

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 12, 2020

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, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Public - Seth Webner came to discuss his Eagle Project with the Board. He would like to put up a bus stop shelter at the entrance of Red Bird Hills, by Vander Burgh Financial for the students who have to wait for the school bus in the mornings. He had handouts for the Board to look at. Blueberry Farm Owners - Craig & Nicole Hendry moved to the blueberry farm in November. They just wanted to come meet and greet the Board. They would like to have something with signage at a later date.

Update Cannabis Ordinance - tabled until next month

Trustee Pay for Committee Meetings - tabled until next month

Compensation for Village President and Clerk - Manager Shannon Risley did some research on this. He found the Clerk position is a full-time job. He will be having a meeting later and will put together more information that he finds.

TIF Agreement with Matt Pence and the Village - The TIF Committee met with Matt Pence. He has a business on Main St. doing farmhouse woodworking. His building needs some work. The Committee thought some things were much needed: mold removal, tuck pointing in the crawl space, structural supports and restoring the façade. The TIF Committee recommends a five-year forgivable loan for \$55,000. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to give a TIF Agreement to Matt Pence as a five-year forgivable loan in the amount of \$55,000 with the items mentioned, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Cameras for Village Facilities - Total Home & Farm Solutions gave a bid of \$11,500 and they do everything. FE Moran gave a bid of \$10,144 and there would be work required on our part. There would be cameras at the Village Hall, recycling bins, park building and dump. We will check to see if the Park Board would be interested in helping with the cost.

Employee Compensation - closed session

MFT Allocations - Matt Foster met with the Streets/Alleys Committee to set up the MFT Allocations for the year. Mr. Foster discussed the program with the Board and discussed possibilities of repair options for Washington St. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to adopt Resolution #20-494 to allocate MFT funds for General Maintenance for the Village of Bethany at \$60,000, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Matheson Property - This has been taken care of.

2020 Sidewalk Program - The 2020 sidewalk program was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to proceed with the 2020 repair list at a cost of \$17,645, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Employee Appreciation Dinner - Last year this was held in April. April 24th is a possible date beginning at 6pm. We will check with the Diner and Scotty B's to cater. Trustee Russell will oversee this.

Purchase of Used Squad Car & Equipment - Pana police chief has an '07 Impala with 15,000 miles. Chief Nichols had handouts for the Board. For this car, new equipment and installation is should not exceed \$25,000. There was an offer of \$1500 for the old car. Discussion followed on where the funds to purchase the car and equipment would come from. This will be discussed further at a later meeting date.

Compensation for Officer Grubb's Military Leave - Officer Nichols' opinion would be to pay Officer Grubb his regular pay while he is gone for military duty. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to pay Officer Grubb his full regular pay while he is gone on Military duty, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Other New Business - 2020 Census info has been given to Nancy Mueller on the BASO committee. Trustee Doty will help her and follow up on this.

Reports - were given from; Shannon Risley, Streets & Alleys, TIF, and Chief Nichols

Correspondence - None

Meetings Before the Next Meeting -

- Finance - March 18th @ 6pm
- *Funding for squad car
- *Rates for Utilities

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to go into closed session to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and contractual matters, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Trustee Russell would like to have Manager Shannon Risley write up job descriptions and expectations for the Village employees.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doty, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Village President