

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Bethalto, IL**

**July 11, 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, and Keister. Trustee Mull was absent. 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 Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of June 13, 2022, as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Fire Chief Brian Buhs presented his report for June, noting 135 calls for the month. There have been 810 calls year-to-date and the department is on pace for over 1650. This would be an increase of 250 over last year. There is still no update on the new truck. There were no questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for June, with his department logging 614 incidents. The two new officers are nearing the end of their training and are both doing well. Lexipol work is in progress, with Dixon hoping to have that wrapped up within the next several months. Dixon reviewed several significant cases the department has had over the past month. Chief then recognized Patrolman Brian Gifford for his work on five separate criminal investigations and commended him for his dedication to the department and the community as a whole. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his reports and reviewed activity by department. There have been five main breaks due to dry weather; Cheatham stated this is typical with dry weather just as it is with extreme cold temperatures. The new water office is complete and moving will begin later this month. The pickleball courts are complete but waiting for fencing to be installed. Prairie Street is completed and the final walk-through done; there are a few items to be repaired over the next couple of weeks. The Albers Lane/Friedel Bridge deck has been poured and work is progressing there as well. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report. Permits are down but the workload has increased due to an increase in new constructions which require more inspections. Permits have been issued timely with the exception of the new daycare center by GRP; we have had issues with BNF so have switched to Oates for plan reviews. The owners of 58 N. Williams have decided to appeal their case, so that will be extended until the appellate court hears the case; Reddick expects this to take up to a year. Reddick noted that two different judges have favored for the Village on four separate occasions, so he doesn't expect the appellate process to be different and says the Village has a strong case. Reddick reviewed the other nuisance properties and added 133 N. Lincoln to the list. The owners have been in contact with Reddick and are attempting to rectify their property issues. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Decker, Prairie Street Auto, addressed the board stating that he had received the email he was questioning Mayor Bost about at the last meeting; once he checked again he found it in his junk email folder. Decker expressed concerns over some of the work done during the Prairie Street project: crews didn't fill in all the areas they were supposed to, didn't backfill at their trash dumpster, and noted a crack in the concrete parallel to the road as well. PW Director Cheatham stated that area would be sawed out and re-poured. Decker asked for as

much notice as possible when any of these items are to be fixed so that he can prepare his business as needed. Mayor Bost stated he would let Decker know.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2022-07 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Unit 8 School District for a School Resource Officer** was presented. This authorizes a one-year agreement with the school district for an SRO, with some duties adjusted and the salary capped at \$69k for the year, including benefits. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2022-07 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Unit 8 School District for a School Resource Officer.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy and Keister voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2022-03 Appropriations Ordinance** was presented. There was no one in attendance at tonight's public hearing and no further comments or questions from the board. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Ordinance 2022-03 Appropriations Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy and Keister voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Rivers Edge has requested use of Central Park on September 17 for a benefit concert. This group used the park last year with no issues reported by any of our departments. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, to allow use of the park by Rivers Edge on September 17 for a benefit concert.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy and Keister voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bost presented Bonnie Coleman as his appointment to fill one of the vacancies on the Police Pension Board. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the appointment of Bonnie Coleman to the Police Pension Board.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy and Keister voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

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

The June Treasurer's report was presented with revenues and expenses reviewed. The ending cash balance was down approximately \$175k from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Keister, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June, 2022.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, and Keister voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee meetings will be held on July 25 at 6pm.

### **BILLS**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion made by Dugger, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$387,251.99.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, and Keister voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$141,795.97.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, and Keister voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$54,147.36.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, and Keister voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND**

**Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$25,000.00.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy and Keister voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 8, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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 7:22pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor