

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 13, 2020

The Budget & Appropriations hearing was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Jon Book. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Mike Jennings, Greg McLain, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

The questions from the public in attendance were answered. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 20-788, for the Village fiscal year 20-21, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

The Board then moved into the regular monthly meeting. Jeannie Ruppert arrived before the beginning of the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the special meeting minutes from July 29, 2020 seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve the "Statement of Income and Expenses" seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal" seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. There were questions concerning ordinance fines for equipment - committee will discuss.

Public - 1) Chris & Denise Wright - discussed a notice to abate they had received. Chief Nichols discussed why they received the notice. 2) Greg Powell - asking for an extension from the deadline of September 1st for moving his business from the property at 301 W N Water St. that was recently purchased by the Village. The Board will gather more information and get back with Mr. Powell. 3) Matt Flood - asked about the decision concerning swimming pools. In 2010 the Board decided no fence was needed, but must remove the ladder. Mr. Flood also asked when the packets would be available to be on the ballot for the Village Board. He was told the end of September.

Water Tower Project - This will be discussed in a committee meeting & findings will be brought back to the Board.

House at 308 S. St. John St. - This will be discussed in Executive Session.

House at 416 W. N. Water St. - This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Curbside Beer Sales at Casey's - President Book emailed Corporate. There was no reply. The current Manager is not interested. Our ordinance does not permit this to happen.

Amend the Appropriations Ordinance 20-788 - This Ordinance needs to be amended due to the purchase of the property at 301 W. N. Water St. 75% of the purchase price will come from the Electric fund and 25% from the gas fund. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance 20-789 amending the Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Transformers at the High School - This will be tabled until the work is completed.

Changes in Phone Service - There were concerns about internet speed from the Sparklight Company. Should the Village install cameras there would be a need for faster internet. Currently the Village pays \$70 for internet and Police \$80. This will be tabled to gather more information.

Commercial Property at 301 W. N. Water St. - The Village has purchased this property at a cost of \$115,000. Closing could happen before the next scheduled Board meeting. The cost of the closing is based on the purchase price. A motion was made by Trustee Russell to approve, not to exceed, \$3000 for closing costs for the purchased property at 301 W. N. Water St., seconded by Trustee Jennings. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Wage Increase for the President and the Clerk - President Book did some research and called 12 communities. Clerk pay depended up full time, part-time, appointed, or being a board secretary. Pay ranged from \$1500 - \$3000 a year for elected. Pay for the Mayor/President ranged from \$3300 to \$9000 a year. This will be tabled until next month.

Utility Credit for Hollis Dick - Barbara Dick brought in a bill on a building that was torn down in 2015. They had been receiving a separate bill for this meter. This was not removed from our system at the time of tear down. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to credit the Hollis Dick property for the amount overcharged, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken: Jennings-yes; McLain-yes; Russell-yes; Gill-no; Doty-yes; Ruppert-no; motion carried.

Annexation of Devito Property on Hwy. 121 - This property was annexed into the Village in November of 2005. Mr. Devito wants to sell this and it is zoned residential. He hopes to put up a building next the billboard for his business. He was asking if city utilities could be put out there. It would be at his expense to get them out to his building. He could also petition the Village to have it rezoned to commercial.

Contribution to BASO - The Village contributed \$250 the first year to BASO. The last two years \$500 was given each year for public improvements. The Board discussed all the projects that BASO has done for our community. A motion was made by Trustee Ruppert to give a contribution of \$500 to BASO to be paid from the Electric Dept., seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Additional Dumpster for Recycling - Treasurer Jessica Henderson has had numerous complaints that the recycling dumpsters fill up too quickly and items are blowing into neighboring yards. Midwest Fiber cannot do pick up twice a week. The cost for an additional dumpster would be \$150 to be split between the Village and the Township. This will need to be discussed with them first. The plan is to move these dumpsters to the property newly purchased at 301 W. N. Water St.

Employee Appreciation Dinner - This had to be postponed from April to due Covid. Village Manager Shannon Risley will check with the employees to see what date works best for them. The Diner would be happy to host this.

Reports - were given from; Shannon Risley and Chief Nichols

Correspondence - None

Meetings Before the Next Meeting -

Utilities - 9/3/2020 @ 6:30 pm

*water system improvements

A motion was made by Trustee Russell to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Trustee McLain mentioned that Lance Whitney has a TIF agreement with the Village with money left over, and this agreement has expired. There is \$10,531.78 left over. The TIF Attorneys asked is the Board would like to have a new TIF agreement drawn up and for how long. Mr. Whitney was having a hard time getting the materials he needed do to the Covid issue. This will be on next month's agenda.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McLain, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Village President