

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
September 13, 2021
7:00pm
Village Hall Community Room

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Village Hall Community Room in a regular meeting called to order by Mayor Bost at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Roll call was taken by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance. Present: Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull. Trustee Perkhiser was absent. Also present: Police Chief Mike Dixon, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Village Treasurer Joe Hughes, and Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of August 9, 2021 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Brian Buhs presented his report for August, noting 119 total calls for the month, 86 of which were EMS calls, 3 traffic crashes, and 8 fire calls. There were no questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for August, with his department running 668 calls. Dixon reviewed some of the department’s more significant cases, including shots fired on B Street with the subject being sought, a car theft ring, pornography cases, and a “cougar sighting” that made the news. IDNR was contacted about this sighting, but nothing was confirmed. Chief announced that Homecoming was successful with few minor incidents. By rearranging hours and scheduling, Homecoming overtime was cut by around \$6,000; Dixon estimated his overtime for the weekend at \$4,500. The renovation of the PD basement is complete, and Dixon thanked Public Works crews as well as Randy Reddick and Aaron Snyder for their help getting it all done. Mr. Bland’s horses on Culp

Lane by the Sports Complex got out and are causing issues again; Dixon has issued another citation and has also asked the State's Attorney's office not to negotiate a deal in this case. The property needs to be fixed so that this doesn't happen again. Dixon also informed the board that there is a pending civil case against him and the department for a situation where a woman was arrested, her car towed, and a weapon stolen from her vehicle by the driver of the tow truck. The tow company is now on the department's probation list and that employee has been terminated. The weapon was returned to the rightful owner, but the case is still pending. Trustee Keister asked for definitions of "cleared by exception" and "closed administratively" on the monthly reports, and also asked why drug related activity isn't reflected. Dixon explained the terms and noted that there are a lot of different drug related scenarios—too many to note on monthly reports. He urged Keister and any resident to contact him if they have questions or need clarification on anything on the reports. Trustee Tweedy thanked Dixon and the department for the great work that they do.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Parks crews have been busy mowing, and Cheatham reported the number of days crews spent mowing each Village park. The Village also hosted a ball tournament and Homecoming this month. Flags and banners were hung for the holiday as well. Six lift stations had power knocked out due to a storm, but there were no issues since PW employee Kasey Govero monitors the lift stations 24/7 by remote technology. Manhole work is ongoing. There was a significant sewer line break along Moreland Road that took ten days to repair, with the help of GRP. The entire line along that stretch was replaced. VisuSewer is working on sewer lining. The water plant is also monitored 24/7 by Plant Operator Jim Williams; Williams monitors the plant during storms and shuts equipment down as needed to avoid power failures. Crews fixed thirteen water line leaks this month, and Haier Plumbing is working on replacement of the line on 111 in front of the airport. Street crews stay busy mowing, including derelict properties. Patching of potholes utilized 97 tons of hot mix. Work on the lighting along Prairie

continues, with our crews removing the foundations and Electrico working on installing conduit now. Trustee Keister asked what impact the sewer line break on Moreland will have on the budget; Cheatham estimated \$25,000. Trustee Tweedy asked when road work on Prairie Street might begin; Cheatham stated that it is in IDOT's hands but he believes a bid letting will go out this week and the project will start later in the fall. Tweedy thanked Cheatham and his crews for everything they do. Cheatham read a letter from resident Eric Williams commending PW employee Kasey Govero and his crew for the work done around E. Sherman Street, noting that no flooding occurred there during the recent storm and power loss. Cheatham stated that rarely do we hear the "good things", so he wanted to share the letter with the board.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, noting another busy month. 93 permits were issued in August; Reddick noted that September numbers will look low compared to last year when Metro and Innsbrooke had several permits issued. Inspections and permits continue to be completed in a timely manner. Code violations are high, with tall grass complaints the biggest challenge. There were 2 stop work orders issued and a nuisance property charge. Reddick compared the current code violations numbers to the past couple of months and stated that the newly created position filled by Aaron Snyder allows the Village to stay on top of these violations. Reddick called it "better customer service". Reddick stated that the house on Hampton Street that was in the demolition process has been sold to a neighbor who has an agreement in place to demolish it within two weeks of closing on the property. 58 N. Williams has a court date of October 22, and the other nuisance properties he's been working on are still in process. Reddick encouraged Trustees to drive by 512 Strohbeck, which was on the Village's demolition list but sold to a contractor who has rehabbed the home and since sold it. That same contractor has now purchased a house on Winona with plans to do the same. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Kabitzke, owner of FLK Transport at 300 Rou Des Chateaux, was in attendance to ask the board to consider making a stretch of road in front of his business a No Parking area, because when parking overflows into the roadway when Field of Dreams is in use, his trucks can't access his facility. Mayor Bost stated the board will review and discuss the situation at the September committee meeting and invited Kabitzke to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-27 A Resolution for Approval of Revised Guidelines and Application for Village of Bethalto Business District Façade Revitalization Grant Program was presented. This amends the application process to allow for two annual application and award periods, one in Spring and one in Fall. Up to \$50k will be awarded each time frame. The same grant rules apply, there will just be two time periods. This can be amended again in the future should the board decide to do so. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Resolution 2021-27 A Resolution for Approval of Revised Guidelines and Application for Village of Bethalto Business District Façade Revitalization Grant Program.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 Recreation was presented. This chapter currently references only Golf Course fees and is therefore unnecessary. The ordinance deletes the chapter in its entirety. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 Recreation.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor was presented. This amends the Liquor Code to allow for seven (7) Class A Licenses and four (4) Class B Licenses. Mayor Bost explained that an additional Class A license is required in order to grant licensure to El Indio, Inc. later this evening, and that removal of one Class B license is due to Eagles Nest Family Restaurant letting their license expire. Quik Trip, who is also requesting a Class B license this evening, had one previously that has expired. They are requesting one again under the name SFH Enterprises, who they're partnering with. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2021-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 Article II-Liquor.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-16 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22-Investment Policy was presented. This amends the ordinance to allow for investments to be held by Credit Unions, making credit unions an acceptable depository for Village funds. The code as it stands refers to FDIC insurability, and this amendment will include NCUA limits and collateralization as well. Trustee Lowrance asked the reasoning behind this amendment and if Mayor Bost had been approached by a credit union. Bost stated that this was his idea and will allow the Village to transfer some Village funds from a bank no longer in town to a credit union that is in town. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2021-16 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22-Investment Policy.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, Trustee Lowrance voted present, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Bost announced that El Indio, Inc. has applied for a Class A Liquor License and is desirous of opening a Mexican Restaurant on Bellwood Drive where the Pancake Ranch Restaurant used to be. Applications have been submitted and background checks completed with no issues. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to grant a Class A Liquor**

License to El Indio, Inc. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

SFH Enterprises, representing Quik Trip, Inc., has submitted an application for a Class B Liquor License in order to have video gaming in their store. Quik Trip had previously been awarded a license but it has since expired, so they are now reapplying. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to grant a Class B Liquor License to SFH Enterprises/Quik Trip, Inc.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The August Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Joseph Hughes. Income and Expenses were reviewed, and the Village's cash balance is up \$500,000 over the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2021.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$74,177.18, including \$600 for Robin Arview Cleaning which was not listed on the original bills report. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$171,850.71. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$54,112.00. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$103,592.43. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings will be held on Monday, September 27 at 6:00pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 11, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, **motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to adjourn the meeting.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor