

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
October 9, 2017

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, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, Zoning Administrator Tim Brown, and several fire department members.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, to approve village board minutes of September 11, 2017 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Buhs, to approve special meeting minutes of September 18, 2017 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 September, noting 92 total calls for the month, 10 missed calls and a year-to-date total of 785 responses. The department is down to 18 full members. The department raised enough money through t-shirt sales to make a \$2000 donation to the Bethalto School District for their special education program. The check was presented at the CM Homecoming game this past Friday. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock presented the September activity report with no questions. The Police Department also made a donation to the Lifesavers Program at CMHS. The check was presented at the last School Board meeting.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of September: lift station maintenance is complete, with everything operational and updated with the exception of the Villa Rose station, which needs a new \$8000 computer panel. This has been ordered. Round 2 of sewer linings is complete. The roller is in and is being put to good use. The storm sewer and road work on Buchta is complete. The arboretum sidewalk has been torn out, with staking, electrical work, and sidewalk replacement to follow. The Splash Pad has had concrete poured with more sidewalk work to be done this week. The SC 2 concession stand construction has begun, with the foundation and roughed in plumbing and electrical already completed. Cheatham expects the building to be weather-tight in the next two weeks. Trustee Bost inquired as to the anticipated completion date; Cheatham stated he expects it to be completed in December with the exception of lights. Trustee McRae asked about the arboretum; the sidewalk will be wider but will take a similar route. No trees or shrubs will be harmed, although some memorial plaques may need to be shifted. This will be a wider, multi-use trail for walking and cycling. There were no comments or further questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 2017-13 and 2017-14, relating to storm water treatment costs, were tabled in order to allow for further review of Juneau's report. Mayor Winslow hopes to have issues addressed for consideration at the November meeting.

ORDINANCES

No ordinances were presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Winslow announced that the Citizens Utility Board will be holding an energy efficiency seminar at the Senior Citizens Building on Friday, October 13 beginning at 5pm.

The Rotary Halloween Parade will be October 26 beginning at 6:30pm. Staging will be at the Bank of Edwardsville, and the parade route will travel north on Prairie to Central Park, where there will be a trunk or treat event.

Trick or Treating will be October 30 & 31 from 6pm-9pm.

Village offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

The Village's audit/financial report is nearing completion. Once the final report is in-hand, Mayor Winslow will set a time for the auditors to present to the board. The completed report is expected this week.

Mayor Winslow announced that Fire Chief Campbell is requesting part-time paid staff for the department, and that he would like to present his request to the board for discussion in committee and future consideration. Chief Campbell addressed the board, stating that the increasing number of missed calls is cause for concern, and he is proposing that the remaining amount budgeted for a full-time chief salary be put to use in hiring part-time staff to cover shifts daily from 7am-7pm. Campbell stated that a majority of the missed calls are during these daylight hours. Campbell said that volunteer counts are down across the country, so this isn't unusual for volunteer departments. Two other local chiefs have found this program to be successful for their departments. EMT/Paramedic certification would be a requirement to fill the part-time positions, as many calls are medical related but not requiring ambulances (lift assists, etc.). Fires and other serious calls will be supplemented with mutual

aid responses. Mayor Winslow said the proposal will be further discussed in committee meetings later this month.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report with no questions. It has been a slow month, with 12 permits issued. YTD valuation is \$13 million. Brown has begun to implement a door tagging system for code enforcement issues. Tags are placed on doors where a violation has occurred and this seems to be helping with issues and response time. Brown will be attending a crime-free housing class this week, and just returned from a school inspection class as well. Paperwork is already arriving for the 2020 census. There were no comments or questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the September, 2017 Treasurer's Report, noting cash balances and reviewing savings account and loan balances as well. An in-depth cash flow analysis will be provided at the next committee meeting. The audit is anticipated to be in-hand by the end of the week, and the auditors will present their results to the full board. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve the September, 2017 Treasurer's Report.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00pm, with a possible second committee meeting needed on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00pm.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$257,289.51. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$162,751.60. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Buhs, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$5,744.99. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$48,729.66. 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, November 13, 2017 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 Mull, seconded by Bost.**
All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor