

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
July 11, 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, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2019 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 Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Trustee Ruppert has arrived.

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

**Public - Barb Oliver** - Food Bank Coordinator, came to the Board to see if they could help with the cost of a new air conditioner for the food pantry. She was advised to contact the TIF committee. **Matt Flood** - asking about the parking at a local business as he thought it was a safety concern. He also asked about obtaining minutes from previous meetings.

**Trustee Compensation for Committee Meetings** - this topic will be discussed at a much later date.

**Purchase of a New Office Computer** - President Book has a quote from PCM Company. For a computer, monitor, and Microsoft Office is \$1271.00 HP with a three year warranty. Computer-\$920; Monitor-\$112; Microsoft Office-\$239. A motion was made by Trustee Russell to purchase a new office computer not to exceed \$1300, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Russell-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest), motion carried.

**Hiring a New Cleaning Person** - there were 10 applications. This person must be qualified as a contractor; otherwise they are a part-time employee of the Village. This will be discussed in closed session.

**Hiring Someone to Mow Delinquent Yards** - There was only one person that was interested and they did not come back in to the Village Hall. President Book will reach out to some of those who are local.

**Utility Rate Ordinances** - The rate changes were previously approved. The ordinances now need board approval. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-768 for Utilities, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-769 for Water/Sewer rates, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-770 for electric rates, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-771 for gas rates, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Other Old Business** - changes to the Liquor Ordinance we made last month. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance #19-772 concerning changes to the Liquor Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Bids for Robinson Street Work** - This will be put out for bids. Village Manager, Shannon Risley will meet with our Engineer Matt Foster to create a bid for this project. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to seek additional bids for the work to be completed on Robinson St, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Cannabis Dispensaries** - This would be a zoning issue. The Village Attorney feels that the IML will create an ordinance for Municipalities to use.

**TIF Request from Jeff Taylor** - The TIF Committee met to discuss a request from Jeff Taylor. In November of 2017 he was given \$60,000 in TIF funds. The Committee recommended giving Mr. Taylor a forgivable loan in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Taylor was there to discuss his request and the issues his building is having to the Board. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve a five (5) year forgivable TIF loan in the amount of \$15,000 to Mr. Taylor, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-yes; Russell-abstain (conflict of interest), motion carried.

**Stop Sign and the Corner of Main St. and Church St.** - A resident that lives by that intersection thought it would be a good idea. People go too fast on Main St. and he would like it to be a four way stop. After discussion, no action was taken on this matter.

**Reports** - were given from; Shannon Risley, TIF Committee, and Chief Nichols.

**Correspondence** - 1) a certificate of appreciation was received from the IDPH/CDC for putting fluoride in the water. 2) a flyer for Christmas lights was received and will be passed along to the BASO organization.

**Meeting Before the Next Meeting -**

Utilities - 8/1/19 @ 6pm

\*water tower improvements

\*county well line improvements

Finance - 8/1/19 @ 7pm

\*appropriations

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter into closed session to discuss personnel and closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to re-enter open session, seconded by Trustee Gill. Voice vote taken all ayes.

The Board would like Village Manager Shannon Risley, and Treasurer Jessica Henderson to interview for the cleaning position.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to pay the new cleaning person \$20/hr not to exceed three (3) hours per week, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken: McLain-yes; Russell-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); Jennings-yes; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Village President