

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 9, 2024

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Gill. 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 Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Public – Ginger Barter - was here to ask about 508 W. S. Water St. She just purchased it and it has a little single car drive and she would like to have a double car drive. There is a guide wire in the way. She did some research and found that all poles and guide wires belong to the town or village it is in. She asked Frontier to come look and they have no record of it. Village Manager Shannon Risley presented pictures and says this wire does not belong to the Village. Shannon will reach out to his Frontier contact for more clarification. Ms. Barter asked if the Village would be willing to help cut it and we could not due to liability.

Trustee Ruppert arrived at 7:09 pm

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - On the water improvement project the contractor has started on Lola Crt. and then moving to the Hwy. 121 section. There have been no resident complaints. Shop drawings are complete on the electrical. Waiting on the water treatment plant control panel to come in. Detention tank replacement drawings are complete. The foundation base and walls are poured. Most of the piping is in and around the base of the tank. The floor prep for the epoxy is going. Pay request #1 received and everything is in order and on the RD forms. There is a letter of recommendation that everything is in order for payment. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve payment of \$60,749.64 in accordance with RD procedure with A & R Services, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Cathy from RD requested copies of the pay request from the tank renovator. The loan closing will be this Wednesday with RD at the Village Hall. IEPA inspection response was given to Shannon for review and comments. The IEPA permit application was sent off for the elevated water tower for the new mixer. Mr. Gustafson talked with Shannon in regards to completing the one year anniversary water tower inspection.

With all that is going on with the water system we will inspect the outside and interior dry and not drain it right now. We will wait until fall to do the interior wet when things are more stable.

Zoning Agreement with Moultrie County - We have not received a final agreement with the County yet. This will be tabled until next month.

New Utility Rates - Village Manager Shannon Risley went with the standard increase on the utilities. 4% for gas and electricity and 10% for water and sewer. He also increased the meter charge by \$1. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-833 Electric rates as presented, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-834 Gas rates as presented, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-835 Water rates as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-836 Sewer rates as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Sale of Surplus Property Ordinance - We have an ordinance to sell the extra trailer that was discussed last month. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve Ordinance #24-837 the sale of surplus property, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. There are three parcels of land 502 S. Washington, 219 S. St. John, and 101 E. Oak that will be considered surplus real estate. The Board consensus was to sell these parcels by bids. Village Attorney Patrick Sullivan will prepare the ordinance for approval at next month's meeting for this.

Short Lived Assets Account for the RD Loan - This must be opened for the RD loan to close. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to open a short lived assets account for the RD loan with the minimum finance needed to open this account, with the current signers, Jessica Henderson, Jonathan Book, Jackie McLain, and Kathy Denham, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Debt Service Reserve Account for the RD Loan - This must be opened for the RD loan to close. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to open a debt service reserve account for the RD loan with current signers, Jessica Henderson, Jonathan Book, Jackie McLain, and Kathy Denham, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Purchase of New Police Computer - Officer Nichols could not attend tonight. The office computer was purchased at least six years ago and was not set up to store the needed items for the Police. Officer Nichols asked Dennis Monroe to give a bid of what was needed. The bid was \$2750.00 for the computer only and monitors for \$220 each. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to purchase a new police dept computer and monitor not to exceed \$3500, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Employee Compensation - This item was discussed last month in a closed session. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to give the following employee compensations: Hank Taber from \$27.00/hr to \$27.81/hr; Daniel Kidwell from \$29.00/hr to \$29.87/hr; Shannon Risley from \$42.00 to \$43.26/hr; Benny Durbin from \$24.00 to \$24.72; Chris Nichols from \$36.00 to \$37.08; Adam Payne from \$24.00 to \$24.72; Kathy Denham from \$15.00 to \$ 15.45, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to give the following employee compensation: Jessica Henderson from \$24.00 to 24.72, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; McLain-abstain (conflict of interest); Allen-yes; Gill-yes; motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to give the following employee compensation: Hope Ruppert from \$23.00 to \$23.69, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest), motion carried.

Reports – Utilities Manager Shannon Risley, Police Report shared by Chair Trustee McLain

Correspondence – Received a letter from the State in regards to our zoning code. This has been given to the Attorney to look at.

Committee Meeting Dates – None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President