

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**August 14, 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, Keister, Mull and Sontag. Trustees Perkhiser and Tweedy were absent. Also present: Police Chief Jason Lamb, Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Ken Balsters, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, and Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick.

**Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of July 10, 2023, as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Fire Chief Brian Buhs reviewed the statistical report for the month of July, noting 141 calls for the month and 1,161 year-to-date. The new fire truck has arrived at the body builders, and Buhs hopes to have photos soon. Homecoming will be Labor Day weekend, and vendor slots are full. Buhs will provide the board with a list of non-compliant businesses-those who have not agreed to inspections-at the next committee meeting. There were no questions.

Police Chief Jason Lamb presented the monthly activity report for July and reviewed a few significant cases. The well-publicized murder suspect from town is not seen as a threat to the community and is not believed to be in the area. LPR’s have once again proven to be an asset, as they were helpful in tracking down an assault suspect from earlier this summer. Hector Rivera-Ayala was promoted to sergeant this month. The department’s body cam hardware has been received, with training yet to be completed before deployment. The reciprocal agreement with the school district is on tonight’s agenda. Mayor Bost added that

LPR's have proven to be an efficient tool in policing and stated the Village will be looking to add more equipment in the next budget cycle. Finally, Chief Lamb asked that everyone keep Deputy Chief Scott Hale and his family in thoughts and prayers, as they battle some medical issues with their daughter. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. CIPP lining is moving along quickly as weather has been cooperative. Payment reimbursements for this project have been slow, but Cheatham and Finance Administrator Randolph are monitoring this closely. A manhole odor eliminator has been placed on Moreland Road by Cedarhurst, so Cheatham expects this to help with complaints in that area. The Stadium Drive bridge repair is complete, and Cheatham commended the work RCS did on that project. The Splash Pad has had some minor equipment issues that have caused it to close a couple times over the last month; these issues are likely due to aging equipment. Cheatham reviewed grant funding received for several projects. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his monthly report, with 88 permits issued in July, an increase of 31% from the same period last year. Operations are still running smoothly and permits issued on a timely basis. Reddick reviewed commercial projects currently underway and noted 48 code violations in July. There has been an agreement signed for 58 N. Williams; progress will be monitored closely, and the agreement structured as to not let the project linger on indefinitely. Reddick expects the work to be done in phases, and each phase will be permitted one step at a time. Reddick reviewed other nuisance properties for the board, as shown on the monthly report. Letters have been sent to the owner of 781 Roosevelt RE: the cows on the property. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no guests or public comments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2023-12 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village and the Board of Education of Bethalto Community School District No. 8** was presented. This resolution authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement with the school district for the exchange of necessary information regarding juvenile offenses. The agreement has already been approved by the school board. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2023-12 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village and the Board of Education of Bethalto Community School District No. 8.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**Resolution 2023-13 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid for Construction of Erwin Plegge Shared Use Path Project** was presented. This authorizes the acceptance of the bid by Baxmeyer Construction in the amount of \$907,107.77 for construction of the multi-use trail project from Ashbrook to Old Bethalto Road. This will include resurfacing of the roadway, curb & gutter, decorative lights and the multi-use pathway. Signals and crosswalks, along with a stoplight, will be installed at Plegge and Ashbrook. This company did the Prairie Street expansion and did an excellent job, and their bid is below the engineer's estimate. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Resolution 2023-13 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bid for Construction of Erwin Plegge Shared Use Path Project.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2023-08 An Ordinance for Vacation of Public Right of Way in St. Louis Regional Airport Authority Lands in the Village of Bethalto, Madison County, Illinois** was presented. This vacates a stretch of Suessen Lane within airport property that was

abandoned years ago and will allow for West Star's expansion. It was noted that this abandons only that piece of roadway, not the entire street known as Suessen Lane. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Ordinance 2023-08 An Ordinance for Vacation of Public Right of Way in St. Louis Regional Airport Authority Lands in the Village of Bethalto, Madison County, Illinois.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day. The annual Bethalto Homecoming is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 1-4.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The July Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed, with a sizable amount of real estate taxes coming in this month. Our ending cash balance increased approximately \$72,000 from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2023.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$304,246.63.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Sontag, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,748,428.23.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**GARBAGE FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$55,435.12.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND**

**Motion by Sontag, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$92,520.00.** Trustees Dugger, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4-0.

Monthly committees will meet on August 28, 2023, at 6:00pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keister, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor