

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 14, 2019

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jon Book. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Mike Jennings, Greg McLain, and Raven Russell. Brian Gill was absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the "Statement of Income and Expenses", seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Mr. Flood asked about the time frame for getting a petition to run for office. It was explained that they would be available September of 2020 with the election in April of 2021.

TIF Agreement with the Bethany Fire Protection District – This has already been approved. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve Ordinance #19-776, TIF Agreement with the Bethany Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-abstain; McLain-yes; Russell-yes; Gill-absent; motion carried.

Changes to Violation Fines & Ordinance – These are located in the Admin part of the code book. The range is cost of \$100 - \$750 as of now. Chief Nichols and Village Attorney Jack Kiley will continue working on this.

Social Media Policy – Board reviewed the policy presented by Attorney Jack Kiley. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to accept the Village social media guidelines as present, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Site Lease Agreement for A.C.T.S Internet – Brandon Rarick from ACTS Internet came to discuss this agreement. Village Manager Shannon Risley asked that before he do any work he call or notify the Village before going on the water tower. The Trustees asked several questions of Mr. Rarick concerning this agreement. Mr. Kiley will need to look this over and make suggestions before any action is taken. The Board would also like to see this lease be an annual renewal. Mr. Rarick would also like to start running fiber cable beginning in January 2020

Other Old Business – Discussion concerning the lots at 410 N. Washington St. It has already been appraised to sell as empty lots. The Board needs to decide how they are going to get rid of these lots. The consensus was to take sealed bids. President Book will contact Mr. Kiley to get moving on this. There will be a minimum bid set by the Board for the double lots.

Amend Zoning Ordinance/Committee – Gene Mueller – Mr. Mueller had someone contact him concerning a parcel of land for a family burial plot. In researching he found discrepancies in the ordinances. His research found that a special use permit could be used for this situation as long as it is continually used for this purpose. It also stated that this needs to be shared with the “planning commission” which we do not have. This will need to be addressed as well as fees.

Appoint Drake Grubb as Full Time Officer in December - Officer Grubb graduates December 14th. He will need to take a two-week transition class before becoming full time. He will be able to start December 18th as full time. The Police Committee met with Officer Grubb and has no reservations with him. The Board will go into closed session to discuss his pay.

Tax Levy – This is tabled until next month.

Outside Drop Box for Payments – Treasurer Jessica Henderson approached the Board concerning installing an outside drop box for payments. She states that at least one to two people per week ask her about this. This would also help with some discrepancies that have been occurring as of late. She would like to see an outside box that is screwed into the concrete. She will check with the Village Insurance to see what is acceptable and update the prices on the boxes.

Hotel for Treasurer to Attend the IMTA Classes – Originally the hotel was thought to be included, but that was not the case. The would fall under normal travel expenses.

Other New Business – President Book and Manager Shannon Risley met with Matt Foster of Chastain & Assoc. Chastain is trying to get a Professional Services Agreement signed. There are three tiers to this; verbal, task order, written contract. This does not bind us to their service. The Board needs to decide on a verbal dollar amount. Manager Risley usually uses their services for help with EPA permits.

Reports - were given from; Shannon Risley, Police Committee, Finance Committee and Chief Nichols.

Trustee Gill arrived at 8:50 pm.

Correspondence – NONE

Meeting Before the Next Meeting -

Utilities

*11/26 – 6 pm

*Water tower improvements

Police

*11/26 – 7 pm

*Personnel

Trustee Russell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee McLain made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee McLain made a motion to offer a full time Police Officer position to Drake Grubb beginning December 18, 2019 at a salary of \$680 per week during the probationary period, then and increase to \$720 per week beginning June 1, 2020, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McLain and seconded by Trustee Russell. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Village President