

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
November 13, 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, Mull and Sontag. Trustee Keister was 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 Chris Cameron.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of October 9, 2023, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Fire Chief Brian Buhs reviewed the statistical report for the month of October, noting 149 calls for the month and 1,588 year-to-date. The department now has a storage shed for homecoming and other excess items. The firehouse is being spruced up with new flooring and a good clean-up. We will be hosting an EMT class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 24 enrolled. The new truck is behind schedule, but we are hoping to have it in March. All new business inspections have been completed; those businesses who are not complying with our inspection program will be discussed at the November committee meeting. There were no questions.

Police Chief Jason Lamb presented the monthly activity report for October. Chief received a donation from Mustache March for \$2500, to be put towards firearms upgrades for the department. There was a rash of burglaries on Oct. 30 & 31 that resulted in a chase, with a suspect firing upon one of our officers; there were no injuries. Both suspects have been

identified; one is in custody while the other is cooperating with police. Lamb announced that the department will be part of a US Marshall Service Regional Task Force; we can partner with this task force in cases of dangerous felonies. Chief Lamb spoke about an upcoming trivia night fundraiser for the family of Lucie Hale, daughter of Deputy Chief Scott Hale. This event is scheduled for February and is a sell-out already. We are also offering fundraising raffle tickets, shirt sales, and bracelets to help raise money for the family. Roma's will also be hosting a fundraising night next week. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Chris Cameron presented his department's monthly report, noting 96 permits issued in October. Cameron reviewed ongoing commercial construction projects and nuisance properties. 203 Lakeside is in the hands of our attorney; 324 W. Corbin has been demolished by the new owner; the owner of 781 Roosevelt has hired an attorney, and we have a court date of Dec. 22 for that matter. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Rainey, 408 Winona St, was in attendance to express his concerns over erosion from open ditches, lack of sidewalks & curbs for children around schools, and maintenance of Village streets.

Stan Cisler, 328 Whispering Oaks Drive, was in attendance to express concerns over how the new multi-use trail may affect drainage from the Terrace and South Kingdom Streets area, along with trees left in the easement for the trail. Both Mayor Bost and Public Works Director Cheatham assured Cisler that engineering was completed regarding the drainage plan for the project, and that the remaining trees are far enough away from the proposed trail

that they should not influence the trail pathway or pavement. Bost stated that engineering will be reviewed to be sure there are no issues with either concern.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving. Christmas Village opens November 25 (this was shown as November 24 on the agenda). The Victorian Christmas Walk is December 10. Unit 8 School District has requested use of Central Park for their annual Community Night. They are requesting April 22, with April 24 as a rain date. Mayor Bost reminded those in attendance of the Village's Love for Lucie fundraising efforts.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The October Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed; our ending cash balance increased from the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2023.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$225,812.89. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$1,157,262.60. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$56,334.97. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$37,500.00. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

Monthly committees will meet on November 27, 2023, at 6:00pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor