

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
September 11, 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 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 Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of August 14, 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 August, noting 137 calls for the month and 1,289 year-to-date. Homecoming went well and ride revenue was up compared to the previous year. Carnival staff are already coming up with new ideas for next year. The new truck is still a work in progress, and we hope to have pictures soon. Chief Buhs tried to contact a couple inspection holdouts this week but received no responses. There were no questions.

Police Chief Jason Lamb presented the monthly activity report for August and agreed that Homecoming had very few criminal issues. There was a rash of vehicle burglaries throughout town over Labor Day weekend, with two vehicles stolen. Both vehicles were left unlocked with keys inside. Body camera training is complete, and the cameras are in use. The system includes a new Evidence Management System that allows the PD to request

submission of evidence from the public as needed via electronic links. Chief thanked the board for their investment in the department. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports, noting 4 main breaks in August. CIPP is progressing quickly. Crews are prepping the Village Hall parking lot for installation of decorative lighting to match the park and downtown area. Ameren will remove their existing poles later. This project is being paid for through PEP Grant funding. Trustee Keister commended Public Works crews for their quick repair of the main break on Prairie Street just before Homecoming. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Randy Reddick presented his final monthly report, as he is retiring at the end of the month. 101 permits were issued in August, but things have been slow so far in September. Permits continue to be issued on a timely basis. Reddick updated the board on commercial progress throughout town and nuisance properties. 58 N. Williams has already fallen behind on their timeline, so may continue to be an issue. 47 code violations were issued in August; this is down from last year as there have been fewer grass & weed complaints. There were no questions. Reddick thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Village over the past four years, and the board congratulated him on a job well done.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Bradley, 542 Shellview, expressed concerns over drainage problems with the culvert in front of his house; he stated he was promised it would be cleaned up and nothing yet. PW Director Cheatham noted the address and will follow up. Bradley also stated he has yard waste that he can't get picked up, even after calling Republic and getting mixed information. He has since received a notice from the Village regarding the debris. Mayor Bost stated the

Village will see to it that it is taken care of and explained that fall yard waste pickup will begin in October as well.

Bill Rainey, 409 Winona, expressed concerns over infrastructure in his area of town and the lack of sidewalks for school children as well. Rainey referred to the 2014 Comprehensive Plan and 2016 special meeting regarding flooding issues and asked for updates on progress. Mayor answered that progress is continuing regarding flooding concerns, and that pumps are no longer needed during heavy rain events, etc. CIPP linings are helping to eliminate infiltration of rainwater into the sewer system, but it will take time to complete. Rainey stated he understands these things take time and money, but wanted to express his concerns.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-14 A Resolution Authorizing Payment to City of Alton and Rates and Charges to Be Charged to Subjurisdictions for Regional Wastewater Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System was presented. This resolution establishes the monthly payment to be made to Alton and charges to be received from our subjurisdictions for wastewater treatment costs, based on percentage of total flow through the system. After thorough analysis by Juneau & Associates, PW Director Cheatham and Finance Administrator Randolph, we feel confident these numbers are accurate, and it was noted that the final resolution will be changed to refer to the September 11, 2023, report rather than the September 8, 2023 report. There was discussion of why we still pay to Alton; our 10-year agreement is with Alton even though Illinois American Water purchased their system. Our payment is passed on from Alton to Illinois American. The benefits of the CIPP lining program are evident as shown in the decreased flow numbers. Rates were reviewed by Attorney Balsters, and it was noted that we continue to see a positive trend. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2023-14 A Resolution Authorizing Payment to City of Alton and Rates and Charges to Be Charged to Subjurisdictions for**

Regional Wastewater Treatment Costs on the Bethalto Interceptor Sanitary Sewer System, noting reference to the September 11, 2023 Juneau report. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2023-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage was presented. This updates the current code to reflect the Village is covering the cost for residential yard waste pickup for the months of October – December, 2023. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2023-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage.** 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 Board public hearing & meeting on September 28 at 6pm regarding updates to allowable uses in GC General Commercial zoning districts. The Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast is September 26 at 7am in the Senior Building. Fall flushing will start on Monday, October 2nd, and Fall yard waste pickup will start on October 4, weekly on Wednesdays.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The August Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed, and our ending cash balance increased approximately \$1.15 million from the previous month due to Madison County grant funds for the CIPP project coming in. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2023.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$354,197.21. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,547,689.71. 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 \$55,205.09. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

TIF DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Mull, 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.

Monthly committees will meet on September 25, 2023, at 6:00pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tweedy, seconded by Sontag.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor