

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 13, 2022

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 Allen, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the special meeting minutes from December 20, 2021, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried

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

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

Public – Stewart Wade - Wanted to make Trustee aware of an issue with his neighbor - accumulated debris. Within a month of living there, they made it look horrible. Asked if the Board could enforce the ordinances other than the Chief of Police. Chief Nichols stated it was posted on their door and it has been cleaned up somewhat. He then explained the process of how the nuisance ordinances work to Mr. Wade.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - President Book stated that the Board needed Interim Financing for the RD project. He talked with Todd Jeffers at the bank. Mr. Jeffers gave the Board a \$3,000,000 line of credit with no fees at 3% interest; line of credit/construction loan, paying interest quarterly for this. President Book needs the approval of the Board for this financing. Mr. Gustafson received an email from RD after an extended period of time. He informed them of the progress of the projects. RD said that some paperwork was missing. Mr. Gustafson asked for a list of these items that needed to be addressed. As of this meeting, almost all of these items have been taken care of. Water tower/water retention tank projects are moving forward. The water tower work is ready to go out for bidding right now. He would like to schedule a special meeting either March 17th or 24th to open bids. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to open a \$3,000,000 line of credit with Scott State Bank for secondary backup financing at an interest rate of 3%, and authorize the Village President to commence this loan, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to open a separate account for paying the loan interest we may incur for the water improvement account; signers will be

President Jon Book, Clerk Jackie McLain, Treasurer Jessica Henderson, office helper Kathy Denham, and Finance Chair Brian Gill, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance Fines/Complaint Policy - Chief Nichols sent an email to the Village Attorney Jack Kiley as to his thoughts concerning this topic. Mr. Kiley states these ordinances can be cleaned up and it will take a bit of time. The Village actually has too much listed and it needs to be streamlined. He will draw up something for the Board to look at.

Zoning Ordinance Updates - This will be a long action plan. No action needs to be taken.

Fund Loan Forgiveness Per Audit - This a clean up from the audit. It was an interagency loan from the utility dept. and the general fund. The Corp Account owes \$294,045 to the gas dept. and \$445,475 that the sewer owes the electric dept. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the loan forgiveness for the interagency Corp Account that owes gas \$294,045 and the sewer owing the electric dept. \$445.475, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Nuisance Ordinances - This will be handled along with the fines/complaints policies.

New Phone/Internet Services - We have come to the end of the road with the current internet and phone service. Metro has a phone service as well and others are happy with this. It would be an upgrade from what we currently have. Treasurer Henderson suggests going with Metro for a better upgraded internet and phone service. Next month she will have some actual numbers for the Board.

Selling Tanks from FS - Manager Shannon Risley would like to have an ordinance to get rid of the tanks at the FS place the Village purchased. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #22-802 for the sale of village property, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Lecrone Lien - to be discussed in Executive session

Committee Assignments - no decision as of yet, will hold over until next month.

Part-time Pay for Cobin Winans - Executive Session

Appointing/Hiring Full-time Officer - Executive Session

Other New Business - State of Illinois has decided to give assistance for those needing help with water and sewer costs on their utility bill. Should we want to join this we would need to pay 20

cents per water/sewer customer. As of now we have the option to not do this. Board consensus was to not join until it becomes mandatory.

Reports – Manager Shannon Risley, Police Committee, Chief Nichols

Correspondence – Letter from the Moultrie County Counseling Center asking for a donation.

Meetings Before the Next Meeting – none

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2); property acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5); litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11); contractual matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3), seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Trustee Allen . Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gill to hire Corbin Winans as a full-time officer and pay as follows; part time to \$15/hr, during academy pay is \$16/hr, \$20/hr after graduation, and \$21/hr after 6 month probation period, seconded by Trustee Doty. 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 Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President