

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 11, 2024

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jonathan Book, President. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Zakary England, Greg McLain, Raven Allen, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

**Public** – none

**Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update** - Mr. Gustafson will not be in attendance tonight. There has been quite a bit of communication on final paperwork.

**Appraisals for Village Properties** - Now we own all three properties and we need to get appraisals in order to sell these lots. Trustee Gill made a motion to go ahead with appraisals for the Village properties located at 502 S. Washington St.; 219 S. St. John St.; 101 E. Oak St., seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Along those lines, in preparation for this, Treasurer Jessica Henderson found that according to GIS the Village still owns 410 N Washington. She contacted the Assessors office and the deed has not been recorded as of yet, so we still own this. Misti Durbin purchased this property back in June of 2023. Jessica Henderson will give a copy of the deed to our Attorney and he will contact the current owner in regards to this matter.

**Gift Bags for New Residents** - Trustee McLain was contacted by Bricks & Bones asking if the Village had anything like this. This was done many years ago for the new residents moving into town. Bricks & Bones would be willing to help sponsor this if the Village is behind it. President Book will also talk with BASO about this project.

**TIF Extension** - Trustee McLain mentioned that if the Village is wanting this to happen, he needs the help of the Board. He mentioned that Jacobs & Assoc. would be willing to do this for a cost. Trustee McLain explained why this would be a great value to the Village, especially with the current water improvement project. There will be a special Board meeting on Monday, January 29th at 7pm to discuss this project.

Treasurer, Jessica Henderson mentioned that the County Assessor stopped in asking if we have permits for any improvements or buildings in the Village. He stressed that the County needs to know these for tax assessing purposes. Jessica talked with the County Zoning Administrator and this person would be willing to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to do the Zoning Administrator job for the Village. The agreement will not cost the Village any money and the County Inspector would come and inspect any new building. President Book will contact The County Zoning Administrator.

**Reports –** Manager Shannon Risley

**Correspondence –** None

**Committee Meeting Dates -** None

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to return to Open Session, seconded by Trustee Doty. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Jonathan Book, President