

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 14, 2021

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 September 9, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. 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 Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Susie Allscheid – not in attendance

Matt Divito – would like to tie into the power pole and use Coles Moultrie electricity. Normally we do not cross territory with Coles Moultrie. The issue is we would charge to run the line and his pole is closer to Coles Moultrie. Shannon wanted everyone to know what is going on, and he has no problem with Mr. Divito hooking up to Coles Moultrie instead of Village of Bethany electricity. This will be tabled until an ordinance concerning this can be approved. Village Attorney has talked with Rural Water and is needing to get the title work completed.

Ordinance Fines/Complaint Policy – Village Attorney is still working with Chief Nichols. He hopes to have this ready for the next meeting

Zoning Ordinance Updates – same and stated above.

Floors for the Police Dept and Village Hall - Trustee McLain looked at the PD with Chief Nichols. Chief Nichols got a bid for work only on the back room. \$4417 was the bid for just the backroom work. It was asked if TIF funds could be used for improvements on the PD. Trustee McLain will check into this. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve capital improvements to the PD with the estimated job total\$ 4417 from Frank Hilton with the caveat to see if we can receive TIF funds, seconded Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Mosquito Fogger Machine - The Village machine did not meet the state calibration requirements this year. We were able to borrow one from a neighboring town and use our chemical. A new machine would be \$7500. The town was sprayed four times in five days, and you could not tell a difference. This is the size machine recommended by Mug- A-Bug company. Trustee McLain has more information to give to Village Manager Shannon Risley. This will be discussed further next month.

Village Credit Card Limit – The current limit is \$3000. With events and expenditures happening this limit has been reached during the month. Village Treasurer Jessica Henderson would like to increase to \$5000. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to raise the limit to \$5000, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Jessica Henderson to IMTA Institute – Cost is \$410 plus mileage and hotel stay. This is for her to get her Illinois Municipal Treasurer Association certification. She started the process last year. A motion was made by Trustee Jennings to approve as presented, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Allen-yes; Gill-yes; motion carried.

Customer Water Meters – A list of residents was presented that do not have water on their utilities and should not have the water improvement line item on their bill. Discussion included that any customer that has only electric and or gas should not be charged for the water improvement project.

Removing Recycling Fee from Water Bills – President Book wanted to remove this fee from the utility bills. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to remove the 50-cent recycling fee from the utility bill, seconded by Trustee Doty. President Book will work with the Village Attorney to remove this from the current ordinance. Roll call taken: Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-no; Gill-no; Doty-yes; motion carried.

ISO Regulations – Trustee Jennings presented a report from the Fire Dept. concerning the ISO regulations. It helps with insurance rates for residents to show fire protection for the village. The Dept has also updated preplanning software to help with the score as well. He presented that 40% of this rating has to do with village water works. Documentation is really needed for flushing of hydrants and flow rates. The dept was docked due to lack of documentation. Trustee Jennings is willing to do this work and documentation himself, he is seeking approval to complete this. Another ISO check will take place in three years. Last documentation was from 2002. Trustee Jennings will work with Village Manager Shannon Risley to coordinate this and begin flushing hydrants.

Reports – Shannon Risley, Chief Nichols

Correspondence – from CN railroad for their America in Bloom project.

Meeting Before the Next Meeting –

Finance Committee

11/1 @5:30 pm

*Audit

* Tax Levy

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of village property, litigation, and personnel, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the proposal for purchase of the Village property at 410 N Washington for \$6000 and survey cost to be paid at closing from Raymond Broadhacker, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. 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