

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
July 10, 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: Deputy Police Chief Jason Lamb, 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, several residents and members of the Police Department.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of June 12, 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 June, noting 138 calls for the month and over 1,000 year-to-date. The department is expecting to make over 2,000 calls this year. Reinspections of businesses will continue this week and should be finished next week. There are still some businesses who have not complied with the inspection requirement, and Buhs will be forwarding a list of those to the board for follow-up. Mayor Bost stated this will be discussed at July committee meetings. There were no questions.

Deputy Police Chief Jason Lamb presented the monthly activity report for June and added that Police Chief Mike Dixon had tendered his resignation. Lamb stated that the two worked together closely on operational platforms and other details before Dixon’s last day. There will be upcoming promotions and changes within the department. Body camera equipment

has been ordered and implementation is expected by mid-September. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. CIPP lining is running ahead of schedule due to dry weather; rain events have shown that the lining process is proving effective. Cheatham reviewed other significant projects that were completed within his department. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, with 97 permits issued in June. Permits continue to be issued on a timely basis. Reddick updated the board on commercial construction projects throughout town as well as code violations and nuisance property updates. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jacob & Lori Miller, 157 Woodcrest Drive, were in attendance to express concern over the Village's mosquito spraying program. Mr. Miller stated that he is concerned about the spraying of chemicals in areas where families are outside with children playing and questions the safety of the chemicals used. Miller noted that we are one of the few municipalities in this area that still sprays for mosquitoes. He asked the board to research the safety of these chemicals and discuss the pros and cons of the spraying program. Mayor Bost stated that the board can discuss the program during committee meetings this month, and asked Miller for his list of questions and concerns so that further research can be done.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-11 A Resolution Declaring the Livestock Located at the Property Commonly Known as 781 Roosevelt, Bethalto, IL, as a Nuisance and Authorizing Village to Proceed with Abatement of Same was presented. This resolution authorizes the

Village to proceed with abatement of said nuisance on the property, which currently houses 6 cows and is in violation of Village Code. Mayor Bost explained that the property owner could apply for a special use permit but has thus far failed to do so; he was notified by certified letter (May 16) what his course of action would be to become compliant and was given until July 1 to give him ample time to proceed. To date the Village has had no inquiries or correspondence with him. Bost added that the Village needs to move forward with declaring a nuisance so that the abatement process can move forward, adding that this is no different than the process we've taken for any other nuisance property. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Resolution 2023-11 A Resolution Declaring the Livestock Located at the Property Commonly Known as 781 Roosevelt, Bethalto, IL as a Nuisance and Authorizing Village to Proceed with Abatement of Same.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

The PC/ZBA has forwarded a recommendation to the Board to approve a clerical update for Chapter 40, Zoning Code. Incorrect performance standards were referred to in a section of the code, and this will correct those errors. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister, to accept the PC/ZBA recommendation to approve a clerical update to the Zoning Code.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0. **Ordinance 2023-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code** was then presented. This ordinance updates those clerical errors. **Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2023-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-06 Appropriation Ordinance was presented by Finance Administrator Aleisha Randolph. This sets the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A public hearing was held preceding this board meeting, the budget reviewed, and there were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2023-06 Appropriation Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The PC/ZBA has forwarded a recommendation to the Board to approve a zoning change from GS Green Space to AG Agriculture for the Lloyd property located at 4230 Culp Lane. This was erroneously rezoned in years past and needs to be corrected for the Lloyds to move forward with their plans for the property. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to accept the recommendation of the PC/ZBA and approve the rezoning of 4230 Culp Lane from GS Green Space to AG Agriculture.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0. **Ordinance 2023-07 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code** was then presented. This ordinance updates the zoning map to reflect a zoning change at 4230 Culp Lane from GS Green Space to AG Agriculture. **Motion by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Ordinance 2023-07 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Bost presented a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board RE: an extension of the Zion variance to allow temporary classroom trailers for an additional year. Reddick reviewed the request, noting that the PC/ZBA wanted the extension in one-year intervals in order to keep track of progress made, although Zion had requested a two-year extension. There were no issues with granting the extended variance. **Motion by Tweedy, seconded by Keister, to approve the Recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board**

to approve the variance extension request of Zion Lutheran School for an additional year. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has recommended that the Hoover mini subdivision be approved. This will allow the back lot to have the required 60' road frontage to Moreland Road. **Motion by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve the Recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to approve the Hoover mini subdivision final plat.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Police Chief Mike Dixon tendered his resignation, and his last day was July 2, 2023. Mayor Bost publicly thanked former Chief Dixon for his dedication to the Department and the Village as a whole. Bost then recommended current Deputy Chief Jason Lamb as his replacement. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, to approve the appointment of Jason Lamb as Police Chief.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0. Police Chief Lamb was sworn in by Village Clerk Sue Lowrance and was pinned by former Police Chief Mike Dixon. Police Chief Lamb presented former Chief Mike Dixon with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Department.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. There were three payroll cycles in June, so payroll amounts were higher. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed; our ending cash balance decreased approximately \$400,000 from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 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 July 24 at 6pm.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$145,275.48. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$685,879.50. 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 Keister, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$92,027.28. 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 August 14, 2023, at 7:00pm.

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

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor