

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

April 10, 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 Finance Director Aleisha Randolph.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve Village Board meeting minutes of March 13, 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 March, noting 168 calls for the month and over 500 year-to-date. The department is anticipating even more calls as the weather improves. We now have a VIN for the new fire truck, with hopes of having it in service by the end of the year. Building re-inspections are continuing as businesses are ready. There were no questions.

Police Chief Mike Dixon presented the monthly activity report for March, noting 644 incidents. Dixon reviewed the report and updated the board on some significant cases of interest. Work is nearly complete on the policy manual; Dixon will update the department’s procedures manual after that. There have been no lateral transfer applications received, but we will keep that window open until May 1. Dixon added that every department has the same issue. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his monthly report by department. Spring flushing is being completed this month and is going smoothly. Cheatham encouraged residents to complete the lead service line survey found on the Village website. Fencing is being installed around the playground at the Splash Pad. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick reviewed the monthly zoning activity. 88 permits were issued in March, up 10%. Three new construction permits were issued. Permits continue to be issued on a timely basis. Step by Step Daycare is open and complete, apart from the parking lot. It was noted that their approved Façade Grant won't be paid until the lot is complete. O'Reilly Auto Parts has selected a contractor, so Reddick expects that permit to be pulled within the next month or so. There were 14 code enforcement violations this month. Reddick updated the board on 58 N. Williams, noting that attorneys had met but nothing has been agreed to. We are still waiting for a court date for 305 Virginia. Mayor Bost announced that once we hear more from the attorneys regarding N. Williams, he will update the board. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nathaniel Rainey, 408 Winona St, was in attendance to thank the board and Public Works Department for addressing his concerns, stating he is satisfied with the results. Mayor Bost told Rainey that if at any time there's an issue that is caused by the Village, we will take care of it.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-04 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Bethalto, IL and Good Energy, LP & Solstice Power Technologies was presented. Good Energy approached the Village regarding this State-sponsored solar program for low- to moderate-income families. Our residents may

benefit with up to 50% off their electric bills. Bost noted this is not a binding contract, just shows our commitment to the program. The solar grid is located in Granite City and has room for approximately 400 new customers to sign up. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2023-04 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Bethalto, IL and Good Energy, LP & Solstice Power Technologies.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33-Street Regulations was presented. This ordinance creates Article X in Chapter 33 and establishes regulations governing all roadway parades and events upon Village streets. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33-Street Regulations.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-02 An Ordinance Amending the River Bend Enterprise Zone was presented. This is at the request of the Village of Hartford, who needs more space for development along Route 3. The Enterprise Zone can only be so many square miles by law, so other municipalities including Bethalto are giving up some easements to allow Hartford to expand its area. This will not hinder the future development of Bethalto's portion of the Enterprise Zone. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, to approve Ordinance 2023-02 An Ordinance Amending the River Bend Enterprise Zone.** Trustees Dugger, Lowrance, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Bost had no updates or reports.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The March Treasurer's report was presented by Finance Director Aleisha Randolph, with significant revenues and expenses reviewed. The Village's ending cash balance increased nearly \$580k from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Lowrance, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 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 April 24 at 6pm.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Lowrance, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$199,885.12. 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 \$325,268.75. 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 \$55,194.24. 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 May 8, 2023, 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 7:19pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor