

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
January 14, 2019

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, Gibbons, Buhs, and Mayor Winslow. Also present: Police Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Asst. Fire Chief James Schulte, Village Treasurer Joe Hughes, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Bost, to approve village board minutes of December 10, 2018 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of December, noting 102 calls. The trend is over 100 per month now that Cedarhurst and Hollybrook are open. There were 1148 calls in 2018, compared to 550 calls in 2006 (Campbell’s first year on the department). Pump and ladder testing has all been completed, and truck 2211 has been equipped so that it is similar to 2212. The department lost another 2 volunteers, leaving us with 18 (12 regular and 6 probationary). Two probationary members will become regular members in February, provided their training is completed. The Tahoe is working out great and is a huge asset to the department. There were no questions.

Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report for December. There were three incidents during the recent snow storm, but only one on Village-maintained roads. Welch thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts during the storm. The annual report was presented, with the department running 7,000 calls, down a bit from last year. Overdoses continue to be an issue, not just locally but state-wide. Illinois has one of the worst opioid death rates in the United States. Welch reviewed county and state overdose

death rates and noted that it continues to be a significant problem; he stated that his department will continue to explore solutions. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. All lift stations are now on backup generators. Crews are working on tracking interceptor manholes as there is a lot of infiltration on the system. A lot of the interceptor line runs through farm fields and accessing the line in an emergency will be a chore due to the difficulty in accessing these areas. Prep work is being done for Mr. Manhole. Holiday decorations are down. There will be a meeting on January 19 regarding ball field use and reserving fields for all facilities. Street sweeping and cleaning of catch basins continues. The recent snow storm dropped 10" of snow on Bethalto; 88 tons of salt and 122 man hours were used not including overtime. Salt is on order as another round of snow is predicted for the coming weekend. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Ahasay was in attendance to thank the Village for another great year for the Christmas Village. Attendance was up this year and the Village was a success. Ahasay extended her thanks to all the volunteers and to the Village of Bethalto for their support.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2019-01 A Resolution Declaring 512 Strohbeck as Unsafe and Dangerous and Authorizing the Village to Proceed to Demolish Same was presented. This property has been abandoned by the owner and is in disrepair. A previous grant application for demolition was not approved, so the process must start over with a new resolution which will be sent through the court system. Public Works crews will demolish the property and liens will be placed on the property for these costs. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, to approve Resolution 2019-01 A Resolution Declaring 512 Strohbeck as**

Unsafe and Dangerous and Authorizing the Village to Proceed to Demolish Same.

Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County was presented. This is the annual PEP Grant application for funding through Madison County. The Village will use \$12,200 of this funding to pay off the “borrowed” funds for the Splash Pad; this leaves approximately \$35,600 of the grant to put towards the Multi-Use Trail. This should cover the cost of pavement through Central Park. Additional funding for the trail will come from Metro East Park & Rec and a lot of labor will be done in-house. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to approve Resolution 2019-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-03 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement between the Village and Kutter Aljets and Sage Creek was presented. This agreement had been tabled until the necessary signatures for dissolving the subdivision restrictions were received (at the request of the property owners). This will now allow the Village to move ahead with execution of the agreement and the subsequent storm water improvements. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Buhs, to approve Resolution 2019-03 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement between the Village and Kutter Aljets and Sage Creek.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2019-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 of the Revised Code of Ordinances was presented. This updates the utility billing section as it relates to delinquencies and placing liens on properties. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost,**

to approve **Ordinance 2019-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 of the Revised Code of Ordinances**. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Revised Code of Ordinances was presented. This establishes regulations regarding unmanned aircraft, especially as it relates to invasion of privacy. As drones have become more popular, it was determined that regulations for their use need to be established. Trustee Mull asked that once this is passed that notices be put out so that people are aware of the guidelines. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2019-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Revised Code of Ordinances**. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Revised Code of Ordinances was presented. Justin Newell from CMHS was in attendance to present his concerns over the increased use of alternative tobacco products in teenagers. He has seen a marked increase in the use of these “e-cigarettes” in the past couple of years, and approached the Village in hope of passing an ordinance against their use by minors. Newell provided the board with information and his presentation regarding the issue. Other nearby municipalities have passed ordinances and have seen a positive impact in their schools. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve Ordinance 2019-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Revised Code of Ordinances**. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed January 21 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Kristy Walker and Mary Brewster from the Bethalto Public Library were in attendance to ask for closure of the Prairie/Central intersection and the downtown area of Central & Oak Streets for a street fair honoring National Women's Day on March 8 from 4:30-9pm. There will be displays, vendors, presentations, and other items geared towards women, as the Library is making a conscious effort to become more involved in the community. Mayor Winslow expressed concern over closing the Prairie/Central intersection during a Friday night rush hour, so the Library agreed that the first block of Central from Prairie to Oak would work as well. There is no backup plan if the weather does not cooperate. Police Chief Welch stated he would be agreeable to have Central Street closed that evening and would be willing to have an officer help with foot traffic during that time. **Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Gibbons, to approve the Library's request to close the 100 block of W. Central Street from 4:30 – 9pm on Friday, March 8 for the Library's Women's Fair.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Winslow presented a Proclamation in support of the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau. This is an annual show of support for the work done by this organization.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his report with no questions. There was one incident with Tiger Plumbing doing work without a permit and by a plumber with no license. Brown reviewed the monthly and annual permits issued.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The December, 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue and expenses were reviewed along with fund balances. Hughes also reviewed the annual audit report, noting the reason behind some of the changes reflected in the report. There were no

questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2018.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings were set for January 28, 2019 at 6:00pm.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$286,621.07. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$295,558.94. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

LIABILITY FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$73,470.00. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Buhs, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$27,179.16. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$67,047.69. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,049.60. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm for the water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ILCS 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining. Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Entered into Executive Session at 8:05pm.

Re-entered into regular session at 8:27pm. Mayor Winslow announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Public Works union, but wanted clarification from representative Kasey Govero regarding the CDL requirement and the consequences of an employee losing their CDL for a year or less. The board understands the agreement to be that the job will be held for up to a year, but the employee would not be able to work without the valid CDL (accumulated leave time could be used but the employee would not be able to work during said time). Govero stated he could not speak for the full union so would have to get back to the board. **A motion was made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve the Public Works union contract based on the agreement presented in closed session.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by Bost. All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor