

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 12, 2019

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, and Greg McLain. Raven Russell, and Brian Gill were absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 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 Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

**Public** - NONE

**Changes to Violation Fines/Ordinances** - still in progress, this is tabled until next month

**Site Lease Agreement with A.C.T.S. Internet** - waiting to receive back, tabled until next month.

**Tax Levy** - The tax levy is below the 5% Truth in Taxation Hearing level. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #19-777, Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken,

Trustee Russell arrived at 7:08 pm.

**Property at 410 N. Washington St.** - Attorney Kiley brought in a resolution allowing the Board to sell the property at this address. It will be a closed bill of sale. Bids will be accepted until January 9th and will be opened at the Village Board meeting that night. The minimum bid will be set at \$6,000. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to accept the Resolution for disposal of real estate, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Outside Drop Box** - Treasurer Jessica Henderson checked with our Insurance Co. and they cannot tell us where to install the drop box. They did suggest putting it outside better than inside due to possible damage if someone tried to steal. Insurance would cover the box itself, but not the contents. A motion was made by Trustee Russell to purchase an outside drop box not to exceed \$1600, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken: Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-no; Russell-yes; Doty-yes; motion carried.

**Professional Service Agreement with Chastain** - Mr. Matt Foster was here to discuss the agreement. A motion was made by Trustee Jennings to proceed with the agreement with Chastain, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Other Old Business** - Treasurer Jessica Henderson came to ask the Board about how to break down Officer Drake Grubb's pay. The Board needs to tell her where to allocate his pay from. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to amend pay for Officer Grubb to reflect that 50% comes from the General fund, 30% from the electric fund, 10% from the gas fund and 10% from the water fund, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Franchise Agreement with A.C.T.S. Internet** - this was not ready; it will be tabled until next month.

**Selling the Old Village Copier** - There is someone interested in purchasing the old Village copier for \$250. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance #19-778 for the sale of personal property owned by the Village, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Purchase of New Taser for the Police Dept.** - Chief Nichols reported the taser is not working properly. He will try to fix it by purchase of a new battery. If this does not fix the issue, he will be back next month to see about the purchase of a new one.

**Christmas Lighting Contest** - Last year the prizes were as follows: 1-\$100; 2-\$50; 4-\$25. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to have the same prizes as last year with the times of lighting to be dusk to 9pm and dates to be December 13th to the 27th, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); Jennings-yes; McLain-yes; Russell-yes; motion carried.

**Employee Christmas Bonus** - this will be discussed in closed session

**New Furnace/AC Unit for the Police Dept.** - The heat exchanger is cracked and not working properly and been condemned. Muzzy's bid for an 80% efficiency unit was for \$6,700. Trustee Jennings brought in a bid from Air King in Decatur for the same unit at a bid of \$4,698. Shannon Risley will talk with Muzzy's about matching the Air King Bid. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to purchase a new furnace/ac unit not to exceed \$5,700 and to keep it local if possible, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Reports** - were given from; Shannon Risley, Utilities Committee, and Chief Nichols

**Correspondence** - NONE

**Meetings Before the Next Meeting** - NONE

Trustee Russell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Russell made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Russell to give all employees a bonus check of \$100 plus coverable taxes, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); Jennings-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Russell-yes; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Village President