

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
May 13, 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, 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, Village Treasurer Joe Hughes, Deputy Police Chief Jason Lamb, Deputy Fire Chief James Schulte, Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Skinner, newly-elected Trustees Tim Lowrance and Maria Perkhiser, and several residents, family and friends.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve village board special meeting minutes of April 1, 2019 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs, to approve village board meeting minutes of April 8, 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 April, noting 85 calls for the month and no fire loss. There have been 374 calls year-to-date. Replacements for equipment that was damaged in the March 5 fire have been ordered and insurance claims filed. There will be a dine-out event soon to benefit our firemen who were injured and still off work due to the March 5 event, more information will be forthcoming as details are worked out. There were no questions.

Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report for April with no questions. It is National Police Week, with May 15th being the Day of Remembrance for Fallen Officers.

Elementary students are touring the station this week, and many groups have sent thank you's, etc to our officers for the job they do. Our Police Explorer Post has been awarded the William H. Spurgeon Award as one of the top scouting programs in the nation, which is very prestigious and something to be proud of. Welch recognized Sgt. Dugger, who leads the program, along with advisors Scott Hale, Ryan Giacalone, Hector Rivera-Ayala and State Trooper Mike Hogan.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. The company through which our SCATA system links to lift stations is transitioning and there have been issues; Cheatham is working with them to get problems resolved. A contractor came in to clear out tree roots from the interceptor line; it is likely we will find similar issues as work down the line continues. Visu-Sewer is working on sewer linings in town now, starting in the downtown area and working toward Rotary Park. 18 tons of patch have been used on roads, and ditch work and Mr. Manhole work is being completed. Mowing is keeping crews busy as weather allows. Splash Pad is set to open on May 24. Field prep work is being done as required. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Amanda Clark of West Corbin Street expressed concerns over sewer issues with her home and backup problems with heavy rains. She has had raw sewage in her home and believes it to be causing health issues with her son. Clark pleaded for more funding for sewer improvements and criticized the Village's expenditures on ball fields and extra police officers, stating those things aren't needed. Mayor Winslow explained the strategic sewer lining work being done throughout the system, and Clark again pleaded for more funding to get the problem fixed rather than patched a bit at a time.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2019-09 Salary Ordinance 2019-2020 was presented. This is the annual salary ordinance that reflects the 2% pay increases as negotiated in the collective bargaining agreements with the police and public works labor unions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve Ordinance 2019-09 Salary Ordinance.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Stephenson Scholarships were awarded at the annual CM Celebration Dinner to Ashlyn Emerick, Jenna Robinson, Colton Hyman and Seth Terry. Trustee Mull presented the scholarships at the dinner and stated that each recipient was very appreciative.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Skinner reviewed the report for the Zoning Department for the month of April. Skinner announced that she is researching software options that will encompass utility billing, general ledger, zoning, as well as many other Village functions. Cost is to be determined as our needs are further refined, but a proposal is in the works for presentation to the board. Trustee McRae asked who is conducting occupancy inspections at this time; Lee Friedel has taken on that role in the absence of an occupancy inspector. There were no further questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The April Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue and expenses were reviewed, with it being noted that the OSLAD grant had been received. Ending cash

balance stood at \$2,329,000. There were no questions. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2019.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$171,474.19. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae 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 \$157,446.78. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ESDA FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$298.50. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

LIABILITY FUND

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

MFT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$159.90. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$52,164.34. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,006.10. Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Having no further business for the seated board, **motion made by Mull, seconded by Buhs to adjourn sine-die.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried.

Trustees Gary Bost, Tim Lowrance, and Maria Perkhiser were sworn in by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance. Erika Stassi was absent and will be sworn in at a later date. The new trustees were seated on the dais and roll call was taken at 7:40pm by Village Clerk Lowrance with trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance, and Perkhiser in attendance. Trustees Gibbons and Stassi were absent.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

Mayor Winslow presented his appointments for approval:

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Lowrance, to approve for the Fire Department: Alex Campbell, Chief; James Schulte, Deputy Chief, and Jeff French, Assistant Chief. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve for the Police Department: Craig Welch, Chief. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted nay, ayes none. Motion rejected 4-0. Mayor Winslow announced he was appointing Craig Welch as Chief of Police until the next scheduled meeting.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve for the Public Works Department: Rod Cheatham, Director. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Dugger, seconded by Lowrance, to approve as Inspectors: Alex Campbell, Fire Inspector; Lee Friedel, Building Inspector; Greg Fowler, Plumbing Inspector; Tim Henson, Electrical Inspector. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bost, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve as Professional Appointees: Village Attorney, Kenneth Balsters; Village Treasurer, Joseph Hughes. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve Brian Buhs as Emergency Management Coordinator. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve appointees Kathi Cooper and Ken Gobble as members of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Bost, to approve appointee Martha Smith to the Police Pension Board. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve appointee Gary Bourland to the Fire & Police Commission. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Winslow provided his committee assignments to the Board of Trustees. There will be an Enterprise Zone meeting May 14 at 11am at the airport regarding the expansion of the Riverbend Enterprise Zone. The Bethalto Jaycees Carnival is this week, May 16-19. The Splash Pad opens May 24. Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day; the Memorial Day parade will be May 27 beginning at 10:15am with line up behind Village Hall. The parade route goes from Village Hall to Rose Lawn, where services will be held at 11:00am. The Bethalto 150 celebration plans continue for the festivities to be held on June 29.

Mayor Winslow asked for a motion to carry over the current budget until a new budget is passed, at the recommendation of Treasurer Joe Hughes. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to carry over the current budget until the 2019-2020 FY budget can be passed.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Winslow expressed the Village's thanks to Bethalto Spirit for work done at the Arboretum and for the newly-installed banners throughout the Arboretum Park. The group has "adopted" the Arboretum and spends countless hours cleaning up, sprucing up, and maintaining the park.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2019-06 A Resolution Waiving the Right of the Village of Bethalto to Disapprove the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority's Intent to Issue its Revenue Bonds to Finance a Project to be Located in the Village of Bethalto was presented. Mayor Winslow explained that this resolution waives the Village's right to intervene in financing options for Anderson Hospital for a proposed project to be constructed within the Village. Winslow stated the only negative he sees with this is that the hospital will likely seek an exemption for property tax, but the current owner of the property in question is also tax-exempt so the Village sees no revenue from the property anyway. Trustee Bost asked what the plans were for the property; medical offices are going to be constructed on-site. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2019-06.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-07 A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code was presented. This is a retroactive resolution for engineering expenditures for East Central Street Phase 3 as required by IDOT during our annual audit. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2019-07.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-08 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Bethalto and St. Louis Regional Airport Authority was presented. Mayor Winslow stated this is the final step needed in order to begin work on

the storm water drainage plans going north to Pledge Boulevard. The airport would be providing the property and the engineering, along with the \$15,000 estimated materials cost. Our crews would provide labor. PW Director Cheatham expressed concerns, noting that any costs over the estimate (which he has documents showing to be \$27,000 for material and \$22,000 labor estimate) would be at Village expense. Cheatham stated he does not agree with having taxpayers foot the bill for that unexpected cost; that the airport should foot the bill. The discrepancy in cost estimates was discussed. Winslow stated that this part of the puzzle is needed for work to begin, and if the project is continually put off, other issues may arise. Amanda Clark, who addressed the board earlier regarding her flooding issues, stated that she believes the airport should foot the entire bill, not the Village. Mayor Winslow stated that an intergovernmental agreement like this is not uncommon between two taxing bodies. Clark stated each owner should be responsible for their own property, not the Village. Trustee Dugger asked who would maintain the detention area once constructed; the airport would maintain. Trustee Bost asked to table the decision until further research could be done on the cost discrepancy. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Lowrance to table the decision until further research could be conducted.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted to table Resolution 2019-08 until a later date. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Perkhiser, to accept the recommendation of the PC/ZBA for rezoning of property located at 905 and 1005 S. Moreland Road from GS Green Space to AG Agriculture. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code-Zoning Map was presented. This amends the zoning map to reflect the changes for 905/1005 S. Moreland from GS Green Space to AG Agriculture. **Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to**

approve Ordinance 2019-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code-Zoning Map. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bost, seconded by Lowrance, to accept the recommendation of the PC/ZBA for zoning of property located at 978 E. Airline Drive as LI Light Industrial. Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code-Zoning Map was presented. This amends the zoning map to reflect changes for 978 E. Airline Drive as LI Light Industrial. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code-Zoning Map.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Lowrance and Perkhiser voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings for the Finance Committee were scheduled for May 15, 21 and 23, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Council Room. Full committees will meet on May 28 at 6:00pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 10, 2019 with the water board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bost, seconded by Lowrance.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor