

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
April 8, 2024
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, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag. Trustee Perkhiser 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 Keister, seconded by Tweedy, to approve village board meeting minutes of March 11, 2024, 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 March, noting 143 calls and bringing the total year-to-date to 495. There was another cardiac arrest incident at Leisure World involving the same person as reported last month; firefighter Jeremy Lair was able to shock the patient nine times and revive him. The individual has since been released from the hospital. Buhs reported on a recent Tesla fire on Illinois 255 which required over 31,000 gallons of water to cool down the vehicle in order to safely remove it; Buhs stated that these vehicles have their own set of hazards as fires can’t be put out but rather contained & cooled off and could reignite at any time. There were no questions.

Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s monthly activity report for March, noting a typical month of normal patrol activity. Lamb reported that a golf cart stolen from Carlinville Country Club was recovered in town, along with the female perpetrator. The

department assisted with traffic control along Plegge during the installation of light poles; 18 vehicles were pulled over in approximately 3 hours for disregarding the barricades and driving down the closed roadway during construction. Public Works Director Cheatham was instrumental in obtaining two new speed indicator/message signs; these are mobile signs that can be used wherever needed for speed indicators and emergency messages. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports and thanked the PD for their assistance with traffic control along Plegge during construction. The multi-use pathway is complete from Ashbrook to Old Bethalto Road; lights are currently installed, and we are waiting for Ameren's hookup and then will seed and straw the area. Crews are working on flushing and ground restoration. CIPP is being completed for the Rosewood Heights and Wood River Township extensions; once that is completed, we will re-evaluate funding and move back into Bethalto for areas still needed within town. Our street sweeper has died and will need to be replaced in the next budget cycle; Cheatham expects this to cost approximately \$250,000. The next phase of the multi-use trail, from Prairie to Oak Street, is funded; after that section is complete the remainder of the project will hopefully receive funding as the final leg of the project. Cheatham noted this will be the most expensive portion of the project due to the need for a retaining wall. Building maintenance continues, with new paint and carpeting in the council room and committee room area. There were no questions.

Zoning Administrator Chris Cameron presented his department's monthly report, noting 58 permits issued and numerous code enforcement violations, a majority of which are derelict vehicles. The court date for 781 Roosevelt has been moved to May 10. There has been some progress with the Old Oak Ridge Trailer Park on Wesley Drive, as several uninhabitable trailers have been removed or are being cleaned up. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution to Accept All Subdivision Street Improvements in Moreland Commerce Park was presented. These improvements were completed in 2005 but never conveyed to the Village; PW Director Cheatham has inspected everything and recommends moving forward with the conveyance. This accepts and incorporates street improvements (the street, storm sewer and sidewalk) into the street system of the Village for maintenance purposes. It was clarified that this is the roadway and sidewalk behind 1st MidAmerica Credit Union and Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution to Accept All Subdivision Street Improvements in Moreland Commerce Park.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-09 An Ordinance Adopting Article II, Chapter 28-Parks was presented. This establishes an unauthorized camping section to our Parks code, as recommended by Chief Lamb and the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. Neighboring municipalities have adopted this same ordinance. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2024-09 An Ordinance Adopting Article II, Chapter 28-Parks.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has forwarded a recommendation to the Village Board for the zoning of the Ferrell property annexed into the Village in January via Ordinance 2024-01. The committee is recommending that a zoning district of GC General Commercial be

assigned to this parcel. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to accept the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation for the assignment of a GC General Commercial zoning classification to the property annexed via Ordinance 2024-01 on January 8, 2024.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2024-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code—Official Zoning Map was presented. This updates the zoning map to reflect the newly annexed property and its zoning classification of GC General Commercial. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2024-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code—Official Zoning Map.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

There were no reports from the Mayor.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The March Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and notable expenses were reviewed, and the ending cash balance increased by approximately \$630,000 over the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Keister, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2024.** Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$758,422.33. Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$367,618.68. Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, 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 \$56,338.70. Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

Motion by Dugger, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount \$12,500.00. Trustees Dugger, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none.
Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bost announced that Executive Session was no longer needed.

Monthly committees will meet on April 22, 2024, at 6pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024, at 7:00pm.

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

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor