

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**March 10, 2025**  
**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 were Public Works Director Rod Cheatham, Police Chief Jason Lamb, Jeremiah Grant of the Fire Department, and Village Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph.

**Motion made by Tweedy, seconded by Mull, to approve village board meeting minutes of February 10, 2025, as printed.** All members voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISORS:**

Acting Fire Chief Jeremiah Grant presented the monthly Fire Department report. There were 165 calls for service in February. The grant application for station improvements has been submitted. Fire drills for each of the schools are complete. The Eagle Scout bell project is underway. The department is expecting a visit from ISO this week. The much-anticipated fire truck is now at Weber in Granite City awaiting a new transmission. Our warranty will not kick in until we have the unit in service, so any issues we’ve found along the way are being taken care of by the manufacturer. There were no questions.

Police Chief Lamb presented the Police Department’s activity report for February. There was a child pornography case this month, and those perpetrators have been charged and are in Madison County Jail. Earlier in March there was a vehicle theft and burglary in the Woodcrest/Quail Run area. LPRs traced the stolen vehicle back toward Missouri. The stolen vehicle did have keys in it, so Chief Lamb is encouraging residents to be aware and keep valuables out of sight and vehicles and doors always locked. The PD has been working

closely with Building & Zoning over the past few months on issues with the Wesley Drive trailer park; Lamb commended Marc Ressler for the job he's doing. Tactical training will be completed tomorrow. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Cheatham presented his departmental reports. There were two main breaks in February and the full system flush is being completed right now. Cheatham reviewed other accomplishments by department with no questions. Trustee Mull asked if this round of flushing has turned up anything unusual; Cheatham stated that there has been nothing out of the ordinary, but he hopes that this additional round of flushing will remove sediment that has been causing issues with water quality. Trustee Keister asked if there had been any further discussion of a text-based notification system; we have received a couple of quotes but there has been no further discussion at this time. All notifications are published on our website and social media. Trustee Tweedy noted that potholes have been filled around town and thanked Cheatham for that work. There were no other questions.

Mayor Bost presented the Building & Zoning department's monthly report noting that most commercial projects are finishing up except for the new Floor Store on Route 140. Building & Zoning is staying on top of issues at the Wesley Drive trailer park. Bost noted that the property taxes on the park have now been sold for the past three years, indicating that the property may soon have a new owner. There were no questions.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident and Planning & Zoning Board member Bill Rainey asked how many units are housed in the Wesley Drive trailer park; Bost stated approximately 50-55 units are there, all are under one water meter which means services cannot easily be shut off to the property without affecting all residents there. At least 2 trailers are considered uninhabitable and will be dealt with this week. The owner of two units has offered to sign them over to the Village,

as he is having an issue with removing the residents. Bost stated the Village does not want to take on that responsibility.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Updating Chapter 40-Zoning Code/Official Zoning Map** was presented. This updates the Village official zoning map to reflect the change of 1412 West Drive from RS-5 to RM zoning as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board and accepted by this Village Board at the December, 2024, meeting. Passage of the actual ordinance was an oversight at that meeting. **Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, to approve Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Updating Chapter 40-Zoning Code/Official Zoning Map.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Early voting will be offered at Village Hall March 17-21 and 24-28 from 9am-5pm. Election Day is April 1, with polls open from 6am-7pm. Spring clean up week is March 24-28 on your usual trash pickup day. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet the Candidate forum March 11 at 7pm in the Senior Citizens Building.

### **MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The February Treasurer's Report was presented by Finance Administrator/Treasurer Aleisha Randolph. Revenue and notable expenses were reviewed; the ending cash balance stands at \$14,159,121. There were no questions. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Perkhiser,**

**to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2025.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull, and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

## **BILLS**

### **GENERAL FUND**

**Motion by Mull, seconded by Perkhiser, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$200,930.77.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **WATER & SEWER FUND**

**Motion by Keister, seconded by Sontag, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$218,799.74.** 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 \$57,426.36.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND**

**Motion made by Mull, seconded by Dugger, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$22,053.82.** 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 per Chapter 5 ILCS Act 120 Section 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining.** Entered executive session at 7:13pm.

Reconvened into regular session at 7:32pm. **Motion made by Keister, seconded by Mull, to approve Executive Session minutes from February 10, 2025, as presented.** Trustees Dugger, Perkhiser, Tweedy, Keister, Mull and Sontag voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly committees will meet March 24, 2025, at 6pm. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Having no further business, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mull, seconded by Dugger.** All voted aye viva voce. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

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Sue Lowrance, Village Clerk

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Gary Bost, Mayor