

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
December 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 Chris Cameron.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of November 13, 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 November, noting 157 calls for the month and 1,738 year-to-date. We’ve already surpassed last year’s total calls of 1,675. The department has two new volunteers and is looking to attract more part-time staff. The new truck is expected in March. One non-compliant business is expected to move, thus alleviating that issue. There were no questions.

Police Chief Jason Lamb presented the monthly activity report for November. The Frosty 5k and Missy’s Merry Mile were successful and without issues, as was the Victorian Christmas Walk. Chief Lamb thanked Public Works and the Fire Department for their assistance with these two events. Lamb reported that car burglaries have decreased since suspects were apprehended; other significant cases were reviewed for the board. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports, noting two main breaks in November. Cheatham wants to make another push for completion of lead service line surveys as only a handful were completed. We are assisting Meadowbrook with their CIPP linings. The multi-use trail project is continuing and ahead of schedule at this point. Crews are working on winter prep and painting/updates to Village Hall. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Chris Cameron presented his department's monthly report, noting that the number of permits issued and code enforcements are all flat over the same period last year. Three commercial projects are ongoing: Senior Living Apartments on S. Prairie, West Star Aviation, and Cedarhurst expansion. Nearly 50% of our nuisance property complaints center around 100 Wesley Drive. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-15 A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Moran Economic Development was presented. This authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement with Moran Economic Development for business district expansion and consolidation. Property along Route 111 is going to be annexed into the Village; this property along with the former Wayside Estates subdivision will be included in a new, consolidated business district. **Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2023-15 A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Moran Economic Development.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2023-11 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act was presented. This ordinance states that the Village's leave policy already exceeds/complies with the new state law that takes effect January 1, 2024. This sample ordinance was drafted by IML for municipal use. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Ordinance 2023-11 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1-Administration was presented. This updates the administrative office hours to mirror those of the water office. Hours will be posted on the Village website and at the office door. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2023-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1-Administration.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-13 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented. This sets the tax levy for the 2023 tax year. Finance Administrator Randolph touched on the key elements of the ordinance and noted that our rate dropped from 1.2701 to 1.2594 with this levy. The total levy amount is \$2,528,677. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Ordinance 2023-13 Tax Levy.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Village offices will be closed December 25 & January 1 for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The November Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Notable revenue and expenses were reviewed; our ending cash balance decreased from the previous month due to a large CIPP expenditure, but that reimbursement has since been received from the county. The Village historical museum was the beneficiary of the Arvel and Maridel Fowler Trust, with a gift of \$214,045.10 received for museum improvements. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 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 Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$161,584.56. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$258,111.32. 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 \$56,310.30. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$12,500.00. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

TIF FUND

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, 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.

Mayor Bost announced the need to enter Executive Session per Chapter 5 ILCS Act 120 section 2 (c) (6) Sale or Lease of Real Estate. **Entered Executive Session at 7:17pm.**

Returned to regular session at 7:45pm with all trustees present. **Motion made by Dugger, seconded by Mull, to approve closed session minutes from May 9, 2022.** All trustees voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2023-16 A Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session minutes. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly committees will not meet this month due to the Christmas holiday. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tweedy, seconded by Perkhiser**. All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor