

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

February 13, 2023

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, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, and Joseph Hughes.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of January 9, 2023, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Brian Buhs presented his report for January, noting 143 calls for the month. We’re still waiting for an update on the new rescue truck. Business inspections are continuing, with businesses having a good response to inspections. There were no questions.

Police Chief Mike Dixon presented the monthly activity report for January, noting a very busy month. The policy manual update is 75% complete; Dixon plans on updating the procedures manual after work on the policy manual is finished. Training costs are up due to new requirements related to the Safe T Act. Thanks to Public Works, the department has a new training room in the basement of the PD. Dixon reviewed some significant cases involving drugs, car thefts, domestic battery, and attempted forgeries and again commended his officers for their hard work and jobs well done. A more publicized case involved an event at Bethalto East School where there was a reported armed subject trying to get into the

school; this turned out to be a false alarm and the scene was quickly secured with no threat to students. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his monthly report by department. There is a lead service survey now posted on our website, and Cheatham encouraged residents to complete that survey. This fulfills an IEPA mandate. Interceptor lining will occur on Olin property late this week and early next week. Issues with Clearwave have improved some. Demolition of the interior of the old water office is nearly complete. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick reviewed the monthly zoning activity. Reddick updated the board on commercial construction projects and nuisance properties. 58 N. Williams has been continued yet again; Reddick would like to discuss options for that property at the February committee meetings. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jaimie Linton addressed the board on behalf of Missy's Frosty 5k. Linton would like to see the event returned to its original course along Central Street, Moreland Rd, and into Woodcrest Subdivision. The Village's liability insurance carrier has recommended that such events not be held in residential areas, so the Village has suggested a more secure location between Bryant Park and the Sports Complex on Stadium Drive. There has been much discussion over the event, and in an attempt to compromise, last year's route was adjusted to Plegge Boulevard and Central Park. Linton stated that last year's event was "difficult" and added that the event allows the Cafazza family to donate many thousands of dollars in scholarships. Linton stated she has signatures of nearly all the homeowners in Woodcrest in support of the event, and cooperation from residents of Parkside as well. Linton noted that events such as this one should be "feel good" events and that money is brought into the

Village when these events are held. She's asking the board to reconsider their stance, and asked what the difference is between this event and other bike rambles and runs that are held in neighboring communities. Linton has offered to carry extra insurance for the event and have participants sign waivers. Mayor Bost stated that further discussion can be held at a future meeting.

Dave Decker from Prairie Street Auto inquired when he will receive results of his business inspection; Reddick and Buhs both stated that results are sent out the same day or the day following the inspection, and Decker's inspection was a few weeks ago so he should have received it. Decker stated he had not; Reddick and Buhs will follow up.

Nathaniel Rainey, 408 Winona Street, addressed the board again regarding concerns about drainage pipes, etc. along Winona Street. Rainey asked why the minutes on the Village website did not include his statements made at the January 9 meeting; Clerk Lowrance and Mayor Bost answered that minutes are not posted until approved, and those meeting minutes were just approved at this meeting. January 9 minutes will be posted tomorrow. Rainey distributed a letter to each trustee regarding his concerns (attached).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known As 305 Virginia Street as a Nuisance was presented. Reddick provided the board with a recent photo of the property, showing the deteriorated fence. Reddick added that the owner still may clean up the property, they've had court dates recently and another coming up. Reddick stated that this resolution allows the Village to proceed with cleanup should the homeowner not do so. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known As 305 Virginia Street as a**

Nuisance. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2023-03 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022) was presented. This updates our current agreement with MABAS for mutual aid services. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Resolution 2023-03 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022).** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed February 20 for Presidents Day. There will be a Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 23 at 6pm to continue discussion regarding adding a special use category for specialty agriculture in RS5 and RS8 zoning districts.

The Bethalto Jaycees have submitted a request for use of Central Park for their carnival to be held May 18-21. Their insurance certificate has been submitted as well. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Mull, to approve the Jaycees use of Central Park for their carnival May 18-21.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Bethalto Spirit has requested use of Central Park on Thursdays from May 25-August 17 for their Music in the Park series. **Motion made by Lowrance, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Bethalto Spirit's use of Central Park on Thursdays from May 25 through August 17 for their Music in the Park series.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Bethalto Spirit has requested use of Central Park on Sundays from June 4-October 15 for their weekly Farmers Markets. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve Bethalto Spirit's use of Central park on Sundays from June 4 through October 15 for their weekly Farmers Markets.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Bethalto Spirit has requested to hold their 2nd annual Christmas Parade on November 25. It was noted that this is to hold the date only; route and details will be nailed down at a future meeting. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the date of November 25 for the Bethalto Spirit Christmas Parade.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Bethalto Spirit has requested use of Central Park on Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 25 through Dec. 17 for Christmas Village. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Bethalto Spirit's use of Central Park on Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 25 through Dec. 17 for Christmas Village.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Bethalto Spirit has requested to hold their annual Victorian Christmas Walk on Sunday, December 10. Board action tonight will be to hold the date only; details regarding the event will be determined at a future meeting. Trustee Lowrance stated that he will not vote to

approve the event if it is going to be held like last year's, with streets not closed off. Mayor Bost noted that this is for reserving the date only and details will be worked out. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the date of December 10 for the Victorian Christmas Walk.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, Trustee Lowrance voted nay. Motion carried 5-1.

Rocking for Recovery has requested use of Central Park on September 23 for their annual benefit concert from 4-10pm. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the use of Central Park by Rocking for Recovery on September 23 for a benefit concert.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The January Treasurer's report was presented by Joe Hughes, with revenues and expenses reviewed. The Village's ending cash balance decreased approximately \$80k from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2023.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee meetings will be held on February 27 at 6pm.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$282,141.96. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Lowrance, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$702,623.03. Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$56,805.00. 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 March 13, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Having no further business, **a motion was made by Tweedy, seconded by Perkhiser, to adjourn the meeting.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor