

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
July 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, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag. Also present: Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Police Chief Jason Lamb, Fire Chief Brian Buhs, Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph, and Village Attorney Ken Balsters.

Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Keister, to approve village board meeting minutes of June 10, 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 123 calls for the month of June, bringing the year-to-date total to 892. The department is on pace to run 1800 calls this year. There has been progress on the new rescue truck, and we hope to have it sometime in October. Homecoming plans are moving along, and we are already full of vendors. There were no questions.

Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s activity report for June, noting it was a quiet month. The Independence Day holiday saw a few fireworks calls, with some warnings and citations issued. Our department also assisted Wood River PD with some of their fireworks complaints. Two new squad cars have been ordered and should be delivered in a couple of months. New taser equipment should arrive around Labor Day. Four applications have been received for the open officer position, and there are still a few days to get those turned in.

Lamb stated there seems to be a renewed interest in the law enforcement field, which is encouraging. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Our CIPP contract is complete, and we have approximately \$1.2 million left in funding for those projects. Cheatham stated he is cleaning up some loose ends and then will submit receipts for reimbursements for our expenses along the way. There have been a few issues with the multi-use trail path, which are being addressed. Sail shades have been installed at the bandstand. Sports Complex 1 has been cleaned out and is now in the school district's control per our lease purchase agreement. Trustee Mull stated how nice all the parks look and commended our public works crews for a job well done. Trustee Tweedy asked for clarification on the issues with the trail; Cheatham stated there are some asphalt issues likely caused by crews during grading and seeding and that he is working with that vendor to get those issues resolved. There were no further questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report, noting a decrease in occupancy permits likely due to fewer people moving in and out of properties. Cedarhurst and the South Prairie Senior Living projects are continuing; West Star expansion is complete. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-10 A Resolution Authorizing Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Community Unit 8 School District was presented. This authorizes the extension of our agreement with the school district for a school resource

officer (SRO) for the 2024-2025 school year, as discussed in June committee meetings. The new agreement includes an updated salary for Officer Shank, including the 3% raise per union contract. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, to approve Resolution 2024-10 A Resolution Authorizing Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bethalto Community Unit 8 School District.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Bost had nothing outstanding to report.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June 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 \$250,000 over the previous month. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2024.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$379,819.58. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$333,116.49. 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.

Monthly committees will meet on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 6pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Mull.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor