax Within Such Business District; and Approving Certain Actions in Connection with the Establishment of Such Business District** was presented. Mayor Winslow reviewed the process behind establishing this third business district and noted that a public hearing had been held with three residents in attendance expressing their concerns. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve Ordinance 2018-05 An Ordinance Establishing the Bethalto Route 111 Business District, et al.** Trustees Mull, Bost and Buhs voted aye, Trustees Dugger, McRae, and Gibbons voted nay. Mayor Winslow cast the tie-breaker vote with an aye. Motion carried 4-3.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

The Plan Commission will be meeting on March 22 to consider a minor subdivision plan of West Corbin Storage.

Village offices will be closed on Friday, March 30 for Good Friday.

The Bethalto Rotary Club and Lifebrook Church have requested the use of Central Park for the annual egg hunt & Easter festival. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, to allow use of Central Park on March 31, 2018 for the annual egg hunt and Easter Festival.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Community Yard Sale will be in Central Park on April 7; there are 30 spots reserved to date.

Bethalto Spirit has requested use of the Central Park Pavilion on April 21 for a Plant Sale to benefit the Bethalto Arboretum. This sale will be from 10am-2pm. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Dugger, to approve use of the Central Park Pavilion by Bethalto Spirit on April 21 for their Plant Sale.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Village's new website has been up and running for a couple of weeks and has received good reviews. The history book contest has been a success and has people looking weekly for the hidden book to claim their prize. Mayor Winslow commended former Trustee Bob DiPaolo on his work on setting up the website as well.

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report. Building permits have been slow this month. Chateau's new owners have begun remodeling and initial inspections have begun there. The property is in bad shape and will take longer to renovate than expected. The new owners hope to have a display unit ready in about 6 weeks. The County grant for demolition of 514 B Street has been approved and demolition will occur by the end of April. The Village has received a new ISO rating; 5 residential and 4 commercial, which is a huge improvement. Trustee Gibbons inquired about the status of the home to be demolished on Strohbeck; Brown stated that it is in the court process right now. Brown further stated he would like to research completing the demolition process in-house in conjunction with Public Works; this will save the months it takes to proceed through the county court system. There were no further questions.

## **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the February, 2018 Treasurer's Report. A negative cash balance was noted in the General Fund, but all other accounts are healthy. This negative balance 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. Schoppet noted two months left in the fiscal year. Schoppet's cash flow report was reviewed; the Village is anticipating grant reimbursements, but likely only one this fiscal year from the Metro East Park & Rec grant. It was noted that an additional \$160,000 in MFT funding can be transferred as budgeted. The Water/Sewer Fund looks healthy. Trustee McRae questioned the borrowing of \$50,000 in February and money used from the construction account for the park. Schoppet confirmed these figures. McRae inquired as to when we may receive the MEPRD grant money; PW Director Cheatham answered that the committee was meeting tonight so hopefully very soon. The OSLAD grant was discussed; this money will not be released until Sports Complex 2 opens later this Spring, and that this money has been guaranteed by the state. A question of a \$300,000 grant listed on the revenues pages of the

treasurer's report showed an error; this amount should be \$165,000. There were no further questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve the February, 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, March 26 at 6:00pm..

### **WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$163,925.03.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Gibbons, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$104,331.95.** 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 \$1,247.16.** 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 Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$142,375.78.** 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, April 9, 2018 with the Water Board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn was made by Buhs, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor