

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

April 8, 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, Dugger, Gibbons, Buhs and Mayor Winslow. Trustee McRae was absent. Also present: Police Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Village Treasurer Joe Hughes, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Bost, to approve village board minutes of March 11, 2019 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 March, noting 98 calls for the month and no fire loss. There have been 291 calls year-to-date. The fire community is slowly rebuilding after the events of March 5. Benefit accounts have been set up for our two injured firemen at First of Bethalto Bank. Money will be collected for several months and disbursed all at one time. The Village has submitted an \$18,000 insurance claim for equipment damaged in the March 5 fire. Several charitable benefits are still being held for all of the injured and deceased firemen’s families. Fire hoses have all been tested and two sections require replacement. There were no questions.

Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report for March, noting one heroin death. The Village has been averaging close to two per month. Welch distributed the Village’s Safe Homes Program logo, mission statement, and activity report. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Street department crews have been busy with ditch work on Second St, Albers Place, Mill and West Drive.

Cold patch mix has been used to fill potholes, other work will be completed when asphalt is available. Street sweeping is being completed to help clean out ditches. Mowing work started today. All roads are on the Village's GIS system. In Parks, restrooms and concession stands are ready for the season, and some backstop and fencing repairs have been completed at SC1. In sewer, manhole lids have been lifted and lift station maintenance continues. Easements are being cleaned out and sewer lining work will begin soon. Cheatham anticipates the same pricing as in previous years. Areas to be completed include Central St, Mill St, Oak, Grant, W. Central, Vine, and James Streets. The work will likely cost in the area of \$284,000. Trustee Mull noted that IDOT has done some cleanup work along 140, stating that was a welcome sight. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Ramona Dugger, who had requested to be placed on the agenda to address the board, was not in attendance.

Jack Schultz of 406 Oregon Street addressed the board regarding concerns with a vacant house at 405 Oregon as well as neighbors who leave their trash carts by the road every day of the week. Mayor Winslow stated that Village policy requires that trash carts be removed from the road within 24 hours of trash pickup, and that those residents will be tagged for non-compliance. Winslow further stated that the home at 405 Oregon will require investigation as to its status but that the Village will follow up on the situation.

Ron Deedrick addressed the board over concerns with the proposed crime free housing project. Deedrick stated that he is uncomfortable with the use of law enforcement for bureaucratic functions in that it could have ramifications with tenants, and added that the Village's legislative body seems confused over the status of our program. Deedrick said he does not see any transparency in our program; Chief Welch provided Deedrick with a copy of

the Safe Homes paperwork distributed tonight. Deedrick stated that the Village's website should be updated as this program progresses, and reminded the board that the Alton program is flawed and, in some case, illegal.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

### **ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Monica Bristow will be holding office hours in our committee room on April 15 from 4-6pm. The Bethalto Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be April 16 at 7am in the Senior Building. Village offices will be closed April 19 for Good Friday. There will be public hearings and a meeting of the ZBA/PC on April 25 beginning at 6pm. The Fire Department is hosting a blood drive on April 29 from 2-6pm. The Bethalto Jaycees have set dates of May 16-19 for their annual Spring Carnival. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve use of the park for the Jaycees Carnival May 16-19.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor noted this will give six weeks between the carnival and the Bethalto 150 celebration for the park to recover from the foot traffic. The Splash Pad will be opening May 24. The Rotary Club has requested the use of Central Park the second Sunday of each month May – October for a Farmers Market. The initial request was for the first Sunday, but scheduling conflicts changed it to the second Sunday, and may not start until June depending on coordination of the event. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Bost, to approve use of the park by the Rotary Club for a Farmers Market the second Sunday of the month from May through October.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.

Motion carried 5-0. Insurance will be submitted by the Rotary Club, and each vendor will be required to submit proof of insurance to the Rotary Club as well. The Bethalto 150 Celebration will be June 29<sup>th</sup> in Central Park. The Bethalto Library requested use of Central Park for a Car Show on July 13. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to approve the Library's use of the park for a car show on July 13.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Police Chief Welch had nothing to update regarding the Safe Homes Project, other than what was presented with his departmental report. Mayor Winslow welcomed two of the three newly elected trustees who were in the audience. The swearing in ceremony for four trustees will be at the May meeting, once the election results have been certified. The community yard sale will be May 4 in Central Park.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor presented proclamations for National Travel & Tourism Week and International Code Council Building Safety Month.

**MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his report for March, noting 9 permits issued including one new home construction. Total permit valuation for March was \$233,000. Nine occupancy inspections were completed and ten code enforcement violations were noted. There were no questions.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The March Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue was \$824,393 and expenses were \$931,932. Ending cash balance stood at \$1,809,000. Charter franchise fees were received and the OSLAD grant money came in today's mail. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve the Treasurer's Report**

**for the month of March, 2019.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00pm.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$250,187.61.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Buhs, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$156,387.67.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **LIABILITY FUND**

**Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$5,479.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **MFT FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$16,840.41.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons 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 \$52,362.78.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 7:00pm for the water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by Dugger.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor