

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

June 13, 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 Joseph Hughes.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of May 9, 2022, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve Village Board special meeting minutes of May 23, 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 May, noting 123 calls for the month. Buhs expects the department will run 1600 calls for the year. Buhs expressed appreciation to the Police Department for their assistance with some cardiac arrest calls over the past few weeks. Buhs updated the board on the status of the new rescue truck; Ford has cancelled their chassis order and Ram is not taking new orders. They are working on a solution. There were no questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for May, with his department logging 584 incidents. Work with Lexipol on a new policy manual has started, Dixon hopes to get this completed in 6 months. Two new officers are in training and doing well. Dixon

updated the board on some recent significant cases and added that we now have a second officer in the role of detective. There were four cardiac arrest incidents in one weekend, as Fire Chief Buhs noted earlier. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed activity by department. There were three main breaks in May. Moro water line construction is complete and the build-out of the new water office is nearing completion. Interceptor lining bid requests will go out next week. Prairie Street construction is complete with the exception of some dirt work and the final walk-through. The Friedel Bridge is expected to be poured next week, weather permitting. The Splash Pad is open, playground equipment installed and concrete work is being done at the bandstand and Village Hall. Trustee Mull asked if there would be sidewalks on only one side of Prairie; Cheatham responded yes, at this time, but the project was designed for sidewalks on the east side of the street in the future. Trustee Keister asked the status of the handicap accessible doors to Village Hall; Cheatham answered that they are installed and decals will be installed this week. There were no further questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, noting a very busy month. There are 8 new constructions permits this year to date. Permits are being issued on a timely basis. Reddick updated the board on nuisance properties: 58 N. Williams was ruled in our favor, but there is a 30-day window to appeal. Reddick noted that an appellate court could take up to a year to finalize. West Drive is progressing nicely; Park Drive is being taken off the nuisance property list. Dugger Street still has some debris but they're working on it; 305 Butcher Street is coming off the list as well, as reconstruction has started on that property. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathi Cooper read a letter to the board regarding her re-appointment to the PC/ZBA not being approved at the May meeting. There were no questions or comments.

Dave Decker of Prairie Street Auto was in attendance to state he has not received any construction updates as was promised at the last board meeting; Mayor Bost stated he had sent Decker emails to which Decker responded he had not received them. Bost will follow-up with Decker. Decker inquired about the plan for sidewalks along the east side and asked for advance notice should that construction occur. Cheatham again stated that sidewalks are not currently planned, but that the project was designed in case the Village decides to add them in the future. Decker added that part of the roadway construction in front of his property was filled in incorrectly and he has spoken to the engineer to have that fixed. As part of the design, dirt areas were placed in front of the business; once the final inspection is complete, Decker plans to fill in those dirt areas. Mayor Bost informed Decker that he will keep him posted of any future projects that may affect that part of Prairie St.

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, July 4 for Independence Day.

Bost noted that a PC/ZBA recommendation for a variance to allow for a temporary school building/trailer at Zion Lutheran School was included in the board packets for consideration.

The PC/ZBA has no issues with granting the variance, which will allow a temporary trailer to house classrooms for the upcoming school year while Zion considers more permanent expansion. Village code currently allows the use for up to 120 days; this variance will allow them to utilize a trailer for 365 days. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, to accept the recommendation of the PC/ZBA and grant a variance to allow a temporary trailer to house classrooms for the period of one year from July, 2022 through July, 2023 at Zion Lutheran School.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bost announced that work has been completed at McKay Auto Parts and their façade grant reimbursement will be paid out this week.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May Treasurer's report was presented with revenues and expenses reviewed. The ending cash balance was up \$300k from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the Treasurer's Report for May, 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 June 27 at 6pm. A draft copy of the proposed budget will be sent out prior to this meeting, and Bost encouraged the board to come prepared to discuss the budget and ask questions.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$185,064.86. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$287,695.24. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, 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 July 11, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Having no further business, **a motion was made by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, to adjourn the meeting.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor