

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**January 8, 2018**

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 Bost, Dugger, Gibbons, Buhs, and Mayor Winslow. Trustees Mull and McRae were absent. Also present: Police Chief Gregg Smock, Deputy Chief Craig Welch, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Asst. Fire Chief Jimmy Schulte, and Zoning Administrator Tim Brown.

**Motion made by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, to approve village board minutes of December 11, 2017 as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Asst. Fire Chief Jimmy Schulte reviewed the statistical report for the month of December, noting 94 total calls for the month. Counts for 2017 were as follows: 1126 total calls, 53 unanswered calls, 1073 total responses (up from 1038 in 2016). 2 new firefighter applications have been received by the department, and a call has gone out for new applicants. There were no questions.

Police Chief Smock provided the trustees with the monthly and annual activity reports. There were no questions. Smock discussed the recent rash of vehicle burglaries and thefts, noting 23 since November. Smock stated the culprits are likely coming from out of town to locations where people feel “safe” and thus are less likely to lock doors, cars, etc. Smock stated that all of the vehicles were either left unlocked, running, or with keys inside. He urged all residents to be vigilant about locking doors, securing belongings, and keeping an eye out for suspicious activity.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his report for the month of December, noting one snow event of ½” accumulation. Cheatham provided a review of his department’s accomplishments in 2017: 22,000 feet of sewer lining completed, 23 manholes lined, 60 manholes repaired using Mr. Manhole, GIS work completed outside the Village limits and 30% complete within Village limits, generator backup work completed, the pool demolished and Splash Pad constructed, the Arboretum pathway removed and replaced and lighting upgraded, Sports Complex 2 parking lots (2), concession stand, and restroom facilities completed, Fish Stand in Central Park renovated, Senior Building updated, Village Hall lobby updated, Water Tower valve work scheduled, Rosewood Heights line replacement scheduled, Radio read meter installation completed, roads completed at the water plant, and storm water easements, etc. completed for work at Kutter-Aljets Place. This was all completed with fewer man hours than 2016. Mayor Winslow commended the department on a great year.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tonya Ott, a resident of Garrettford Drive, addressed the board to request consideration of an ordinance to allow for Home Kitchen operation within the Village. The State of Illinois passed a new law effective January 1 which makes sales from home kitchens more difficult without an ordinance passed by municipalities to allow it. Ott provided Mayor Winslow with a copy of an ordinance passed by Troy, IL to allow for home kitchen operations, along with documents relating to the state regulations. Mayor Winslow stated he will add this to the agenda for this month’s committee meetings.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-01 A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto Senate Bill 1451** was presented by Mayor Winslow. This urges Governor Rauner to veto this bill, which basically takes away regulation of the cellular industry by municipalities. Winslow stated the Village should have the right to govern poles and rights of way in Village owned easements, and that

this should not be governed at the State level. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Bost, to approve Resolution 2018-01 A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto Senate Bill 1451.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2018-01 An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment** was presented by Mayor Winslow. Winslow stated that the Village has a long-standing policy against sexual harassment, but that this updates that policy and includes it in the Village Code of Ordinances. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Buhs, to approve Ordinance 2018-01 An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

The Village will have its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2019, and there will be a planning meeting for this Sesquicentennial event on January 11 at 6pm in the Senior Building.

Village offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Zoning Administrator Brown presented a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance request by Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in order to construct an apartment on the second floor of their existing office building for an on-site manager. The Zoning Board of Appeals met in December for a public hearing and meeting regarding this request and has submitted their recommendation to approve the variance. Zoning Administrator Brown sees no issues with granting the request. **Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Dugger, to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow a variance for property located at 10 Erwin Plegge Boulevard for construction of**

**an apartment in the existing office building to house an on-site manager.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Gary & Jane Ahasay, representing the Bethalto Christmas Village, presented a year-end summary of the Christmas Village, noting increased attendance, more attractions, and an overall successful year. They are looking forward to the Village's support over the next year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event.

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

Zoning Administrator Brown presented his monthly report with no questions. 121 permits were issued in 2017, with 22 residential permits. The year-to-date valuation of these permits was \$14 million. Annual reports have been submitted to reporting agencies. Demolition work continues for 514 B Street, and other properties will be processed for demolition in the coming few months.

### **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Schoppet was unable to attend the meeting, so Mayor Winslow reviewed the December, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Negative cash balances in the General Fund can be attributed to Sports Complex 2 and Arboretum expenditures, which have been paid but will be reimbursed with grant money. The Village's cash balance was \$931,000 on January 5, and the board will approve payment of bills totaling \$510,000 tonight. There were no questions or comments. **Motion made by Bost, seconded by Dugger, to approve the December, 2017 Treasurer's Report.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings were set for Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm..

**WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS**

**Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of the Water Department bills in the amount of \$152,940.89.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Buhs, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$172,319.68.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**LIABILITY FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$123,720.00.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**MFT FUND**

**Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$12,206.26.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Bost, seconded by Gibbons, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$49,718.76.** Trustees Bost, Dugger, Gibbons and Buhs voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 2018 with the Water Board meeting at 7:00pm, followed by the Village Board at 7:15pm.

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Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn was made by Bost, seconded by Buhs.**  
All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Sue E. Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Alan Winslow, Mayor