

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 8, 2019

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

A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee McLain. 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 Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Jennings. Trustee's had questions answered by Jessica Henderson, Village Treasurer. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public - Jessica Henderson, Village Treasurer - asked the Board to implement a system called "Court Money" as a way for residents to pay utility bills online or in the office online. There is no cost to the Village since it is all web based. She would like to have some sort of tablet for the costumers to use if they come in to the office. There is a 3.5% convenience fee charged to the customer from the company. Should anything happen, they will assume all liability. There would be a one year contract. A motion was made by Trustee Jennings to go with a contract with Court Money and purchase an iPad for office use, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. David O'Rourke - Owns the apartments at 4 Cardinal Dr. On June 11th last year the sewer backed up and had 7" of raw sewage in the lower apartments. Mr. O'Rourke talked with his attorney and was encouraged to talk with the Board to see what could be done. This will be discussed further with the Board and the Village Attorney. Brandon Rarick - lives between Dalton City & Moweaqua, wants to expand fiber optics into smaller towns, does the work himself, this is just informational for the Village, President Book will meet with Mr. Rarick to get further details. BASO - Came to the Board seeking a donation. They received \$500 in 2017, nothing last year, and would like to see \$300-\$500 this year. They have many activities coming up. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to donate \$500 to BASO to come from the Utilities Dept., seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Barb Oliver - Mrs. Oliver runs the food pantry in town. She came last month asking for help with the central air at the pantry and it was found out that the TIF cannot help as the church is not in the district. The Board does have a donation policy that allows them to give up to \$1300 from the utilities dept. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to donate \$1000 from Utilities to the food pantry for a new central air conditioner, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A gentleman also came who lives next the Throneburg house on S. St. John St. Was wondering what was happening with it. It was thought to have a buyer.

Someone to Mow Delinquent Yards - Ronnie George from Findlay would charge \$30/hr for brush and debris on a case by case basis. Powell is doing it now for \$75 per yard. This will be discussed further next month.

Cannabis Dispensaries - Village Attorney Jack Kiley has modified an ordinance to fit the Village. This ordinance will stop everything dealing with sales of cannabis. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-773 dealing with cannabis dispensaries, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Hiring a New Cleaning Person - This will be discussed in closed session.

Bids for Work on Robinson St. - Matt Foster was here to present the bid. This would include a soil cement process; grind the road, fix the crowns and ruts, then mix with the cement and reapply. This would be a good base and will improve the street. This is not a permanent fix, but it will get the street back to a drivable condition. Dunn Company put in a bid of \$83,133. We cannot use MFT funds for this project. The road will need to be shut down for a week so the project would need to start very soon as to avoid harvest season. Mr. Foster will speak with Dunn Co. and explain our concerns. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to accept the bid from Dunn Co. for \$83,133, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

TIF Agreement Between the Village and Jeff Taylor - This agreement was approved last month. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-774 concerning the TIF agreement with Jeff Taylor, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Possible Hire of Full Time Officer - There will be no action on this item at this time.

Appropriations Ordinance - This is tentative ordinance #19-775. Village Manager Shannon Risley explained all of the changes made from last year. There will be a public hearing 10 (ten) minutes before the regular meeting next month. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the tentative appropriations ordinance, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Correspondence - 1) received a letter from the Village's Law Firm that we have received the last payment from a 2015 judgement.

Other New Business - The Utility Committee discussed water improvements using an IEPA low interest loan. Matt Foster had a contract for engineering costs.

Meeting Before the Next Meeting - None

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to offer the Village Hall cleaning position to Hope Ruppert, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken: Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); Jennings-yes; McLain- yes; Gill-yes motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Village President