

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**May 13, 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, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag. Also present: Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Ken Balsters.

**Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of April 8, 2024, as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Mayor Bost announced that Fire Chief Buhs and Police Chief Lamb were absent from tonight’s meeting to attend an appreciation dinner hosted by resident Tom Anderson in memory of his wife Deborah, a long-time supporter of our Police & Fire Departments. Mayor Bost presented the monthly Fire Department report. There were 115 calls for the month of April, bringing the year-to-date total to 645. Work is progressing on the new rescue truck, with photos to come soon. Bost stated that he and Finance Administrator Randolph have been working with the department on budget numbers, and they believe the new budget may allow for another new truck if the rescue truck loan is paid off. Trustee Tweedy asked for the status of ailing truck 2211 as reported last month; Bost responded that PW Director Cheatham was able to diagnose the issue as a bad starter and that the unit is active now. There were no further questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Police Department’s monthly activity report for April, noting nothing unusual. ARPA funds will be used to purchase three new LPR cameras, which is

allowed under those spending guidelines. Bost noted that the full budget will be discussed at the May committee meeting, with a vote expected at the June meeting. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports with no questions. There was a recent discovery at Rotary Park of manhole covers being lifted and large rocks dumped into the sewer lines there; this caused an issue with the last heavy rain event and affected 5-6 homes in that area. Our CIPP contractor came in to clean out the boulders and the covers have been bolted down. Ameren is installing power this week to the lights along Plegge Boulevard. Cheatham has made inquiries about new street sweepers, with the hope of having funding in the upcoming budget for that purchase. The new portable speed limit signs are in use around town. There were no questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report and updated the board on some nuisance properties. 58 N. Williams now belongs to the Village and a resolution will be presented this evening authorizing its sale. 305 Virginia is an on-going issue with the bank; our crews have mowed the front yard, but the back is a problem. We are waiting for a judge's ruling on 781 Roosevelt, as Dr. Schreiber has filed a motion to dismiss; we should know the outcome of that by mid-June. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no guests or public comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution Authorizing Sale of Municipally Owned Surplus Real Property** was presented. This authorizes the Village to proceed to negotiate the sale of the property at 58 N. Williams Street. Once an agreement is reached it will be brought to the

board for approval. Mayor Bost has already had two inquiries on this property. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution Authorizing Sale of Municipally Owned Surplus Real Property.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2024-11 Salary Ordinance** was presented. This establishes compensation for non-union personnel for the fiscal year 2024-2025, as discussed at the April committee meeting. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2024-11 Salary Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Bost presented his appointees for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for board approval:

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, to approve the appointment of Rod Cheatham as Public Works Director.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve the appointment of Aleisha Randolph as Treasurer.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve the appointment of Ken Balsters as Village Attorney.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve the appointments of Jason Lamb as Police Chief and Scott Hale as Deputy Police Chief.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Dugger, to approve the appointments of Brian Buhs as Fire Chief, Fire Inspector, and Emergency Management Coordinator, Dan Bartels as Deputy Fire Chief, and Jeremiah Grant as Assistant Fire Chief.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve the appointments of Marc Ressler as Building and Occupancy Inspector, Tim Henson as Electrical Inspector, and Greg Fowler as Plumbing Inspector.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Sontag, to approve the appointments of Matt Lehnen to the Police & Fire Commission, and Brian Buhs and Keith Bartels to the Planning & Zoning Board.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee assignments were distributed with no questions. Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. The Splash Pad opens for the season on May 25.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The April Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and notable expenses were reviewed, and the ending cash balance decreased by approximately \$400,000 over the previous month. The Village cash balance

stands at \$12,563,000. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2024.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

## **BILLS**

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$329,540.57.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$568,956.26.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ESDA FUND**

**Motion by Sontag, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$437.50.** 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 Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount \$125.00.** 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 pursuant to ILCS Chapter 5 Act 120 Section 2 (c) (6) Sale or Lease of Real Estate. **Entered executive session at 7:18pm.**

Re-entered regular session at 7:50pm. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve Executive Session minutes of December 11, 2023.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly committees will meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6pm due to the Memorial Day holiday. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Tweedy.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor