

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 9, 2019

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

The newly elected Trustees and President were sworn into office.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 regular meeting seconded by Trustee Gill. 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 Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Trustee Ruppert has arrived.

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

**Public - Matt Flood** - Mr. Flood is appealing the notice to Abate that he has received. He does not think he has an issue that needs cleaned up and that he is not in violation. After discussion, Trustee Russell made a motion to uphold the notice to Abate to Matt & Cheryl Flood at 208 S.; Jefferson St., seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Book-abstain (conflict of interest); McLain-yes; Russell-yes; Gill-yes; motion carries. Mr. Flood has his notice extended to the 20th. The next step would be to appeal in court. John Vander Burgh - Mr. Vander Burgh is here to represent a corporation who is in discussions to purchase the Café from the Wooter's. His question is if it is possible for the corporation to assume the TIF note from the Wooter's and move forward with the purchase. The corporation consists of about 10 people from the community. Trustee McLain has discussed this with the TIF attorneys and it is possible. The TIF attorney would take care of the new contract. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve the transfer of the TIF note from the Wooter's to the Corporation to be named later, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Electronic Recycling** - Nothing new on this topic. The Board would like to wait until next year to do this. The Board would like to wait until money had built up from the recycling charge on the utility bills and to let Moultrie Co. join a program to receive a discount on this.

**Amending Liquor Ordinance** - The Board is trying to decide if changes need to be made. A change needs to be made to the wording on the Restaurant license. A decision also needs to be made on what licenses are available for the Legion to apply for. It was suggested to wait until the new Trustee is seated.

**Matt Foster with Safe Routes to School** - The Safe Routes to School grants were announced and the Village did not receive the grant. Only two towns in our District were awarded these grants. Another grant cycle, ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program), will be available next year. The grants open this fall. It is possible to turn in this project as is and see how it goes. The Board could resubmit the Safe Routes to School the next time it opens will minimal cost. There is a score given to the applications and Mr. Foster would like to see our score to see where improvements could be made. It would be a minimal cost to freshen up the paperwork we have. The Environmental Survey Request still needs to be turned in. The Board agrees to go ahead with phase 1 and to turn in the request.

**Utility Rates Increase** - Gas and Electric rates have an annual increase of 4%. Gas rates go from \$7.44 to \$7.74 a dekatherm. Electric rates go from 10.5 cents to 10.97 cents per Kilowatt. Water and sewer rates will be increased 10%. Water rates go from \$6.95 to \$7.65 for the first 1500 gallons used, then \$5.10 to \$5.61 for every 1000 after. Sewer rates go from \$5.68 up to \$6.25 and are based on water usage. Meter rate changes will be from \$5 to \$6 for residential and from \$10 to \$11 for commercial. Trustee McLain made a motion to increase utility and meter rates as presented in the chart given to the Clerk, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, all ayes motion carried.

**Tuition Assistance Agreement** - This was signed and agreed upon with Drake Grabb as he is going to the Part-time police officer academy.

**Trustee Compensation for Committee Meetings** - The Trustees have not been paid before for committee meetings. The frequency of these meetings does seem to be increasing. More research on this topic will need to be done. It will be tabled until next month.

**Repair/Replace Front Door of Village Hall** - A bid from Luke Standerfer Construction for \$3968.00 was received. The bid does need a bit of clarification. This is tabled until next month.

**Changes to 4-wheeler Ordinance** - Chief Nichols has been fielding complaints about 4-wheelers on town. They are illegal on the roadways anyway. The Police Committee will meet to discuss changes that are needed.

**Vacant Trustee Seat** - Several people have expressed interest in the open Trustee seat. Mike Jennings was at the meeting to express his interest. Mr. Jennings is the Asst. Chief for the Fire Dept. and he wants to be involved in the community.

**Reports** - were given from; Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, Streets & Alley's Committee and Chief Nichols.

**Correspondence** - None

**Meeting Before the Next Meeting -**

Police

5/20/19 @ 6:00 pm

\*changes to 4-wheeler ordinance

Streets & Alleys

6/04/19 @ 6:30 pm

\*sidewalks to be replaced

\*ITEP

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

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

Trustee Gill made a motion to approve BCBS vision and dental insurance to exceed \$5465.16/year, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, Book-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Russell-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes: motion carried.

A motion was made Trustee Gill to approve employee raises as follows: Jessica Henderson from \$14 to \$16/hour; Hank Tabor from \$19 to \$20/hour; Daniel Kidwell from \$19 to \$20/hour; Rob Carlson from \$18 to \$19/hour; Shannon Risley from \$30.35 to \$32/hour; Chris Nichols from \$21.05 to \$24/hour effective with the new Village fiscal year, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Russell-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Book-yes: motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Village President