

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 8, 2021

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. Jeannie Ruppert was absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Gill. 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 McLain to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Seth Webner: Seth is working on his Eagle Scout project, a wooden bus stop shelter for the students at Red Bird Hills. He has changed it to a metal prefab kit, it will be easier and cheaper. He is here to ask for a donation to help offset the cost. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to donate \$500 from the utility department for the construction of the bus stop shelter, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Terry Muzzy: from BASO was here to talk about the car show. The date is Aug 21st from 1:30 to 8:00. He was wanting to get permission to block off the streets downtown. If the car show grows more this year, they will need to block off farther down Main St. Everything else will be pretty much the same as last year. Trustee McLain informed Mr. Muzzy that there could be a new policy in place when the car show takes place, dealing with those hosting an event in town. He also handed out a bid dealing with banners for the light poles downtown. The banners would be on every other pole. Mr. Muzzy also passed around a proposed design for the banners for the Board to look at. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to allow BASO to block Main St. off for the car show on August, 21st beginning at 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Derek Hayden: an agent from the Insurance agency here in town. Was just wondering if the board would entertain looking at them for an alternate proposal for insurance.

Matt Flood: wanted to thank the police chief for an issue he had. Was also wondering about mosquito spraying, the machine can not be fixed. We are looking into a lease and possibly spraying next week. Also asked about the recycling fee in the water fee, will it be removed, since there is no more recycling offered in town.

Trustee McLain would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to move item 8A up in the meeting, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Steve Kline, Extending the TIF District - This can be done but it will take some work. Other entities would need to be asked about the extension, and ultimately it would need approved by the General Assembly. We would need to ask our State Rep/Senator to introduce a bill to extend our TIF district. First question for the Board would be what would we do with extending the TIF another 10 or 12 years. If approved it would move from a 23-year district to a 35-year district. We have several projects that are going to be funded from this fund. Extending the TIF would give the Village more funds to work with in regards to larger projects/infrastructure needs that the Village might have come up. We could accomplish much more if we extended the time of the TIF. Second question is would the other taxing bodies approve this. The Board would need to have letters of support from all of the taxing bodies involved. We want to be positioned to have incentives for those wanting to build or improve areas in the town/district.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update – Mr. Gustafson addressed the letter that we received concerning the results from the Rural Development application. He would like to extend this meeting to further discuss our options concerning this letter. Mr. Gustafson did hit the highlights of the letter’s contents. Rural Water did say that the Village is billing too little for water, which explains the grant to loan ratio of the award. The loan money must be spent before the grant money is given. The Village’s Attorney will be very involved with this and a Bond Attorney will be needed as well. Looking forward water customers will see a charge on their water bill to help pay back the loan for this water project. Survey work will continue for this project; manholes need to be scratched off...water system public notice to EPA taken care of...water tower tank – drained and scrubbed...water tower coloring and logo needs to be decided on.

Ordinance Fines/Complaint Policy – The Village attorney was unable to attend tonight, this will be tabled until next month.

Event Contract Permit Agreement – Tabled until next month

Zoning Ordinance Updates – Tabled until next month

Computer for Clerk – President Book did not have time to price this. It will be tabled until next month.

Quotes for Demo of House at 502 S. Washington St. – the Board is still collecting bids for this project.

Nic Nelson; Extension of the TIF – this was moved up on the agenda to meet the public.

TIF Agreement with Melissa Ashley – Ms. Ashley is purchasing lots in the Parkview addition. And will be building a house on three lots. She has requested TIF funds to help with the purchase of the lots. \$10,000 for each lot, for a total of \$ 30,000: lots 23, 24 and across the street for lot 17. The TIF committee is recommending to make a one-time grant on one lot of \$7,500 providing the grant would not be paid until a residence is established on these lots. A motion was made by Trustee McLain for a one-time grant of \$7,500 for the purchase of Parkview properties to Melissa Ashley, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Noise Waiver for American Legion - this is for information. August 20th the Legion will be having a fundraiser. This is all on their property. President Book is the one who approves these waivers.

Approve Utility Rates Ordinances – These rates were approved at last month’s meeting. The ordinances need approved this month. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #21-796 for gas rates, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #21-797 for water/sewer rates, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Approve Appropriations Ordinance – The Board had a copy of the new appropriations for the 21-22 fiscal year. Changes from last year were discussed and explained by Manager Shannon Risley. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #21-798 for the Village Appropriations for the fiscal year 21-22, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, and Chief Nichols.

Correspondence – None

Meeting Before the Next Meeting – NONE

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to continue this meeting, for discussion the water project and other items, to Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
CONTINUATION OF THE REGULAR TRUSTEES MEETING FROM JULY 8, 2021
July 13, 2021

The board meeting was reconvened 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.

Public – No public in attendance

Water System Upgrade Project – Mr. Gustafson was in attendance to continue the conversation concerning this project. Trustee Allen asked about the Debt Service Reserve and Mr. Gustafson explained what these numbers represented. It was mentioned that the public has no idea about how much the water rates will need to be increased to. Also mentioned that no one from the public attended the public meeting addressing this improvement project. A suggestion was made to use the last line on the utility bill to list “water system improvements” with the increased charge. It has also been noted that TIF funds could be available to help with the loan for this project. The reason we only received a grant of \$722,000 is because our water rates are considered too low. Mr. Gustafson, after this discussion, addressed the letter that the Village received from Rural Development and discussed it in depth with the Board. Mr. Gustafson went through the letter, by numbered point, and expressed what body would be responsible for the particular part: ex. The Village, The Attorney, The Engineer. The next step, if the Board would like to proceed, would be to approve a resolution for the loan, and approve President Book to be authorized to sign documents for this project. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Resolution #21-497 to authorize President Book to sign the Intent to Meet Conditions Letter to Rural Development, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve loan Resolution #21-498 authorizing President Book to execute the loan with Rural Development for \$2,900,000, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to approve Resolution #21-499 to accept the Water & Waste System Grant Agreement, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Gustafson presented eight designs for the water tower painting project. The Board posted the possible painting options and discussed which choice would be chosen for the final painting design. The eight designs were narrowed down to three choices and then the Board voted on their final choice.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President