

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Bethalto, IL**

**July 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 Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Stassi and Mayor Winslow. Also present: Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Village Treasurer Joe Hughes, Deputy Police Chief Jason Lamb, Deputy Fire Chief James Schulte, Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Skinner.

**Motion made by Bost, seconded by Lowrance, to approve village board meeting minutes of June 10, 2019 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Deputy Fire Chief Jimmy Schulte presented the statistical report for the month of June, noting 120 calls for the month. There have been 623 calls to date. There was one structure fire with approximately \$10,000 in fire loss. There were no questions.

Deputy Police Chief Lamb presented the monthly activity report for June. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Road repair is being completed with both concrete and asphalt patching. Preliminary work is being completed for the Prairie Street and Friedel Bridge projects, with bidding expected later this year and projects to begin in 2020. Manhole lining has begun, and a section of the Interceptor line will be cleaned out due to built-up tree roots. Easements are being cleaned as needed. Pedrotti is no longer servicing our SCADA system to our satisfaction, so we are looking for a new provider. We do not have remote access to the system at this time. Parks crews kept

busy preparing for the Bethalto 150 event, which went smoothly. Splash Pad concessions are now open. Mowing keeps crews busy. The Village has taken over SC1 from the school district and work is being done to get fields in shape there. Cheatham would like to take over the fields throughout the year and have the school district rent fields through the Village; district administration is in attendance to weigh in on the idea. Electrical layout work is being completed for the multi-use trail through Central Park, with the challenge being to coordinate the pathway lights with the park's electrical needs. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mary Matychowiak of Nelson Drive was in attendance expressing concerns over drainage issues in front of her house where the drain pipe is clogged and her yard is deteriorating due to crumbling roadway. She stated she has contacted Public Works and has not seen any action taken. PW Director Cheatham informed the board that ditch work will begin again in August; Mayor Winslow asked Ms. Matychowiak to get with Cheatham after the meeting to discuss a solution. Ms. Matychowiak complemented the police department for their prompt response to an unrelated issue, and again expressed concern over the lack of response by Public Works. Finally, Matychowiak inquired about the possibility of discounted trash rates for seniors who do not produce as much trash as an average family; Winslow stated that rates are set by Republic Services and he doubts they would offer such a discount.

Don Woelfel was in attendance to express concern over the temporary occupancy permit policy and the limit of 60 days for the temporary permit. He stated that 60 days is not always enough time when completely refurbishing a home. Winslow stated that he expects the policy to be discussed in committee later this month.

Barrett Deist, Business Manager for Unit 8 Schools, addressed the board stating that the school district would be in favor of a rental agreement for use of the fields at SC1 but that

time is of the essence as school will begin in a few weeks. He stated that the school would rather work with the Village on an agreement than hire a full-time groundskeeper.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with CJ Schlosser & Co for Village Financial Audit Work** was presented. This authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement for annual audit work. Schlosser presented the most favorable proposal and Treasurer Hughes recommends proceeding with the agreement. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Stassi, to approve Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with CJ Schlosser & Co for Village Financial Audit Work.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2019-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1-Administration** was presented. This incorporates the standing Utilities & Refuse committee meeting (water board) into the regular monthly board meeting rather than having two separate meetings. The new time for the regular board meeting will be 7:00pm on the second Monday of each month. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Bost, to approve Ordinance 2019-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1-Administration.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 2019-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-Liquor** was presented. This will increase the number of Class B liquor licenses from two to four. Mayor Winslow stated that new state taxes on gasoline and cigarettes are expected to have a dramatic impact on two long-time local businesses, Han Dee Mart and Hit n Run, both whom have expressed interest in offering video gaming which requires a Class B liquor license. Winslow stated he feels

the Village should support these local businesses in any way possible and that providing these licenses will do that. There are no statistics yet as to the impact of the new taxes, but both owners stated they have already seen the effects on their businesses. Trustee Bost noted that the Village has already turned down several other requests for class B licenses; Winslow stated he does not have a problem with continuing to deny outside requests for those who only wish to offer gaming. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2019-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-Liquor.** Trustee Bost voted nay; Trustees Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye; motion carried 5-1.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Winslow announced his appointment of Jason Lamb as interim Police Chief. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the appointment of Jason Lamb as Interim Police Chief.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The PC/ZBA has forwarded a recommendation to approve the final plat of Keister Estates Subdivision. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, to accept the recommendation and approve the Final Plat of Keister Estates Subdivision.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye; Trustee Lowrance voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

Mayor Winslow announced his intention to issue a Class B Liquor License to Han Dee Mart. **Trustee Stassi made the motion to approve the issuance of a Class B Liquor License to Han Dee Mart, seconded by Lowrance.** Trustee Bost voted nay; Trustees Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye; motion carried 5-1.

Winslow announced his intention to issue a Class B Liquor License to Hit n Run. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Gibbons, to approve the issuance of a Class B Liquor License to Hit n Run.** Trustee Bost voted nay; Trustees Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye. Motion carried 5-1.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Winslow presented a Proclamation by Senator Crowe for the Village's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Code Enforcement Officer Skinner presented the monthly report. Aaron Snyder has been hired as a temporary occupancy inspector until a permanent Zoning Administrator is found. Demolition has been approved for 512 Strohbeck. Permits and violations were reviewed. There were no questions.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The June Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue and expenses were reviewed and the ending balance stood at \$2,652,000. There were no questions. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2019.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

There will be a public hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 6:00pm, followed by a special meeting at 6:15pm to adopt the ordinance.

**WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Stassi, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$589,474.74.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$100,427.10.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**LIABILITY FUND**

**Motion by Dugger, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$5,479.00.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**MFT FUND**

**Motion by Dugger, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$7,702.05.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser, and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$52,015.16.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser, and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$62.50.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Lowrance, Perkhiser and Stassi voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 12, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stassi, seconded by Perkhiser.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor