

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
October 11, 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, Perkhiser, Keister, and Mull. Trustee Tweedy 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 Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of September 13, 2021 as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to approve Special Board meeting minutes of September 27, 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 September, noting 115 total calls for the month. The department has two new volunteers. Chief Buhs expressed his thanks to the police department for their assistance with some difficult calls over the month. There were no questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for September, with his department running 647 calls; Dixon reviewed the calls by type and updated the board on some significant cases over the past month: a domestic disturbance with a stabbing; the suspect from the shots fired case on B Street has been extradited from St. Joseph, MO; a

burglary/home invasion; juvenile vandalism; incidents at Metro Apartments. The Homecoming Parade went well on the new route, with only 2 incidents. \$1200 in candy has been donated for the Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat, and the department received a \$1000 donation towards their Christmas for All event. One squad car was involved in a minor traffic crash, causing \$4200 in damage to both vehicles involved. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports and reviewed activity by department. The new water lines at 255 and 111 by the airport have been completed. Visu-Sewer completed lining at Texas, Oregon, Montana and Georgia Streets. Road work has been done on Old Bethalto Road and Plegge Boulevard, with several bumps addressed. Buchta and Neunaber have been oiled & chipped. New road surfaces are being completed on Prairie & Culp Ln and on E. Main, E. Sherman, Lee, Green, Sheridan, Logan and Park Streets. All infrastructure is in place for the new light fixtures downtown, and they should be in place by the end of next week. Bids have been awarded for Prairie St (Baxmeyer Construction \$1,375,777) and the Albers Lane/Friedel Bridge (Stutz Excavating \$1,316,432.85). A new sign has been installed outside of Village Hall. Mayor Bost asked Cheatham to explain the plans for Prairie Street from Alma to Corbin: this is an IDOT project, and since crews were available to complete the section of Prairie from Alma to Culp first, that project (Phase 3) was completed and the final section (Phase 2) will be a complete reconstruction including sidewalks from Corbin to Alma.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, noting another busy month. Permits were down due to Metro Apartments having so many permits issued last year at this time. Permits continue to be issued on a timely basis. Code enforcements are down with the cooler weather and switching of seasons. No trash notices are sent out around clean up time in order to allow residents a chance to set items out in advance of pick ups.

One family was relocated from unsafe living conditions. 128 Hampton was not sold due to excessive liens on the property, but it is set for demolition this week. N. Williams property has a court date of October 28, but the other properties are still in the system. BS & A Software will be in house this week to set up the Zoning module to go live. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-28 A Resolution Authorizing Payment to City of Alton and Rates and Charges to Be Charged to Subjurisdictions for Regional Wastewater Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System was presented. The Juneau report was updated since committee meetings; Exhibit 8 of the report shows the news rates to be paid by subjurisdictions. Rates will be effective immediately. There were no questions. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2021-28 A Resolution Authorizing Payment to City of Alton and Rates and Charges to Be Charged to Subjurisdictions for Regional Wastewater Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Arview Cleaning bill of \$300 per month will be added to the pre-approved bills listing. Façade grants have been approved for Geno's 140 Club and Rose Lawn Memory Gardens,

with grants to be paid out when work is completed. HanDee Mart's grant for canopy work will be paid out this month, as work is now completed. The Bethalto Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Day 5k will not be held this year, but is planned for 2022. Trick or Treating will be October 30 & 31 from 6-9pm.

Bethalto Rotary Club has asked for permission to hold their annual Halloween Parade on Prairie Street from 140 to Plegge followed by a Trunk or Treat in Central Park on October 26 from 6-9pm. Insurance certificates will be provided. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to allow use of Prairie Street from 140 to Plegge and Central Park on October 26 from 6-9pm for Halloween festivities.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

IML Risk Management Association has returned the Village's liability insurance renewal with no increase in premiums. Village medical insurance is up for renewal on November 1, and the Wealthcare Group has provided a summary for the trustees. This will be reviewed in committee on October 18, with a special meeting following for action. There will be no committee meetings on October 25.

There will be a PC/ZBA public hearing & meeting on October 28 regarding a proposed mini-subdivision and rezoning of a parcel of GRP property at 333 Mechanical Drive.

Bethalto Church of God has asked for permission to use Field of Dreams from 6-8pm on October 24 for a free Halloween event. Insurance will be provided. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve use of Field of Dreams by Bethalto Church of God on October 24 from 6-8pm.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The September Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Joseph Hughes. Income and Expenses were reviewed, and the Village's cash balance is up nearly \$1 million over the previous month. The first half of the Village's American Rescue Act funding was received in September. There were no questions. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2021.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$311,415.95. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$161,717.37. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, 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, Perkhiser, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings will be held on Monday, September 18 at 6:00pm to discuss the Village medical insurance renewal. A special meeting will follow at 7pm to act on the renewal.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, **motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to adjourn the meeting.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor