

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**September 9, 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 Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of August 12, 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 157 calls for the month of August, bringing the year-to-date total to 1198. The new rescue truck is being put together in Oklahoma and then will have finishing touches added. 2024 Homecoming was a huge success, and plans are already underway for next year. There were no further questions.

Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s activity report for August. Homecoming caused very few issues, although the department was busy over the holiday weekend. New taser training will take place on September 24. We are “in line” for new cars, we just don’t know when they will be available. The Police & Fire Commission will conduct oral testing on October 5, and we will have a new hiring list thereafter; we had three applicants this cycle. Chief Lamb commended his department for work on a recent scam case involving a \$93k loss for a local resident. The case was solved, and money recovered thanks to work by

our officers along with detectives from Caseyville and other departments. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. Small repairs in our CIPP lining are being completed and then we will be submitting for ARPA reimbursement of approximately \$300-400k. Mill and overlay was completed along Longfellow. Code Blue emergency kiosks are operational, and cameras will be installed as well. There was an incident this past weekend where public works crews were out doing a repair on Airline Drive; an apparent drunk driver hit our truck and trailer causing property damage but thankfully no injuries. The driver was arrested at the scene, and we will be pursuing damages. There were no questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report, noting nothing unusual this month. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Adam Jones, Cloud 9 Sports, was in attendance to request use of SC2 for after-dark movie night(s). The not-for-profit sports program has over 500 participants, and Jones is looking to offer some fun family entertainment nights in the park. Mayor Bost stated that the issue is that all parks close at dusk, and there is no lighting available at the complex. Chief Lamb agreed, noting safety concerns. Bost noted that the park was not built for nighttime events, and so after-hours events would likely be unsafe. Trustee Keister asked if Jones would consider holding the events in Central Park, which is more suitable for nighttime use; Jones stated he would consider that option. Mayor stated the board could give it some thought as well and would contact Jones with any updates.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2024-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage** was presented. This updates the Village code to reflect the Village paying for yard waste pickup for residents for the months of October, November, and December, 2024, in accordance with Republic Services guidelines. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2024-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-Garbage.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has forwarded a recommendation to the Village Board regarding an amendment to Chapter 40-Zoning Code, to create Development & Design Standards for new and reconstructed building facades in GC General Commercial zoning districts. This amendment defines the front façade and regulates acceptable materials to be used in construction and reconstruction of buildings in that zoning district. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to accept the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation regarding an amendment to Chapter 40-Zoning Code.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 2024-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning Code** was presented. This updates the current zoning code by defining front façade and adding Article IX Development Design and Improvement Standards: Building Materials and Details for New Construction or Reconstruction in the GC General Commercial zoning district, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2024-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40-Zoning**

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

**Ordinance 2024-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-Liquor** was presented. This increases the number of available Class B liquor licenses by one (1) to five (5) at any given time, as discussed in committee meetings. **Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Sontag, to approve Ordinance 2024-15 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-Liquor.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Bost announced the resignation of Ed Slayden from the Planning & Zoning Board, and recommended Nathaniel “Bill” Rainey as his replacement. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Dugger, to approve the appointment of Nathaniel “Bill” Rainey to the Planning & Zoning Board.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Dairy Fresh (dba Farm Fresh) has requested a Class B liquor license, which will allow them to provide video gaming in their establishment. As presented in committee meetings, Dairy Fresh has added electric vehicle charging stations, the first in town, to its business model and now is requesting to be considered as a “gas station” to allow for the license. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser, to approve the issuance of a Class B liquor license to Dairy Fresh dba Farm Fresh.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Fall yard waste pickup will be completed by Republic Services at no charge to residents for the months of October, November and December this year. Service will be on Wednesdays

and all Republic pickup guidelines, found on our website, must be followed. Residents do not need to sign up for this service.

**MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The August Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and notable expenses were reviewed, and the ending cash balance was largely unchanged 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 August, 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 Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$225,966.59.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Keister, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$158,589.54.** 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 \$56,336.95.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF FUND**

**Motion by Keister, seconded by Mull, 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.

Monthly committees will meet on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor