

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
January 3, 2017

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. Also present: Police Chief Gregg Smock, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown. Several local contractors and builders were also in attendance, along with some local liquor license holders.

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

Motion made by Bost, seconded by McRae, to approve special meeting minutes of December 12, 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 December, noting 87 runs with 2 no response calls. The total call count for 2016 was 1085, the busiest year on record. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock: The monthly activity report was presented with no questions. The department received a \$2500 taser grant from WalMart. The new police vehicles are in and 7 are on the road, with the remaining two still being outfitted with decals. The old cars will be evaluated for trade-in; two may be kept for emergency situations. The department completed active shooter training at Trimpe Middle School over the Christmas break.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report: Crews are working on cold-patching potholes; leaf & brush pickup continues daily; there were two ice events in the month of December, 110,000 pounds of salt were used and overtime was needed. Christmas decorations took a lot of manpower during the month. Camera work continues on sewer lines. The Grace Street lift station went down in December due to a faulty valve. The valve was replaced and the station is operational. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Anderson was in attendance to discuss the proposed building code changes, but stated he will talk when Zoning Administrator Brown discusses it later in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2017-01 A Resolution Approving Proposed Republic Services Route Change was presented. This approves Republic Services changing their Village routes from two days a week to four days a week in order to schedule a specific driver to each route. This will increase the reliability of service by having one driver responsible for each route. Some parts of town will have their pickup days changed, and this will be communicated well in advance by Republic Services. Trustee Bost asked about any changes in recycling pickup; recycling will remain on the same days as trash pickup, and the entire Village will be serviced on the same week. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Withers, to approve Resolution 2017-01 A Resolution Approving Proposed Republic Services Route Change.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Dugger & McRae voted aye, Trustee Bost voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Resolution 2017-02 A Resolution Amending Tower Lease Agreement was presented. This amends the Village's lease agreement with Verizon Wireless to reflect that the Village received an additional \$12,000 in payments so that Verizon did not have to remove their antennae during the recent water tower repainting project. It was noted that AT&T did not require an amendment to their lease but also paid the additional fee. The painting has been

completed. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2017-02 A Resolution Amending Tower Lease Agreement.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2017-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor Licenses was presented. Pizza Hut submitted a request to relinquish their Class B license, as they will no longer be serving alcohol at their Bethalto location. This ordinance reduces the number of Class B licenses from two to one. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2017-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor Licenses.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2017-02 An Ordinance Amending Liquor Code-Video Gaming was presented. Mayor Winslow stated that several local business owners had approached the Village asking for consideration of allowing gaming machines. Winslow noted that the main concern was the local control over the machines; it was determined that who holds the licenses for such machines can be controlled by the liquor code and the granting of specific licenses. Gaming machines are only permissible in establishments where liquor is served, meaning only class A and B license holders in Bethalto would be eligible to obtain the machines. Winslow further stated that he sought public input regarding this ordinance and heard from only a few people, with feeling being about half and half for and against allowing the gaming. Trustees reiterated that they heard little from anyone either in support or against this ordinance. Resident Martha Smith asked if there would be a limit on the number of machines in each establishment. Mayor Winslow answered that each establishment is allowed up to five machines. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2017-02 An Ordinance Amending Liquor Code-Video Gaming.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost and Dugger voted aye, Trustee McRae voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Ordinance 2017-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Building Code & Chapter 38 Utilities was presented. This ordinance would update the entire Chapter 6 Building Code and update sections of the Utilities chapter to reflect updated sewer rates, charges, and grease trap inspection fees. Zoning Administrator Brown stated that the Village is currently operating under 2006 codes and that several areas of the building code needed to be addressed. Brown noted that anything submitted prior to the passage of this Ordinance would be grandfathered in under the 2006 code. Tom Anderson addressed the board with concerns over any new fees that would be involved that would affect local contractors and builders. Anderson cited several examples of requirements in the 2015 code that he feels would be detrimental and costly to local builders, and asked the board to reconsider passing the code as is and rather to research the specifics and modify the 2015 code to meet Village needs. Anderson agreed that the code does need to be updated, but asked the board to “find the middle ground” without causing any undue financial burden on builders and contractors and without causing excess regulation by the Village. Anderson suggested that the Village work with local builders to develop an amended version of the 2015 code. Mayor Winslow stated that the board agrees it should be as fair as possible, and inquired as to how long a group of builders might take to review the code and offer suggestions. Winslow announced that this update is the last step in having the entire Village Code updated and that he’d like to see it completed as quickly as possible. Going online with the Village’s new website is on hold until the process is completed as well. Anderson said he is sure he can get a group to work with the Village on a timely basis to get concerns aired and a compromise reached. It was suggested that the ordinance could be passed to allow for an updated Utilities section and follow up at a later date with the Chapter 6 update. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Withers, to approve Ordinance 2017-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Building Code & Chapter 38 Utilities as amended by removing Section 2 (A) and Exhibit A referencing Chapter 6 Building Code and updating Chapter 38 Utilities only.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. Rob Schmidt from RLP Development suggested that Village personnel contact the Madison

County Home Builders Association for assistance with how other local municipalities have updated their code. Austin Opp expressed concern over sewer line tie-ins and regulations regarding those and whose responsibility it is as far as sewer tie-ins and supervision of work; Mayor Winslow stated that everything will be looked at, all suggestions taken into consideration and everything reviewed during this process.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Winslow announced that the Village would like to start the process of changing the zoning classification for the strip of property along 140 that is currently home to the Urgent Care facility and neighboring lot from GS-Green Space to GC-General Commercial. This will require a request from the Board to the Plan Commission to start the process. **Motion made by Withers, seconded by Dugger, to recommend to the Plan Commission to proceed with rezoning the property owned by Anderson Hospital from GS-Green Space to GC-General Commercial.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0. The Plan Commission will review the request, a public hearing will be held, and a recommendation forwarded from the Plan Commission to the Village Board for finalization.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting in December regarding a Special Use Permit request by Gary Niemeier for storage facility adjacent to Field of Dreams. The Zoning Board's decision was to not forward a recommendation to the Board to allow the Permit. There are other options that Niemeier may pursue which may come before the board at a later date. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to accept the denial of the Zoning Board to issue a Special Use Permit in their decision dated December 8, 2016.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Zoning Administrator Brown presented the monthly report. 8 Building Permits were issued this month, bringing the year-end total to 117 with approximately \$4 million in valuation. Occupancy permits totaled 332 in 2016. Brown is continuing work on the Cedarhurst, SpeedLube, and Dollar Tree projects and any code and zoning complaints are being handled promptly. There were no questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Schoppet presented the November Treasurer's Report, noting a benchmark of 60% of budgeted amounts should be collected or expended at this point in the fiscal year. Schoppet reviewed some cash flow information, stating that the Village has approximately \$400,000 in operating revenue outstanding; when those funds are taken into consideration then the Village has a positive cash balance. The Water/Sewer Fund covers any negative balance until the overdue revenue comes in. The General Fund does show a negative balance at this time. There were no questions. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Withers, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2016.** Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings were set for Tuesday, January 17 at 6pm.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Withers, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$163,078.92. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$116,043.88. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ESDA FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$550.00. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

LIABILITY FUND

Motion by Withers, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$9,004.00. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$11,643.40. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$48,729.66. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion made by Withers, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$776.80. Trustees Withers, Mull, Bost, Dugger and McRae voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm water board, 7:15pm for the village board.

Having no further business, a **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by McRae.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Wi nslow, Mayor