

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**October 8, 2018**

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, 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, Zoning Administrator Tim Brown, and Village Treasurer Joe Hughes.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve village board minutes of September 10, 2018 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by McRae, seconded by Gibbons, to approve special meeting minutes of September 17, 2018 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Zoning Administrator Tim Brown presented his report due to needing to leave the meeting early. Brown reviewed building permits issued and code enforcement violations this month. Trustee Mull asked if the door tags for brush violations could be re-worded, as he has received complaints about the “threat to place a lien on property”. Tags are issued as a warning and further action taken if the violation is not remedied. There were no new home construction permits issued this month; two commercial permits and the rest were roofing permits. Trustee Bost asked about Chateau renovations; things have slowed due to financial issues with the new owners; mowing has been completed and open doors have been secured. Trustee McRae asked if any new apartments were being constructed, with the answer being no, only renovations at this time.

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of September, noting 90 calls with no fires reported. One part-time member has left for a full-time position with Granite City. Part-timers are enjoying their shifts. Engine 2210 has had lighting issues but is being repaired. The new EMS Tahoe is in and being prepped for duty. It is Fire Safety Week and the department is hosting tours. There were no questions.

Police Chief Welch presented the monthly activity report for September. Resident Chris Carter is in custody at the Madison County Jail awaiting extradition to California for auto theft charges. California deputies will be flying in this week to take him into their custody. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Seven of our lift stations are now on generators; and six are on SCATA. Sewer linings are completed for the year and manhole lining will begin soon. New sidewalk has been poured from the Arboretum to Parkside. Mr. Manhole will be put to use for manhole repairs in the next couple of weeks. The Village received a lift truck donated by Ameren, and the truck has already been put to use. Mosquito spraying continues, and Cheatham stated that the recent positive test for West Nile in Bethalto is not uncommon. Mowing crews are still mowing, and SC2 field work is being completed so fields are ready in the Spring. The Splash Pad has been winterized. Trustee Gibbons asked about the status of the OSLAD grant reimbursement; Cheatham said that once fences are installed we can submit for reimbursement. This will likely be completed in a couple of weeks. Splash Pad operations went smooth this year, but Cheatham stated we may need to re-think the concessions operations for next year as he is unsure if the Boys & Girls Club will want to continue staffing it.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-28 A Resolution for Approval of Professional Engineering Services Agreement** was presented. This authorizes the Village to enter into an engineering agreement with Oates & Associates for engineering work for Prairie Street improvements from Corbin Street to Dorothy Street. The work is broken into two phases but will be completed at the same time. It will include widening the street, decorative lighting, etc. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$1.2 million, with \$800,000 being federally funded. The remaining cost can be paid through MFT or Business District funding. Moro Road mill & overlay will begin at the east end and eventually meet with this project for a completed roadway. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2018-28 A Resolution for Approval of Professional Engineering Services Agreement.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2018-29 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Bethalto and Bethalto Community Unit 8 School District** was presented. This finalizes the agreement for a School Resource Officer for the district. Chief Welch hopes that we can provide a full-time SRO to the school by November. The agreement states that the school district will fund up to \$65,000 annually based on actual costs including benefits for the SRO. The district can also request additional training for the SRO at their expense. It is a three-year agreement that has been reviewed by all parties and their attorneys. **Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2018-29 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the**

**Village of Bethalto and Bethalto Community Unit 8 School District.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ORDINANCES**

Mayor Winslow presented a recommendation from the PC/ZBA regarding allowing Cottage Kitchen operations as an approved home occupation under our zoning code. The PC/ZBA held a meeting in September regarding this issue. Cottage Kitchen operations allow for items to be made at home and sold at farmer's markets, etc. This is the first step in allowing full-fledged home kitchen operations within the Village. Home Kitchen operations allow the license holder to make and sell from their home. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to accept the PC/ZBA recommendation to amend the Zoning Code to allow Cottage Kitchen operations as a home occupation.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Winslow then presented **Ordinance 2018-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code**, which amends the Zoning Code to allow for Cottage Kitchen operations. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Buhs, to approve Ordinance 2018-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

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

The Rotary Halloween Parade will be October 29 beginning at 6pm at the Bank of Edwardsville. Trunk or Treat in Central Park will immediately follow the parade, with a large crowd expected.

The Bethalto Spirit Group has asked for permission to use Central Park for the Christmas Village for four weekends following Thanksgiving. Gary & Jane Ahasay are spearheading the event again this year, and volunteers are always welcome. **Motion made by Gibbons,**

**seconded by Dugger, to allow use of Central Park for the Christmas Village.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The PC/ZBA forwarded a recommendation to approve a front yard setback variance for property located at 420 N. Walnut Street so that the owner can construct a deck on the front of the house. There were no issues with granting this variance. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to accept the PC/ZBA recommendation and grant a front yard setback variance for 420 N. Walnut Street as written.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The September, 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hughes. Revenue and expenses were reviewed along with fund balances. Some transfers were completed which may show some figures as unusual, but everything can be explained. Our cash fund balance is \$2.1 million including all accounts. No debt has been paid off until the OSLAD funding is received. There is an outstanding reimbursement from the Metro East Park & Rec Grant as well. Trustee Mull reminded everyone that once contracts are approved there will be back pay as well. Mayor Winslow noted that pay raises were budgeted this year. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2018.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were set for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6pm.

**WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$214,458.57.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$80,603.97.** It was noted that the amount paid to Silveus Tuckpointing was for the repairs to the museum and came in under budget. 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 \$28,780.30.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$53,042.60.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$3,500.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 12, 2018 at 7:00pm water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

**Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Buhs, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ILCS 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining and 2 (c) (11) Litigation.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Entered into Executive Session at 7:47pm.

Re-entered into regular session at 8:41pm with Mayor Winslow and Trustees Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs in attendance. Attorney Balsters and Clerk Lowrance were also present. **Motion made by Bost, not seconded, to approve the Public Works union 4-year agreement dated May 4, 2018.** No action was taken since the motion did not receive a second.

Having no further business, a **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McRae, seconded by Gibbons.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor