

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 9, 2023

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Special Meeting minutes from February 20, 2023, seconded by Trustee McLain. 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 Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Ruppert arrived at 7:05 pm

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

Public – Mr. John Dickson came with a water filter that was used with 250 gallons. The water was dirty. He asked why we are spending millions of dollars and this is the water quality he is getting.

Board agreed to move up the Insurance discussion.

Insurance Policy for Employees - Danielle Finn, an agent with Loman-Ray, was here to discuss changes to the Employee Insurance Policy. We only had a 6% increase. There have been issues of claims being kicked back. If there is an issue just stop in and she will help. She went over the changes and increases with the Board and explained the changes and the options that are offered. Trustee Jennings made a motion to accept the insurance policies as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - Electrical and Water Detention tank bids are out right now. Bids will be opened at Mr. Gustafson's office on March 20th. Water main plans are still at EPA. Once those are approved we will be able to get our construction permits. Shannon Risley asked Mr. Gustafson to help with some water chlorine issues. He handed out a summary of the 2021 & 2022 chlorine level sampling summary. Mr. Gustafson then explained the handout and the findings. Other aspects of the water improvement plan were discussed.

Zoning Ordinances/Code - Trustee Allen looked these over and had questions. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Truck/Dump Truck Budget - Village Manager Shannon Risley is still looking. This will be tabled until next month.

OV Post Prom Donation - Last year \$250 was donated. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to donate \$250 to the Post Prom committee from the utilities department, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Purchase of Police Vest - New hire officer Adam Payne needs a bullet proof vest. A motion was made by Trustee Jennings to purchase a vest for Officer Payne not to exceed \$1500, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Planning/Disaster - Trustee Allen felt that with the recent train accidents that have happened, and with the track running through town, she wanted to know if the Board could look at getting info together in case this happened in our community. Officer Nichols mentioned that we do have some NIMS planning, albeit probably outdated and needs revamped. President Book will try to find the old plan the Village had.

Employee Handbook - Trustee Allen was looking through the handbook as it had not been updated for a long time. Updating could be completed in sections along with the corresponding ordinances. It will also need to be approved by the Village Attorney. This project will begin.

Notices to Abate Legal Actions - There are properties in town that are a problem dealing with personal property. Once we take possession of it, it becomes our responsibility. The current ordinance says to abate it, but how. This process needs to be discussed. Storage and fees are the real issue. It was suggested to get a court date as soon as possible. This would have the Judge make the call and then go from there. This is a time consuming process. Officer Nichols will serve the notice to abate, when the date is reached he will contact the Village Attorney to get things in motion for court.

Carlson Counsel Reimbursement - Mr. Rob Carlson approached the board concerning his decision to retain Counsel for the issue with the utility theft. He explained his position and thoughts concerning this being his personal phone. Since it was work related he is asking for the Board to cover this cost. Trustees asked Mr. Carlson questions concerning this issue. Mr. Carlson has a receipt for \$750. The Board took no action on this.

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley, Chief Nichols

Correspondence – IMEA Annual Conference; Thank You card from Shannon & family for the funeral arrangement for his father.

Committee Meeting Dates - Streets & Alleys

3/28 @ 6:30 pm

*MFT Allocation

*Parkview Addition & other streets

Trustee Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Allen made a motion to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Trustee McLain. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the resignation of Village employee Rob Carlson effective March 23rd, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to pay Village employee Rob Carlson ,in light of his resignation the remaining three (3) days of vacation and three (3) personal days that he has accrued this year unless they are used, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President