

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
November 12, 2018

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Room at 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, Buhs, and Mayor Winslow. Trustee Gibbons was absent. Also present: Police Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Asst. Fire Chief James Schulte, Zoning Administrator Tim Brown, and Village Treasurer Joe Hughes.

Motion made by Dugger, seconded by McRae, to approve village board minutes of October 8, 2018 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of October, noting 106 calls with no fires except two mutual aid calls. Campbell is looking to hire three or four additional part-time staff; the program is running smoothly. The department’s new Tahoe is complete and will be put into service once inspected. There were no questions.

Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report for October. Opioid overdoses continue to be a problem, with three in October and twelve year-to-date. Chief has nominated Patrolman Ryan Dugger for a SIPCA merit award for his extraordinary service and commended him on how he has revived our Police Scout program. The program now has twelve scouts. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Patching work is being done throughout town. The Albers Lane Bridge was inspected and reopened; there is damage but it is not structural, and since replacement is on the horizon the bridge was cleared for use. The first segment of Moro Road has been milled and overlaid; that process will continue next

year. Preparation for Christmas has begun, and the fish stand and bandstand bathrooms have been remodeled. Park benches have been installed in the Arboretum. We will be doing a demonstration on our sewer lining program for other municipalities in the near future. All of our lift stations except two are now on SCATA and have backup generators. Trustee Bost asked for a timeline on the Albers bridge; Cheatham stated that it will be completed in 2021 at the earliest; there is a lot of prep and engineering work to be done and we are trying to determine the best layout for the project. Funding is in place. There were no further questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no one in attendance wishing to address the board.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-30 A Resolution for Approval of Retaining Professional Services was presented. This authorizes the Village to retain Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan and Jackstadt as representation before the Board of Review for the request of Cedarhurst of Bethalto for a reduction of property taxes. Winslow stated that he does not believe the reduction to be justified due to the number of services provided to Cedarhurst and its residents. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2018-30 A Resolution for Approval of Retaining Professional Services.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2018-31 A Resolution for Approval of Professional Engineering Services Agreement was presented. This authorizes the Village to enter into an engineering services agreement with Oates & Associates for work to be completed for the Albers Lane (Friedel) Bridge. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2018-31 A**

Resolution for Approval of Professional Engineering Services Agreement. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2018-16 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented by Treasurer Joe Hughes. The levy increased by \$94,000 over the previous year, which will cover inflation only. This is within the 5% increase limit that would require a public hearing. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve Ordinance 2018-16 Tax Levy Ordinance.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Winslow presented a recommendation from the PC/ZBA to change the Village's DC-Downtown Commercial zoning code to allow for pet supplies and pet grooming services under section 40-5-78. The specific request was for property at 112 S. Prairie, but the entire DC-Downtown Commercial code will be amended. The PC/ZBA saw no issues with this change and no one was in attendance at the public hearing to oppose it. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Bost, to accept the PC/ZBA recommendation to amend the Zoning Code to allow Pet Supplies and Pet Grooming as a permitted use in DC-Downtown Commercial zoning.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Winslow then presented **Ordinance 2018-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code**, which amends the Zoning Code to allow for Pet Supplies and Pet Grooming to be a permitted use under DC-Downtown Commercial zoning. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to approve Ordinance 2018-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Fire and Police Commission have forwarded a recommendation to promote Patrolman Ryan Dugger to Police Sergeant. **Motion made by Dugger, seconded by Mull, to approve this recommendation and promote Patrolman Ryan Dugger to Sergeant.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Sgt. Dugger was pinned by his daughters in front of many co-workers, friends and family members.

Village offices will be closed November 22 & 23 for Thanksgiving.

Mayor Winslow presented an application by Eagle's Nest for a class B Liquor License to serve beer and wine. This will further allow the establishment to offer video gaming. Winslow stated that this is a full-service restaurant, which meets Village guidelines for gaming. There are currently no Class B licenses available, thus the Village Liquor Code ordinance will need to be amended at the December meeting.

Mayor Winslow announced that there will be several special events in 2019, for which he would like to open an event account so that funds for these privately funded events will not be intermingled with general funds of the Village. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve opening an event checking account for special events.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The PC/ZBA forwarded a recommendation to approve the final plat for MBR Office Park subdivision, which is located along 140 and will be the home of the new BJC medical building. The plat now meets all regulations and approval is recommended by the zoning department and the PC/ZBA. The Village will be vacating a diagonal drainage easement when approving this plat. All other utility easements are in place. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by McRae, to accept the PC/ZBA recommendation and approve the final plat**

of MBR Office Park Subdivision as submitted. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Winslow has proclaimed Saturday, November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday by the request of the RBGA. Residents are encouraged to shop local on this day.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his report for October. 10 permits were issued; they included roofing permits, fire damage permits, and a permit for the automotive garage at the corner of Grace and Prairie Streets. Five code enforcement violations were issued, along with fifteen brush & leaf removal notices. Brown will be meeting with Attorney Butler on the 19th regarding outstanding liens. There were no questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The October, 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue and expenses were reviewed along with fund balances. The Village received its first Business District tax payment. There were no questions. **Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2018.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings, with the possibility of a special meeting, were set for Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6pm.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$454,867.95. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$228,593.27. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$82,739.95. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$50,938.56. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$58.60. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ILCS 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Entered into Executive Session at 7:42pm.

Re-entered into regular session at 8:34pm with Mayor Winslow and Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs in attendance. Attorney Balsters and Clerk Lowrance were also present, along with Police Chief Welch, Deputy Chief Lamb, Jeff Cope and Jay Lowrance.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to approve the Police Department union contract as submitted for three years instead of four. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Having no further business, a **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by McRae.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor