

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 8, 2022

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee McLain. 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 Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Public – Dennis Gentry - not in attendance.

Eric Sweeney - here for The Publisher. There is a jeep run they are putting on for the Ronald McDonald house. Asking for Main St. from Church St. up to the Railroad tracks and the North and South side of Lincoln to be closed from 9:45 to 12:15. They would like to have alcohol brought out to the street in cups. This date will be Sept. 17th. Last year around \$8000 was raised. Trustees asked about not blocking off Main St. in front of the Bank and North Lincoln due to the bank drive up. There will also be a form to complete in regards to clean up. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to close the Main St from Church St to Lincoln St, and Lincoln St. south on sept 17th from 9:30 to 12:30, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - The revised pay request has been approved by RD. We have revised the punch list. There is only one item left to do and that was the interior safety climb, wet. It will be installed during the inspection next year. The hydro tank at the park was removed. He mentioned to ask the Park District if a fee would be wanted due to the tank sitting there for so long. Also working on resolving some questions with RD. Expecting a bid opening in October for the water treatment plant. Bids to go out in October for the water main project. He will also be at the IML conference in Chicago should anyone from the Village attend.

Safe Routes to School - The contract has been pulled together for the construction plans. Wanted to make sure that 2024 is the year the Village is wanting to do the construction. To move into the construction phase there is a contract set up that needs to be taken care of. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to enter into an agreement with Chastain & Assoc for the

amount of \$24,500 to move forward with the Safe Routes to school, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

iWorQ Systems Agreement - tabled until more information is received.

Aflac Vision/Dental Insurance - Information was given out to the Trustees. Jessica has been looking for a better plan. The employees have been having issues finding a provider that is covered. Aflac has just started offering this as an option. This plan has better coverage and is slightly higher than what is being paid now. Trustee Allen has asked her to look into VSP and other options.

Dental Insurance for Kathy Denham - Kathy, the office asst., will be losing her insurance. This was to see if the Board would be willing to add her to the plan and she would be liable to pay her own premium. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to offer Kathy Denham the ability to purchase dental on the Village's policy through payroll deduction until she is no longer employed by the Village, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Archiving Facebook Software (FOIA) - This information came to Jessica last week concerning archiving all of the Facebook interactions. Everything on the Village/Police Facebook page is FOIA requestable. The Village Attorney will look into this more.

Purchase of Speed Limit Signs - There have been some complaints about signs in a couple of areas of town. This would be for both sides of the High School and on WN Water coming into town. Price was between \$4500 and \$5000 for solar. These signs would be covered in the MFT according to Mr. Foster. They would need to be in the general maintenance budget next year for MFT. They could also have a chip in them to give a driver count and max speed recorded.

Hire of Part-Time Officer - Chief Nichols would like to have someone lined up should our full-time officer leave. Adam Payne from here in town, voiced interest in this position. Chief Nichols has given him information for the part-time academy. Background checks information has been started on Mr. Payne.

Trick or Treat Hours - BASO safe trick or treating will be on Oct. 29th from 4 to 6 pm. Previous years we held time after this activity. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to set trick or treat hours on Oct. 29th from 6 to 9 pm, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Participation in the BASO Safe Trick or Treating - BASO has asked the Village to participate by having a booth. Jessica and Kathy will take care of getting things ready for this. BASO will need to close Main St. during this event.

Reports – Manager Shannon Risley and Chief Nichols.

Correspondence – Thank you card from the Family of Butch Davis.

Committee Meeting Dates - None

Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

No action will be taken from the Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President