

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 14, 2019

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bill Ashley. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Jon Book, Greg McLain, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2019 regular meeting seconded by Trustee Russell. 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 Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Public - None

George Bone Property - Village Attorney Jack Kiley reports he has sent out the required notices for the annexation. We are good to proceed. A motion was made by Trustee Book to approve Ordinance #19-765 to annex the Property of George Bone into the Village, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Status of House at 410 N. Washington St. - The owners were sent a letter and they have not responded. The Village will need to file an affidavit with the County to get the house back. Then we will need to coordinate with them to get their possessions out of the house. Chief Nichols will contact them.

Electronic Recycling - Trustee Russell placed a call to a business in Springfield and they have not responded. She found out that Moultrie County did not sign up with a business in Charleston that does electronic recycling to get a discount. Trustee Russell did find that we can get a 12 ft. trailer for \$550 not including the weight and we provide the manpower. This subject will be tabled until next month as we hope to hear back from the Springfield company.

Approve Jessica Henderson as the IMRF Agent - Karen Miller was the agent, but since her retirement the Village needs to appoint another agent. A motion was made by Trustee Russell to approve Jessica Henderson as the Village's authorized IMRF agent, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Book-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Russell-yes; motion carried.

American Legion Gaming License - Paul Snyder, Terry Gaither, and Mike Brewer, representing the American Legion, presented their application to the Board for a Gaming License. The Legion's membership is dwindling and they are hoping this will help with funds for the donations they make. Much discussion followed. A motion was made by Trustee Book to approve the Gaming License for the American Legion, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, Doty=yes; Ruppert-No; Book-no; McLain-No; Russell-No; Gill=yes; motion did not carry.

Additions to Village Health Insurance Policy - Manager Shannon Risley presented a quote from BCBS for dental and vision insurance to be added for the Village employees. This would add approximately \$500 a month for all the employees. The Board would like for Shannon to get more quotes to compare with.

Discussion of the Recycling Fee on Utility Bills - There were a couple of residents stating they were not going to pay the \$0.50 added to the utility bill to help pay for the recycling in the Village as they are not happy about it. The Board agrees to continue things as they are.

Hire of New Full-Time Police Officer - P/T Officer Jim Owens had a question concerning comp. time. The US Dept. of Labor states that one can only accumulate up to 480 hours of comp. time. Trustee McLain reviewed the Police Committee minutes with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to offer the full time officer position to Jim Owens at the rate of \$36,000/year with a probationary period of 90 days, including five vacation days, six sick days, and three personal days, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Trustee Book made a motion that the Officer will be paid the following way; 50% from the General fund, 30% from the electric fund, 10% from the gas fund and 10% from the water fund, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Other New Business - President Ashley stated that Jim Dial is interested in tearing down the house at 410 N. Washington St. for the lots. President Ashley is meeting with him on February 18th.

Reports - were given from; Shannon Risley, Police Committee, & Chief Nichols

Correspondence - 1) US Dept. of Commerce regarding census information. This will be passed on to BASO.

Meeting Before the Next Meeting -

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Streets/Alleys</u>
2/21/19	3/7/19	3/7/19
@5:30 pm	@6:00 pm	@6:30 pm
*audit	*rates	*MFT
	*water tower inspection	

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

Trustee Book made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Book to send Drake Grubb to the Part-time Police Academy to be trained as a police officer, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

President Ashley asked for a Trustee to volunteer as the Deputy Liquor Commissioner. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Trustee Book to name Trustee Raven Russell as the Deputy Liquor Commissioner, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Village President