

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**February 1, 2016**

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 Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Mayor Winslow. Trustee Bourland was absent. Also present: Police Chief Gregg Smock, Police Lt. Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Withers, to approve village board minutes of January 4, 2016 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion made by Bost, seconded by McRae, to approve village board special meeting minutes of January 19, 2016 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 January, noting 87 runs and zero fire loss. Members of the department attended an airport rescue course held at CMHS, with over 100 firefighters participating. Instructors from Kentucky taught members on what to look for and what to do/not to do with airline crashes. Campbell said he is hoping to send two firefighters annually for more in-depth training, with the airport covering half the cost of attendance. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock: The monthly activity report was presented with no questions. Smock updated the board on larger cases the department is working on: the murder case with the body dumped along 255 was sentenced at 40 years; Jason Ehlers molestation case is set for sentencing on February 4; Matt Liebheit & Ray Babcock/Liberty Bank robbery case is set for

sentencing February 12 and March 30 respectively; and a large burglary case was sentenced at six years, with detectives still working on locating and returning items from that case. The department has remained busy. Officer Cline has retired effective January 4, and Dispatcher Boker's last day was January 28. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham: Several pieces of equipment have been repaired or overhauled, including the old street sweeper, salt trucks, leaf vacs, and chipper truck. The ambulance is being prepped for camera installation. Work continues on the pool, with concrete work, door frames, and a privacy wall nearing completion. Cameras are installed and functional at the Albers Lane facility. Village Hall restrooms are being renovated. Cheatham updated the board on snow removal, and explained how salt and calcium chloride help with ice and snow removal. The Village used salt during the last snow storm, and the effectiveness of the salt was lessened by the colder temperatures. Calcium chloride was not an option during the last storm, but will be available in the future. Cheatham is implementing a random survey of residents in order to pinpoint areas of concern and create a priority list of projects. A video was shown of one of the Village's sewer lines, with a large amount of grease build-up visible. Cheatham noted that this particular line runs at approximately 40% of capacity due to this buildup, which has accumulated over several years. After the Village's new cleaning system was used, another video was made showing a huge improvement; some residue was still present but Cheatham noted that after the entire three-step process is completed, the line will look nearly new. The plan is to use this system throughout the Village's sewer lines over the next couple of years. There were no questions. Trustee McRae inquired as to whether or not the Village has seasonal employees on the payroll right now. Cheatham stated that he does not, but that once ball season begins and school is out the employment needs will be evaluated and hiring may be done at that time.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tab Roberson of the Bethalto Jaycees was in attendance to ask permission to hold their annual carnival in the park from May 19-22. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Mull, to approve the Jaycees use of the park for their annual carnival May 19-22.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Derrick Palmer of 203 Roosevelt was in attendance to ask the board to consider making the area at the corner of Roosevelt and Park a No Parking area due to people parking in front of his house and leaving ruts and tearing up his grass. There is a school bus stop located in that area and parents frequently park in his grass when picking up their children. Mayor Winslow stated that he will add this to his committee meeting agenda for later this month.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2016-02 A Resolution Authorizing Addendum to Land Purchase Agreement** was presented by Attorney Balsters. This amends the purchase agreement with Westerholds for the land purchased for the water plant expansion by eliminating the balloon payment option. Financing will continue until the balance is paid off at the current terms and interest rate. There is a balance of \$89,000 remaining, to be paid off in 2019 at a rate of 3-1/2%. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by Bost, to approve Resolution 2016-02 A Resolution Authorizing Addendum to Land Purchase Agreement.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2016-02 An Ordinance Authorizing an Addendum to the Village's MABAS Agreement** was presented. This updates the existing MABAS agreement for compensation when mutual aid services are used by local fire departments for large scale incidents. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2016-02 An Ordinance**

**Authorizing an Addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Village Offices will be Closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 for Presidents' Day.

The Village has received a letter of recommendation on the hiring of Andrew Crites as patrolman for the Bethalto Police Department. Chief Smock noted that Mr. Crites will only need field training and an 80-hour transition course to complete his training for the position. The department is down to twelve officers after the retirement of Tim Cline. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the hiring of Andrew Crites as patrolman for the Bethalto Police Department.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Crites was sworn in by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance.

Mayor Winslow announced that the Village is still waiting for documentation from the Police Union regarding their CBA agreement, so that voting to approve the proposed contract will be postponed. Trustee McRae voiced concerns over the proposed pay increases included in the tentative agreement, noting that he would like to see a cash flow analysis covering the next two years to determine how the Village will be able to afford the pay increases. Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet is to work up the numbers for the board to review. McRae further noted that he wants to verify that the Village is on solid financial ground before authorizing any agreement with the unions. Treasurer Schoppet noted that the Village cash flow is "pretty good right now", and will work up numbers for committee meetings to be held later in February.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Winslow presented a proclamation of support for the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Zoning Administrator Brown presented the monthly report, showing 2 building permits year-to-date with a valuation of \$20,000. Brown updated the board on some nuisance properties: 10/14 MacArthur Drive has been sold to Brandon Watters, who is conducting soil samples and is planning demolition of the existing buildings; 708 Valley View can be acted upon later this month; a single apartment unit at Chateau has been condemned pending a thorough cleanup of the unit; 201 Virginia is in violation and is being dealt with; the Spencer Street home destroyed by fire is awaiting demolition by the public works and fire departments. There were no questions.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Schoppet presented the December Treasurer's Report, noting that we are currently 66% into the fiscal year. Revenues and expenditures should be at approximately 66% of their budgeted amounts, and the report figures show approximately 54% of revenue collected and 63% of expenses paid out to date. The report shows an \$838,000 cash balance, and Schoppet reviewed separate fund balances by individual account. Schoppet pointed out areas of his concern on the report, noting that several budget line items are "bracketed" items, meaning either incorrect coding, incorrect entries, or overspending in these areas. Schoppet asked for department heads' assistance in following up on these items. It was noted that the state still lags behind on income tax payments, noting that this report shows receipts through August, 2015 (the report incorrectly shows September). Schoppet expressed further concern over the Village "not knowing on a daily basis what our cash balance is". The capital improvement fund has a healthy balance, with \$17,700 deposited monthly for meter fees. There is a \$16,000 positive cash flow in the water/sewer account when depreciation is

factored in. Schoppet reviewed loans and loan payments, noting that the Village general fund covers the \$500,000 TIF loan payment annually. There were no questions. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2015.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00pm..

### **WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Withers, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$365,574.39.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$195,406.29.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **AUDIT FUND**

**Motion made by Withers, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$8,535.00.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **MFT FUND**

**Motion by McRae, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$5,905.92.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$48,486.95.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Withers, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$825.02.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 7, 2016 at 7:00pm water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Mayor Winslow announced the need to enter Executive Session per ILCS Section 2 (c) (6) Lease or Sale of Real Estate. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to enter Executive Session at 8:16pm.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Entered Executive Session at 8:16pm.

Re-entered regular session at 8:40pm with Mayor Winslow, Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger, and McRae, Village Clerk Sue Lowrance, and Attorney Ken Balsters in attendance.

Having no further business, a **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McRae, seconded by Bost.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor