

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

May 9, 2022

7:00pm

Council Chambers

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Chambers of Village Hall 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, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull. Also present: Police Chief Mike Dixon, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick, and Village Treasurer Joe Hughes.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of April 11, 2022, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Village Board special meeting minutes of April 25, 2022, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Brian Buhs presented his report for April, noting 133 calls for the month. Buhs expects calls to pick up as the weather turns nicer and noted that at this pace the department will run 1600 calls for the year. There were no questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for April, with his department logging 562 incidents. Dixon reviewed some of the recent major cases, adding that it has been a busy month. Trustee Tweedy asked about the status of the Walgreens robbery case; Dixon answered that two suspects were in custody. There were no further questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed activity by department. The interceptor collapse on Moreland Road led to the replacement of 300 feet of 15" line, and there is still yard reconstruction to do there. The Village has received a \$300k STP Grant for resurfacing of Plegge Boulevard. Trustee Tweedy thanked Cheatham and his crews for the work they've done with the breaks and other projects. Tweedy mentioned that Prairie Street is looking good and progressing nicely. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report. Permits were down 25% in April, but violations are up as grass is already getting tall in some areas. Reddick updated the board on nuisance properties: N. Williams has a June 3 court date, West Drive has been sold to a contractor who is rehabbing the property, 731 Dugger has been demolished, 544 Park is on hold, and 305 Butcher has construction permits issued. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Stimac, Business Manager for Labor Local 338, was in attendance to thank the Mayor and Board for the work done on the Public Works CBA negotiations and asked them for a yes vote on what he stated is a "very fair contract".

Dave Decker, co-owner of Prairie Street Auto, was in attendance regarding the construction of Prairie Street and again expressed concern over the lack of communication he is receiving from the Village regarding the project. He stated that any information he is receiving on the schedule of work, he gets from the engineer on-site and has to seek it out. He believes that the Village should provide him with a timeline/schedule of the project. Mayor Bost and several trustees stated that the Village also has no information on the scheduling of work and entrusts the project engineer for oversight and a timely completion of the job. There was back and forth discussion, with Decker stating what he wants is better communication from the Village as to how the project may affect his business during construction. PW Director

Cheatham, noting that there are several variables with any construction project, stated that he would try his best to get some sort of weekly update from the engineer to pass along to Decker but could not guarantee that he could get anything.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. There will be no Memorial Day Parade this year, but a ceremonial service is set at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens for 11am on Memorial Day, near the pond. Concerts in the Park begin on May 19, and the Farmers Markets start June 5.

Mayor Bost announced that Village Trustee Jeff Mull has been inducted into the Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame. Bost added that several board members have strong ties to the Club and that Mull's dedication to the club and area youth should be acknowledged.

Mayor then presented his selections for annual Village appointments as follows:

For Zoning Administrator, Randy Reddick. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve this appointment.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Emergency Management Coordinator, Brian Buhs. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve this appointment.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Fire Department heads: Chief, Brian Buhs; Deputy Chief, Dan Bartels; Assistant Chief, Jeremiah Grant. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve these appointments.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Police Department heads: Chief, Mike Dixon, Deputy Chief, Jason Lamb. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, to approve these appointments.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Public Works Director, Rod Cheatham. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve this appointment.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Inspectors: Building Inspector, Aaron Snyder; Electrical Inspector, Tim Henson; Plumbing Inspector, Greg Fowler; Occupancy Inspector, Aaron Snyder; Fire Inspector, Brian Buhs. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve these appointments.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Professional/Legal appointments: Village Attorney, Kenneth Balsters; Village Treasurer, Gary Bost (until a replacement can be found for Joseph Hughes). **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve these appointments.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bost announced that two vacancies on the Police Pension Board will remain unfilled until suitable candidates can be selected.

For Police & Fire Commission, Gary Bourland. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve this appointment.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

For Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals: Kathi Cooper and Kenneth Gobble. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister, to approve these appointments.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted nay, Trustee Perkhiser voted aye. Motion did not pass with a vote of 5 nays, 1 aye.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The April Treasurer's report was presented with revenues and expenses reviewed. There were no questions. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, 2022.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee meetings will be held on May 23 at 6pm.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$235,894.26. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$409,861.73. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$54,112.00 Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 13, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Mayor Bost announced the need to enter Executive Session for Collective Bargaining, 5 ILCS 120 Section 2 (c) (2). Entered executive session at 7:35pm.

Re-entered regular session at 8:25pm.

Mayor Bost asked if there was a motion to consider the approval of the Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Works Union as presented.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Having no further business, **a motion was made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to adjourn the meeting.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor