

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 11, 2023

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Public – Leah Schodlatz - Ms Schodlatz came to the board to discuss the issue with dogs running loose without leashes. She has been attacked by several different dogs and has also been bitten. She also stated that she had spoken to people in the neighborhood and there are others that have encountered the same issue. Chief Nichols explained the process of how the Village generally handles situations with nuisance dogs.

Dale Robinson - Mr Robinson is a landlord with properties in Bethany. He was concerned about one of his renters and the process of what happens if the renter doesn't pay the utility bill. Treasurer Jessica Henderson explained the policies and procedures that she has implemented in order to collect from renters that are delinquent on utility bills. Treasurer Henderson also stated that if any landlord ever has a question about a renter's status, they are always welcome to call.

Special Use Permit for Mark & Judy Seeley - This was brought up last meeting and no action could be taken because it was not on the agenda. Mark and Judy Seeley are seeking a Special Use Permit for their BBQ business. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve the special use permit for Mark & Judy Seeley, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - April 27th had the bid opening for the electrical contract and the detention tank replacement. There were two bidders for each one. For the Electrical; Pals Electric with a bid of \$263,000 and Commercial Electric for \$247,512. For the detention tank; Burdick Plumbing & Heating for \$618,000 and A&R Services Inc. for 317,292.50. There were also three RD reps and two general contractors in attendance at the bid opening. The water main project is out for bid right now. This has been sent out to contractors twice. This bid will be open on May 25th at 2:00pm at the Berns and Clancy Office.

TIF Agreement with the BFPD - This was approved last month so the ordinance must be passed. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve Ordinance #23-817 for a TIF Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bethany Fire Protection District for a grant of \$55,000, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-abstain (conflict of Interest); McLain-yes, Allen-yes; Gill-yes; motion carried.

Zoning Ordinances/Codes - The board agreed to move this up in the meeting. The board is looking into putting together a committee to review the zoning ordinances and code and update it. President Book has spoken to Gene Mueller and he has agreed to put together a committee to start working on this. There are resources that Treasurer Henderson has found to help in this. As the committee reviews the code, it will be brought to the board to approve.

Truck/Dump Truck Budget - Village Manager, Shannon Risley has found several but they are going quickly. He is asking for a budget not to exceed so that he may act quickly. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to give Shannon Risley discretion up to \$70,000 to purchase a one ton utility truck to come from the ARPA funds, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Blue Truck Disposal - The Village must pass a surplus resolution or ordinance to be able to sell this truck. This will be addressed again next month.

Time Off Tracking for Employees - President Book talked with Shannon and Jessica about this topic. All time off is based on the anniversary date of hire. He is wanting to change this to make the administration side a bit easier by using a calendar year or the Village fiscal year. President Book is asking the Board to think about making this change. This will be discussed again next month.

Swearing in of New Trustee Zakary England - President Book swore in Mr. England with the Oath of Office. Welcome Mr. England to the Village of Bethany Board of Trustees.

E-Citation Software/Hardware for PD - Chief Nichols states the software is not an issue. He was able to get us back on to the previous software. Printers are needed to be in the cars to print tickets. He has a couple of quotes for these in car printers. The Moultrie County Circuit Clerk may be able to help with the cost of these printers. Trustee Allen made a motion to purchase not to exceed \$1400 for two in car printers, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

New Windows for the PD - The Board has quotes for this project. These are for the four windows in the back of the building. Bids were from Windows Direct for \$2,256, Midwest Siding and Windows for \$2,858 and Brian Clark for \$2,159.04. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the bid from Windows Direct in the amount of \$2,256, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Clean-Up or Recycling Day - People have been calling the office and asking about this. The Board agreed to not do this as we did both of these last year.

Utility Rates Increase - These are the annual rate increases. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #23-818 for raising Electric rates 4%, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #23-819 for raising Sewer rates 10%, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #23-820 for raising Gas rates 4%, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #23-821 raising Water rates 10%, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

New Committee Appointments - President Book names new committees for this coming fiscal year. Police: Chair Greg McLain, Jeannie Ruppert, Brian Gill. Streets/Alleys: Chair Dave Doty, Jeannie Ruppert, Zakary England. Utilities: Chair Raven Allen, Greg McLain, Dave Doty. Finance: Chair Brian Gill, Zakary England, Raven Allen. Gene Mueller was appointed as Zoning Administrator.

Applicant Brad Wright - This will be in Executive Session

Employee Compensation - This will be in Executive Session

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley, Police Committee, Finance Committee, and Chief Nichols.

Correspondence – Thank you card from the Kathy Deham family for flowers on the passing of her mother in law.

Committee Meeting Dates - Police Committee

June 5, 2023

*potential agreement with OV school dist.

Trustee Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, 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 Ruppert. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to give the following raise to Jessica Henderson from \$20.81 to \$24.00, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; England-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Allen-yes; Gill-yes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to give the following raise to Hope Ruppert from \$21.50 to \$23.00, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); England-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to give the following raises:

Daniel Kidwell from \$26.00 to \$29.00
Hank Taber from \$24.16 to \$27.00
Shannon Risley from \$38.20 to \$42.00
Kathy Denham from \$14.42 to \$15.00
Chris Nichols from \$29.13 to \$36.00

seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to hire Benny Durbin as a full time utility employee at \$24.00 with a bump to \$26.00 after his Class B water license is obtained, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President