

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
December 11, 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, McRae, Gibbons, Buhs, and Mayor Winslow. Trustee Dugger was absent. Also present: Police Chief Gregg Smock, Police Deputy Chief Craig Welch, 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 Bost, to approve village board minutes of November 13, 2017 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 November, noting 103 total calls for the month, 7 unanswered calls and a year-to-date total of 978 responses. There were two fires with minimal losses. Truck 2211 has new tires, other equipment upgrades are being completed before the end of the year. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock presented the November activity report; there were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of November: Leaves & brush are being picked up daily and potholes are being patched. Lift station backup generators prep work is being completed & lift station maintenance continues. The arboretum will be completed this week with the exception of dirt work. The SC 2 concession stand is nearing completion and should be done within a couple of weeks; parking lots are asphalted with one striped and the other awaiting a warmer day for striping. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2017-17 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Public Library District was presented by Mayor Winslow. This allows the Village to enter into an IGA with the Library for demolition work to be completed on the house north of the library, which is to be torn down and public parking constructed on the site. Village crews are to do the demolition work and costs will be reimbursed to the Village by the Library. There are opportunities for fire department training on site as well. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, to approve Resolution 2017-17 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Public Library District.** Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2017-24 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented by Treasurer Joe Schoppet. Schoppet reviewed the levy as printed, noting that there were significant drops in the Liability Insurance and Garbage levies in order to increase Fire Protection and Police Pension levies. Schoppet noted that the Village still remains under the “105% rule”, which is no increases over 105% are allowed without publication and public hearings held for tax increases. The Village has remained under the 105% threshold for over 35 years. This year’s anticipated rate is 1.2932. Mayor Winslow noted that the increased pension amount is due to actuarials falling short the past several years; this increased rate should have the police pension funded at a 90% level within 20 years and assumes a 6% return on investment. There were no further questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by McRae, to approve Ordinance 2017-24 Tax Levy Ordinance.** Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2017-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Building Code was presented by Zoning Administrator Brown. This updates the entire Chapter 6 of the Village Code. One section will be stricken from the approved copy, on page 6-15 “additional requirements” will be deleted in its entirety. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Buhs, to approve Ordinance 2017-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Building Code with corrections as noted.** Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed on December 25 & January 1 for the holidays.

This coming weekend is the final weekend for the Bethalto Christmas Village, and Mayor Winslow encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Winslow presented a proposal from Azavar Audit Solutions for utility tax audits. This company reviews tax records to assure the Village is getting all the money to which it is entitled. Winslow has checked with neighboring municipalities, with most of the reaction being favorable. Not much money was found for most, but O’Fallon did receive a substantial amount. Everyone the Mayor spoke with spoke favorably of the company. This would be a three-year agreement, and Azavar would receive 45% of the money recovered over that three-year period. It was noted that they would audit as far back as the Village asked.

Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Gibbons, to approve entering into a three-year agreement with Azavar for utility tax audits. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ethan Scott was in attendance to present his bat house project to achieve Eagle Scout status. Scott is a 15-year old Freshman at Civic Memorial High School who has been in the scouting program since first grade. He announced that his bat house project will give back to the

community by encouraging native bats to reside in the area, and in turn help control the insect population, especially mosquitoes. Scott stated he raised the funds himself and put in 72 hours on the project. The Board of Trustees thanked Scott for his hard work and commended him on achieving Eagle Scout.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report with no questions. The occupancy permit for Cedarhurst has been issued; state inspections still need to be completed prior to the facility opening in January. WestStar Aviation is planning an expansion, with an additional 60,000 square foot hanger to be constructed. Juneau & Associates is reviewing the stormwater calculations for that project. Trustee Mull asked if the Unique Homes project was causing any issues for the Village; Brown answered no issues for the Village but that they have had some internal issues. No anticipated opening date for them has been announced. There were no further questions.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Schoppet reviewed the November, 2017 draft Treasurer's Report, noting cash balances and reviewing savings account and loan balances as well. This is not a final report as some adjustments need to be made due to computer issues; an updated version will be sent when finalized. Some expenditures that are shown are reimbursable through grants. There were no questions or comments. **Motion made by McRae, seconded by Bost, to approve the November, 2017 Treasurer's Report.** Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No committee meetings were scheduled due to the holidays.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Mull, seconded by Buhs, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$311,815.26. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Buhs, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$387,020.86. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

AUDIT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Bost, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$661.80. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$21,687.58. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by McRae, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$49,718.76. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$142,375.78. Trustees Mull, Bost, McRae, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2018 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 Mull, seconded by Bost.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

Alan Winslow, Mayor