

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**November 13, 2017**

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Room of 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 Gregg Smock, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Alex Campbell, Village Treasurer Joe Schoppet, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Gibbons, to approve village board minutes of October 9, 2017 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Bost, seconded by Buhs, to approve special meeting minutes of October 30, 2017 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Fire Chief Alex Campbell reviewed the statistical report for the month of October, noting 102 total calls for the month, 8 unanswered calls and a year-to-date total of 880 responses. There were two fires with minimal losses. Three trustees have a monitoring app on their phone that allows them to track calls and responses; Chief Campbell thanked the trustees for that. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock presented the October activity report. Trustee McRae inquired as to the status of Sgt. Skinner; she is still on DARE duty and will return to regular duty after the DARE program is completed. There were no further questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of October: lift station maintenance is complete and a new panel has been installed at the Terminal Drive lift station.

Work is being done on a back-up generator plan for the lift stations. Sewer and manhole linings are done for the season, and Cheatham is anxious to see the results of the work thus far. Leaf & brush pickup is keeping crews busy. Patch work on streets is being completed and trucks are being readied for snow and ice. The Splash Pad is nearing completion, with only concrete work and fencing left to finish. Work at the Arboretum is continuing, with conduit & electric all in and crews getting ready for asphalt installation. Light poles will take time, since there is a 13-week lead time for the order to come in. The concession stand at Sports Complex 2 is 80% complete and parking lots are being prepped for asphalt there as well. Trustee McRae asked about the availability of asphalt; Christ Bros. has guaranteed availability through Christmas. Trustee Bost asked if we have any numbers on the impact the sewer linings have had; Cheatham stated he does not have anything yet as it has been fairly dry recently. Cheatham did state that there has not been a lift station failure in seven months. There were no comments or further questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions 2017-13 A Resolution Authorizing Rates and Charges with Alton for Waste Water and Treatment Costs** was presented by Attorney Balsters. This is based on Juneau's analysis and report and updates the costs paid to Alton for waste water treatment charges. The new rate to be paid to Alton is \$52,523.69 per month. Balsters reviewed the report and stated that everything is based on the flow meters which are installed on the interceptor line. There were no questions. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2017-13 A Resolution Authorizing Rates and Charges with Alton for Waste Water And Treatment Costs.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2017-14 A Resolution Authorizing Rates and Charges to be charged to Subjurisdictions for Regional Waste Water Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System** was presented by Attorney Balsters. This is based on Juneau's report and calculates the rates to be charged to our subjurisdictions for their portion of wastewater treatment on the interceptor line. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve Resolution 2017-14 A Resolution Authorizing Rates and Charges to be Charged to Subjurisdictions for Regional Waste Water Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution Supporting Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations** was presented. This shows the Village's support of the State's Bicentennial celebration. The Village will participate with other State municipalities in the celebration in 2018. **Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution Supporting Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution 2017-16 A Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Aggregation Program Agreement** was presented by Good Energy consultant Steve Bryant. With energy prices falling, Good Energy was able to negotiate a lower rate for the remainder of the Village's aggregation agreement, and an even lower rate with an 18-month extension. There are over 130 municipalities in this electrical aggregation program. Homefield Energy is still the supplier. The new rate will go into effect February, 2018 at .056/kwh through June, 2019 at which the rate falls again to .05496/kwh from June, 2019 through December, 2020. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, to approve Resolution 2017-16 A Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Aggregation Program Agreement.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinances 2017-22 and 2017-23 Ordinances to Establish the Prairie Street Downtown and Bethalto Route 140 Corridor Business Districts** were presented by Mayor Winslow. With several business owners in attendance, Mayor Winslow asked if anyone wished to address the board regarding these proposals. Shane Cooper of Geno's 140 Club inquired if the concerns expressed earlier in the process had been addressed. Winslow referred to the posting on the Village's website, and stated that changes to the boundaries of the districts could be made after April 1 with a 6-month delay for such changes to kick in. Winslow also addressed the concern that undeveloped areas would be improved before developed areas by stating that the board agrees to improve developed areas first, but that any grant money received toward any certain project would have to be spent in that specific area. There is currently no written plan for improvements; Winslow said that he plans to poll the businesses to see what they'd like to see done first. Winslow reiterated that no new taxes on labor or real estate are involved in the plan, and he has confirmed this with local municipalities who have business districts. Dick Bold, owner of five local McDonald's restaurants, presented his opinion by stating neither he nor his employees have had any adverse increased taxes and that he has seen many improvements within the business districts in Alton where he has two stores. He is in favor of the plan and encouraged it. He believes that the improvements completed under the Alton business districts have had a positive impact on his business. There were no further questions or comments from the public or the board. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2017-22 An Ordinance Establishing the Prairie Street Downtown Business District.** Trustees Mull, Bost, and Buhs voted aye, Trustees Dugger, McRae, and Gibbons voted nay. Mayor Winslow cast the tie-breaking vote with an aye; motion carried 4-3. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Bost, to approve Ordinance 2017-23 An Ordinance Establishing the Bethalto Route 140 Corridor Business District.** Trustees Mull, Bost, and Buhs voted aye, Trustees Dugger, McRae, and Gibbons voted nay. Mayor Winslow cast the tie-breaking vote with an aye; motion carried 4-3.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Village offices will be closed on November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, to approve the purchase of 100 gift cards for employee & volunteer holiday gifts.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Plan Commission forwarded a recommendation to approve the final plat for Schafer Estates Subdivision Lot #1. Zoning Administrator Brown stated this is a simple lot split off from the family property to allow another family member to build a home. There are no issues with the approval. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, to accept the Plan Commission recommendation to approve the final plat of Schafer Estates Subdivision Lot #1 as submitted.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Winslow presented the liability insurance renewal proposal from Arthur J. Gallagher, stating that the proposed renewal rate is at \$97,000 now; Trustee Gibbons urged Winslow to consider raising the deductibles on Village buildings and take a closer look at the comprehensive/collision coverage on several Village vehicles. Winslow agreed that those changes should reduce the renewal rate even more. Winslow asked the board to approve the renewal at the lower negotiated rate. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Buhs, to approve the Village's liability insurance renewal with AJ Gallagher pending negotiated changes to deductibles and comprehensive/collision coverage.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his request to hire current part-time Public Works laborer Jacob Colonna as full-time probationary laborer. Cheatham touted Colonna's talents and teachability and noted that with the retirement of Michael Stuart this move fits in

the budget. Cheatham stated he does not anticipate any other hires in the near future. Trustee McRae asked if Colonna has the skills needed; Cheatham stated his crews are all laborers and none have specific technical skills. Cheatham again stated he likes Colonna's attitude, enthusiasm and teachability; he has experience with the radio read installations, the water system, and has his CDL. He has been employed part-time by the Village for several years. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve the hiring of Jacob Colonna as probationary full-time Public Works laborer.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Winslow announced that he and Zoning Administrator Brown will be holding Neighborhood Meetings, with the first being November 16 in the S. Williams/N. Lincoln neighborhood. These meetings will be smaller-scaled than town hall meetings and will focus on specific needs of each neighborhood. Winslow feels this will allow more people to voice their opinions without being intimidated by a larger crowd. Several more meetings will be held in the future.

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report with no questions. 12 permits were issued, one new residential. 514 B Street will be demolished by the end of the year; 512 Strohbeck will be done within 2-3 months. He is working on 4 other properties for demolition. Mayor Winslow noted he has received many complaints on both mentioned properties. The demolition process was discussed; the county places liens on properties to cover their demolition costs and sometimes the costs are more than the property is worth, which generally means the lots stay empty. Mayor Winslow asked about possible breaks for donation to Habitat for Humanity; Brown stated he will research that possibility. There were no further questions.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the October, 2017 Treasurer's Report, noting cash balances and reviewing savings account and loan balances as well. There were no questions or comments.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve the October, 2017 Treasurer's Report.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings will be held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00pm for discussion of the tax levy ordinance.

**WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$393,474.44.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by McRae, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$376,308.19.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**LIABILITY FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,500.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**AUDIT FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$19,595.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**MFT FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$23,284.65.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$49,718.76.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$325.00.** Trustees Mull, Bost, Dugger, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none.  
Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2017 with the Water Board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn was made by Bost, seconded by Dugger.**  
All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor