

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
June 12, 2023
Council Chambers, Village Hall
213 N. Prairie St, Bethalto, IL

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date in the Council Chambers of Village Hall for a regular meeting called to order by Mayor Gary 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, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag. Also present: Police Chief Mike Dixon, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of May 8, 2023, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Brian Buhs reviewed the statistical report for the month of May, noting 201 calls for the month and 876 year-to-date. The department is on pace to run 2100 calls this year. The new fire truck has been sent from Ford to Oklahoma for finishing touches, which are expected to take 18 weeks. Business reinspections are trickling in, but progress is still being made. Trustee Mull asked why the increase in calls; Buhs responded that there’s no definite answer, but some are mutual aid calls. Trustee Perkhiser asked how many businesses have yet to agree to inspections; Zoning Administrator Reddick stated approximately 35. There were no further questions.

Police Chief Dixon presented the monthly activity report for May, with his department running 672 incidents. The reciprocal agreement with the school district is in the works, and we’re waiting for the school district to act on it. We’ve had one applicant apply for a patrolman position; applications are being accepted until July 12. Equipment has finally

arrived for the relay & repeater at the high school, and it will be installed over the next couple of weeks. This will improve communication from within the school. The department's policy manual is complete and all but two procedures have been updated for the procedures manual; Dixon will have that complete by the end of the week. The department awarded two \$500 scholarships to CM seniors out of the PD fundraising account. Dixon updated the board on recent significant cases. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports, noting any significant jobs completed. The CIPP project is moving along nicely. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, with 85 permits issued in May. This is a decrease of 17 from last year, likely due to fewer homes on the market and less housing turnover. Permits are being issued on a timely basis, a point which Reddick emphasized was an issue in years past. Reddick reviewed the construction in progress and nuisance properties. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known as 100 S. Wesley Dr. Lot 71 as Unsafe and Dangerous and Authorizing Demolition was presented by Zoning Administrator Reddick. As discussed in committee, this is the mobile home that was devastated by fire. It has been stripped of metal and copper and is a shell waiting for demolition. Reddick wants to act quickly on this property as it is unsafe as it stands. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known as 100 S. Wesley Dr. Lot 71 as Unsafe and**

Dangerous and Authorizing Demolition. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2023-07 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known as 100 S. Wesley Dr. Lot 49 as Unsafe and Dangerous and Authorizing Demolition was presented. As discussed in committee, this residence has unsanitary living conditions, and the resident has been moved to assisted living. Acting on this property will expedite any clean up and demolition required. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2023-07 A Resolution Declaring the Structure Commonly Known as 100 S. Wesley Dr. Lot 49 as Unsafe and Dangerous and Authorizing Demolition.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2023-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Illinois Municipal League to Collect the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee for the Bethalto Volunteer Fire Department was presented. At IML's request, this updates the agreement with IML to collect this fee on the Village's behalf. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2023-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Illinois Municipal League to Collect the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee for the Bethalto Volunteer Fire Department.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2023-09 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid for Construction of Stadium Drive Over Rocky Branch Creek was presented. This authorizes the acceptance of the bid from RCS Construction (the only bidder) in the amount of \$198,xxx for repairs and construction along Stadium Drive over Rocky Branch Creek. All bid requirements were satisfied, and they can begin the project right away, so it is completed before school is back

in session. The engineer's estimate was \$222k. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2023-09 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid for Construction of Stadium Drive Over Rocky Branch Creek.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2023-10 A Resolution of Support for Application for ACT Community Action Grant Program was presented. This resolution shows board support for the application for grant funding for the Plegge multi-use trail project and authorizes Mayor to apply for said funding. \$100k is available under this program. Our initial application was received favorably, and ACT asked for more information and a resolution of support from the Board. This resolution will be forwarded to ACT and will likely improve our chances for the award. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2023-10 A Resolution of Support for Application for ACT Community Action Grant Program.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2023-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38-Utilities was presented. This ordinance updates wholesale water rates for Moro and Meadowbrook to \$2.89 per thousand gallons, retroactive to May 1. All parties agree to this price. **Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Ordinance 2023-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38-Utilities.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

There will be a Planning & Zoning meeting, preceded by public hearings, on June 22 beginning at 6pm for Lloyd property rezoning, a Zion variance request, Hoover mini

subdivision, and a zoning code clerical update. Zoning Administrator Reddick explained each request and encouraged trustees to attend. Village offices will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed; our ending cash balance increased approximately \$150,000 from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2023.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Committee meetings will be held on June 26 at 6pm.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$107,569.94. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Tweedy, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$718,394.82. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag 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, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$40,366.69. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$103,592.43. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 10, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor