

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 13, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jonathan Book, President. The following Trustees were present; Dave Doty, Zakary England, Greg McLain, Raven Allen, and Brian Gill. Jeannie Ruppert arrived right after roll call.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Doty. 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 McLain to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – NONE

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - Mr. Gustafson was not able to be here tonight. We have two pay requests; one from SNC for \$73,244.39 and another one from Commercial Electric for \$13,255.42. The request from SNC is from December and January. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve pay request #7 from SNC in the amount of \$73,244.39, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve pay request #4 from Commercial Electric in the amount of \$13,255.42, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Manager Shannon Risley stated the control panel is in and on Tuesday the 18th everything will be switched over.

Property Transaction with Heritage Grain Co. - Berns, Clancy & Assoc did the survey. Mr. Sullivan has prepared the ordinance for this. Fair market value is \$6,000; this covers the attorney work and the survey conducted. It does require five (5) affirmative votes for this to pass. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #25-849 the vacating of property on Lincoln St to Heritage Grain, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Ruppert-yes; England-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-abstain (conflict of interest); Gill-yes; Doty-yes, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinances/Planning Commission - The statute states that a body of citizens needs to adopt the zoning codes. Then it goes to the planning commission for approval. And lastly it goes before the Village Board for final approval. This will be tabled until some possibilities are figured out.

Variance with Heritage Grain Co. - The Variance was approved by the Zoning Board. So, this Board has nothing it needs to do.

Special Liquor License for Celebration Committee - Cassandra Lambdin was here on behalf of the Celebration Committee. The tent will be in the same place as before. This could potentially be the last year for the bear tent due to cost. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the temporary special liquor license as applied for, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Donation to the Celebration Committee - Last year we were at the Silver Level \$500 and donated towards the fireworks \$1500. The cost for fireworks last year was \$3500. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to donate \$500 to the Celebration Committee and donate \$1500 toward fireworks to come from the Utility Dept., seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

2025 MFT Maintenance Program - Matt Foster was here to discuss this item. He passed out the information for the Board to look at. The area for oil and chip will be West and South of the railroad tracks. He set up a resolution of \$130,000 for this year's work. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Resolution #25-508 for the Maintenance under the IL Highway Code, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Audit Presentation - This audit covered the yearly audit and a federal audit due to the RD grant/loan that the Village has acquired. Trustee Gill reviewed and explained the audit to the rest of the Board. He also asked the Village Attorney about the line item dealing with one department needing to repay another department. Mr. Sullivan will look into this.

Trustee McLain wanted to discuss sending in the extension of the TIF on through to the Legislature and beginning a TIF 2. He will be talking with the TIF attorneys and wants the Board to know and see where we're at.

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, Streets & Alleys Committee, and, Chief Nichols

Correspondence – None

Committee Meeting Dates – None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President