

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Bethalto, IL
December 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, and Mull. Trustee Sontag was absent. Also present: Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Police Chief Jason Lamb, Jeremiah Grant & Daniel Bartels of the Fire Department, 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 November 12, 2024, as printed. All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:

Mayor Bost presented the monthly Fire Department report, noting 136 calls and 1 mutual aid response. There were no questions.

Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s activity report for November, noting a quiet month. The current new hire candidate has been accepted into SWIC’s January Academy class and will be starting then. Our LPR’s were utilized in tracking down an Enterprise box truck that struck and damaged the new stoplights on Plegge Blvd. Two new police Explorers are in use. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports, noting a 3” snow event but otherwise nothing unusual. The new stoplights at Plegge & Ashbrook will go live on December 13th. There were no questions from the Board.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report. Occupancy permits continue their decreasing trend. The Prairie Street Senior Living Apartments are coming together nicely, and Mayor and PW Director Cheatham toured them last week. Cedarhurst's addition is complete as is the game room at Farm Fresh. There were no questions.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or public comments from the audience.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-16 A Resolution For Approval of Renewal Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment 1, LLC was presented. This approves the 10-year renewal (two 5-year terms) of a franchise agreement with Charter for cable-related services within the Village. The definition of "gross revenue" was updated and all Village addresses were verified to be sure we are getting the proper distribution of funds. This will be effective immediately upon execution. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Resolution 2024-16 A Resolution For Approval of Renewal Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment 1, LLC.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2024-17 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with IDOT for Job Number C-98-014-26, Project A1DB (461) for Resurfacing of Plegge Blvd. from Old Bethalto Road to Prairie Street was presented. This approves entering into a Federal joint-funding agreement for resurfacing Plegge Blvd from Old Bethalto Road to Prairie Street. The cost to the Village of this 80/20 split will be approximately \$188,000. Cheatham expects this to be let out for bid in January, and the project completed as soon as the weather allows. The new traffic light sensors are already in place at Ashbrook/Plegge. **Motion made by Perkhiser,**

seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2024-17 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with IDOT for Job Number C-98-014-26, Project A1CB (461) for Resurfacing of Plegge Blvd. from Old Bethalto Road to Prairie Street. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-22 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented by Village Treasurer Randolph. As discussed in depth in committee meetings, this sets the Village tax levy for the 2024-2025 tax year at \$2,655,111. No public hearing was required, as the levy does not exceed the 105% threshold for a truth-in-taxation hearing. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Ordinance 2024-22 Tax Levy Ordinance.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Planning & Zoning Board has recommended the approval of rezoning of 1412 West Drive from RS-5 Single Family Residential to RM Multi-Family Residential, at the request of the property owner. Details from the public hearing were discussed in committee, and there were no further questions from the board. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to rezone 1412 West Drive from RS-5 Single Family Residential to RM Multi-Family Residential.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board has recommended the approval of a setback variance for 408 E. Bethalto Drive, at the request of the property owner. As discussed in committee, the application has been updated and signed by Wendell Yates as manager of Yates Rentals,

LLC, at the request of the Planning & Zoning Board. The variance would allow for a 10' setback reduction on the southwest corner of the property only, as shown on the proposed project plan. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to grant a 10' setback variance for the southwest corner of property located at 408 E. Bethalto Drive.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Village offices will be closed December 25 & January 1.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The November Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and notable expenses were reviewed; the ending cash balance increased from the previous month and stands at \$14,277,598. There were no questions. **Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Keister, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2024.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$162,926.65. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Motion by Perkhiser, seconded by Keister, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$167,610.14. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Mull, seconded by Tweedy, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$62,878.04. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none.

Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND

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

Motion carried 5-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Keister, seconded by Mull, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$103,446.47. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bost announced the need to enter Executive Session per Chapter 5 ILCS Act 120 Section 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining. Entered executive session at 7:16pm.

Reconvened into regular session at 8:01pm. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Keister, to approve Executive Session minutes from November 12, 2024, as presented.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Perkhiser, seconded by Dugger, to approve Resolution 2024-18 A Resolution for Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, and Mull voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 5-0.

Monthly committees will not meet in December due to the holidays. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tweedy, seconded by Perkhiser.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

Gary Bost, Mayor