

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

The Special board meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Jon Book. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Mike Jennings, Greg McLain, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

President Book opened up the floor to anyone wishing to discuss the Appropriations for the Village. Mr. Flood asked about the money dealing with the TIF in the Appropriations. Trustee McLain explained to Mr. Flood how the TIF works. With no other questions or discussion, Trustee McLain made a motion to approved Ordinance #19-775 Village Appropriations, seconded by Trustee Russell. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee McLain made a motion to close the special meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned.

President Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees present were; Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Mike Jennings, Greg McLain, Raven Russell, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the August 8, 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 Russell. 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 aye, motion carried.

Public - None

Someone to Mow Delinquent Yards - Board received a bid from Ronnie George from Findlay at \$40/hour. Bids for mowing are not usually in this form, but bid is price per job. Mr. George will be contacted to see if he will restructure his bid.

Contract for Water Projects - IEPA loan for water improvements was discussed. Village Manager Shannon Risley doesn't want to rush into this and the deadline is close. The Board can look into this again in 2021. The number one project will be the water tower. There will be engineering fees to get started on this. We will begin next year, 2020, for the deadline of 2021.

TIF Agreement with the Bethany Fire Protection District - The Fire Dept. reached out to the TIF Committee to see about applying for funds to install an electronic sign/message center. This

would be used to make Fire and /or Village announcements. The Fire Dept. reached out to other companies and no one is doing grants anymore. It would be the most comprehensive sign between Mt. Zion and Mattoon. The Fire Dept. submitted bid, and the Committee liked the bid from Midwest Light & Sign. The TIF Committee agreed unanimously to recommend a grant to the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$20,500. Trustee McLain made a motion to give a TIF grant to the Bethany Fire Protection Dist. for \$20,500 for an informational sign, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: McLain-yes; Russell-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-abstain (conflict of interest), motion carried.

Reports - were given from; Shannon Risley, Police Committee, TIF Committee, and Chief Nichols.

Correspondence - 1) renewal on leases for gas lines

Meetings Before the Next Meeting - None

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Russell to re-enter open session, seconded by Trustee Doty. Voice vote taken all ayes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Village President