

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
January 4, 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, Bost, Dugger, McRae, and Mayor Winslow. Trustees Bourland and Mull were 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 Withers, seconded by Bost, to approve village board minutes of December 7, 2015 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve village board special meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of December, noting 85 runs and a \$12,000 vehicle fire loss. The department handled 1044 total calls in 2015, an increase of six from 2014. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock: The monthly activity report was presented with no questions. Smock reviewed the annual report, noting two officer retirees, Freiner and Cline, and one upcoming dispatcher retirement, Bob Boker. Smock stated the department needs to replace one officer and one dispatcher. Smock reviewed the major cases the department worked on over the year, all with favorable outcomes. Many hours of training were completed, and officer Johnson is now a certified crash reconstruction specialist and a part of the Madison County unit for such reconstructions. The Jason Ehlers case was the largest case of its kind in

Madison County history, and the defendant is expected to receive between 10-35 years in jail at his sentencing. The Liberty Bank robbery case is also awaiting sentencing. The department has been very busy but officers and detectives have done an outstanding job this year. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham: Many things have been accomplished over the last month in the street department: Fifth Street is nearing completion, leaves & brush are being picked up daily, the second street sweeper is operational, the backhoe has been repaired, the salt spreader truck has been repaired, the ambulance is being prepped for the camera system; an 8" pump has been repaired, security cameras and panic buttons will be installed/repared this week, staff meetings were held and safety meetings completed. The sewer department has had a rough month with all the rain and flooding. All lift stations went down during the rain. Pumps could not keep up with the amount of water, but a lot of issues were identified during the event. The Wayside Estates Subdivision sewer system is still in place and causing a lot of infiltration. Dealing with this will alleviate some issues at the Fairway station. The feeder mains to the Fairway station are compromised, all causing a domino effect. Cheatham has specs in-hand on how to fix the issues with a liner system at the cost of \$250,000. This needs to be completed immediately in order to fix the Fairway station. Cheatham stated that the Village's policy on leaf and brush pickup is another factor in sewers being clogged with leaves—by allowing residents to rake leaves to the curb and waiting for pickup, heavy rains cause the leaves to run into the storm sewers, thus causing clogs. Crews cannot keep up with the leaf pickup, so another method needs be developed in order to keep the leaves out of the sewer systems. It was agreed that something needs to be done sooner than later, and trustees will discuss further in committee meetings. Mayor Winslow stated that the "10-year plan" for dealing with the storm sewer issues may need to become a 5-year plan, and he would be open to borrowing funds for this reason. On another note, the Village has had three dumpsters set in place behind the water office for residents to use to dump flood-damaged items. These dumpsters will be in place until January 28. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Thompson of Chestnut Court was in attendance to express concerns over residents shooting off fireworks. He'd like to see the ordinance against fireworks enforced more closely this year, and wanted to address the board in plenty of time to make sure something happens. Mayor stated that residents can be ticketed and fined for the ordinance violation, and he encouraged Mr. Thompson and any resident to call if they notice fireworks being discharged at any time. Thompson encouraged the Village to send out press releases in advance of the summer holidays to remind residents of the ordinances against fireworks.

Bill & Kathy Clark of Homm Street were in attendance to express concerns over rainwater issues in their neighborhood. Mr. Clark stated that Public Works Director Cheatham seems to have a good idea of how to address the issues, but asked a few questions regarding the system. Cheatham responded to Mr. Clark's questions, and stated that all the Village's mains are sized adequately, but there are a lot of infiltration issues to be addressed. Cheatham encouraged any resident with questions to contact him at any time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-01 MFT Street Maintenance Resolution was presented. This is the annual street maintenance resolution required by IDOT before any MFT funds can be expended by the Village. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by Bost, to approve Resolution 2016-01 MFT Street Maintenance Resolution.** Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2016-01 An Ordinance Changing Street Names in the Villas at Richland Estates Subdivision was presented. The Catholic Archdiocese has placed Ralph Paslay in charge of development of the subdivision, and has elected to request a change of street names to more secular names for marketing purposes. A letter from the diocese was presented with

the request. Paslay announced that the market demand will determine if duplexes or single family homes are built within the development. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Withers, to approve Ordinance 2016-01 An Ordinance Changing Street Names in the Villas at Richland Estates Subdivision.** Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0. The name changes will take effect 30 days from the date of passage in order for notification to be sent to all interested parties.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Winslow presented Matt Lehnen as his selection for the Fire & Police Commission, to replace Clyde Jones. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve the appointment of Matt Lehnen to the Fire & Police Commission.** Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Winslow announced his selection of Brian Buhs to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by Bost, to approve the appointment of Brian Buhs to Zoning Board.** Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Repairs to the gazebo in Central Park have been completed, with only staining and floor treatment to be finished. Village crews provided the labor with the Lions Club providing funding for the project. The Lions Club funded the original building of the gazebo many years ago, but the structure was in such bad shape that the Village had considered demolishing it. Mayor Winslow thanked the Lions Club and Gary Ahasay for their assistance in making the project a success.

Village Offices will be Closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Zoning Administrator Brown presented the monthly report, showing 8 permits issued. Runway Lounge is in the process of rebuilding, and a couple new homes are under construction. The demolition of 533 Spencer is waiting on Ameren crews to relocate power, and the Edwards property on MacArthur Drive goes to court on January 15. An emergency shelter was opened during the recent floods, with one person from Calhoun County assisted with the help of the Red Cross. There were no questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Schoppet presented the November Treasurer's Report, noting that we are currently 58% into the fiscal year. All fund balances should show as positive, but the general fund shows a negative balance due to a transfer from the Illinois Treasurer's Pool not being reflected on the report. Schoppet stated he will be closing that account along with the MFT account. Schoppet stated that revenues and expenditures are all good and everything is looking favorable, with the state slowly catching up on Use Tax payments in December. There were no questions. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by McRae, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2015.** Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings were scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00pm..

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$100,327.17. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$148,476.29. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

LIABILITY FUND

Motion made by Withers, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$117,429.00. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$22,609.45. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Dugger, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$51,784.46. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$612.50. Trustees Withers, Bost, Dugger, and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 1, 2016 at 7:00pm water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Having no further business, a **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McRae, seconded by Dugger.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor