

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 13, 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 March 9, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Gill. 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.

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.

Trustee Ruppert arrived 7:05 pm

Public – Vicki Osman - She wanted to inform and request that the Christian Church is planning a Paige Robinson Day. She is requesting the President to make a formal declaration of Paige Robinson Day.

Midwest Meter - speaking later in the meeting

Alex Bone - Mr. Bone wanted to introduce himself. Originally from Bethany. He had some success in his business in Georgia and would like to bring it back to his home town and help put revenue back into the community. He has recently purchased High Peaks and would like to put an office in that building. Mr. Bone will speak more at a later date on his proposal of having Airbnbs. He has also purchased the remaining lots in the Parkview Addition for development.

Rob Roy - His group is ready to help renovate Violet Lillico's house. They would appreciate any help the Village would be able to give. Rain date would be the following weekend. 23rd of April the UMC would be celebrating their anniversary. The day after the town Celebration the church is planning on having a community church service on the 25th.

Gene Mueller - Zoning Appeals met last night and approved a special use permit for the Seeley's for the business in their home. He also brought forth a letter on his probable resignation as Zoning Administrator. It expresses his frustration dealing with this position.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - Handed out the current plan holders list. There were some issues with the electrical contractors and bidding. They are revamping the generator specs. Rural Development will be at the bid opening next week. The Water Main project is approved and the EPA has approved. There were no issues and concerns. He expects to have it tweaked and out for bid next week.

Zoning Ordinances/Code - with the work involved this will be tabled until next month. Trustee McLain suggested forming a committee that would be able to address this issue with these people having some experience or knowledge in this area.

Truck/Dump Truck Budget - Shannon has found one in Taylorville that he has not had a chance to look at. This will be tabled until next month.

Midwest Meter - Matt Carls and Ben Mornman, here representing Midwest Meters, were asked to come in and give a presentation on new water meters. They handed out information and prices to the Trustees.

2023 MFT Fund - Streets and Alleys met with Engineer Matt Foster. Since we're just doing patching we do not need to have a program this year. This would help save on engineering costs. Probably late summer or early fall they will be resurfacing Route 121 through town.

Hire Date & Swearing in of Adam Payne - Adam passed his power test. He will begin the academy on May 1st in Bellville. Chief Nichols would like to start Officer Payne on the 17th to get some time in before he starts the academy. Paperwork is completed and ready to go. Village President Jon Book swore in Officer Payne.

Tier Pay Schedule for Adam Payne - this will be discussed in Executive Session

PD Garage Door Repairs - When we had all the wind a few days ago, it pushed in the door and messed up the track. The bid from Overhead Doors was \$1550. The bid from Barcol was \$1348. Trustee Allen made a motion to repair the overhead doors at the PD not to exceed \$1600, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

BFPD TIF Request - There was a request from the Village Fire Dept for \$55,000 for the mechanical systems for the new building addition. The TIF committee recommended granting the full amount. Trustee McLain made a motion for a TIF grant in the amount of \$55,000 for BFPD, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Ruppert-yes; Jennings -abstain (conflict of interest); McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes. Motion carried.

Time Off Tracking for Employees - President Book had to leave due to work. This item will be tabled until next month.

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

Correspondence – None

Committee Meeting Dates - Finance 4/24/23 @ 6:00pm
*employee compensation
*appropriations

Trustee Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters & employee compensation, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Trustee Gill had to leave during the Executive Session.

Trustee Jennings made a motion to start Officer Adam Payne at \$22 per hour with employer benefits included, seconded by Trustee Ruppert.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President