

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
June 10, 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, Police Chief Jason Lamb, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Asst. Fire Chief Jeremiah Grant, Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph, Village Attorney Ken Balsters.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of May 13, 2024, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Chief Buhs presented the monthly Fire Department report. There were 136 calls for the month of May, one of which was a structure fire causing \$30k in damage to the home. There has been progress on the new rescue truck and Buhs hopes to have pictures soon. There were no questions.

Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s monthly activity report for May, noting two significant incidents. On 5/23 East Alton PD requested assistance with a stand-off on Lakeside Street. The suspect fired on officers who then returned fire; the suspect eventually took his own life, and no other injuries were sustained. Illinois State Police have taken over the investigation. Earlier this month, a single-vehicle car crash at Buchta/E. Airline took the life of an 18-year-old Bethalto resident, and Lamb sends his condolences to the family on behalf of the PD. New cameras have been installed inside the PD’s interview and booking rooms; these cameras have digital recording capability. Exterior cameras around Village

Hall are already paying off, with a reckless driver at the pickleball courts identified on camera and charged accordingly. The department is accepting applications for a new officer, to replace Ptl. Gifford who moved on to the Madison County Sheriff's Department. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. There were five main breaks this month. Subjurisdictions' CIPP projects are completed, and Cheatham expects we will spend the remainder of that funding on projects in-house over the next couple of months. Crews have cleaned up the back yard of 305 Virginia Street, one of our nuisance properties, and Cheatham expects we will be mowing it on a regular basis as well. There were no questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report. Permits are steady and electrical inspections are up due to solar installations. The senior living apartments on S. Prairie are progressing. West Star has a temporary occupancy permit issued for their new facility, and the sale of 58 N. Williams is set for approval tonight. The court proceedings for 781 Roosevelt are finished, with Judge Foster siding with the property owner and referencing the Farm Nuisance Act, stating the property "is a farm". We were given no clarification on the ruling, so Mayor stated we will have to see what transpires in the future. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Allsman, President of Bethalto Spirit, was in attendance to thank the Mayor and Board for their support of the Memorial Day Service and to thank Public Works for their work in installing the military appreciation banners before the Memorial Day holiday. Allsman stated he has received many compliments on the appearance of Plegge Blvd, and that the banners have been very well-received.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-06 A Resolution Confirming Sale of Municipally Owned Surplus Real Property was presented. The agreement has been signed by both parties and, if passed, is set for closing on June 12. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Resolution 2024-06 A Resolution Confirming Sale of Municipally Owned Surplus Real Property.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement of Municipal Property to the Board of Education of Bethalto Community Unit School District No. 8 was presented. The School District has passed their resolution and signed the agreement, which is for a 20-year lease-purchase of Sports Complex 1 and set to begin July 1 upon finalization and recording with the County. Trustee Dugger asked if there is still a utility easement; Balsters noted that he checked the IDOT agreement and there is not; only a specific clause referencing a golf cart path from when the golf course was planned. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Sontag, to approve Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement of Municipal Property to the Board of Education of Bethalto Community Unit 8 School District No. 8.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2024-08 A Resolution of Support of Bethalto Boys & Girls Club was presented. This shows Village support for a new facility planned on Village property across from the Splash Pad. A long-term (99 year) lease would be involved once it gets to that point, but for now this shows support for the project so the Club can begin fundraising efforts. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Resolution 2024-08**

A Resolution of Support of Bethalto Boys & Girls Club. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2024-09 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Quote for Purchase of Equipment was presented. This authorizes the acceptance of a quote by EJ Equipment for purchase of a new street sweeper. Cheatham stated that we will sell or scrap the old one, which is beyond reasonable repair. Cheatham stated he had reached out to 3-4 vendors, none of whom had a unit available except for EJ, and their price was significantly less than any other verbal estimates. Attorney Balsters noted that the formal bid process can be waived by a 2/3 majority vote of trustees, and that is necessary here. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve Resolution 2024-09 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Quote for Purchase of Equipment.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-12 Appropriation Ordinance was presented. This establishes the legal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as reviewed at tonight's public hearing. There were no questions. Trustee Mull commended Mayor Bost, Treasurer Randolph, and the department heads for making the budget process a smooth one this year. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2024-12 Appropriation Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Bost presented Tom Anderson as his recommendation for appointment to the Police Pension Board, with a term expiring in May, 2026. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve the appointment of Tom Anderson to the Police Pension Board.**

Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May 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. There were three paydays in May, and Madison County still owes approximately \$1 million in reimbursement funding. The Village cash balance stands at \$12,175,058. There were no questions. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 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 \$259,625.06. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$846,599.65. 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.

TIF FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount \$103,592.43. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly committees will meet on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor