

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 8, 2023

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023, regular meeting, 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 Doty. 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.

Public – Misti Durbin - Misti Durbin is the owner of the new restaurant Diggity Dawgs. She came to thank the Village for being fun and welcoming.

Matt Pence - Matt Pence came in because he is having some vandalism issues to his building and property as well as people urinating on his property. There are also people doing "burnouts" in front of the Publisher. He brought in some pictures of what he witnessed.

Ron Martin & Mike Sweeney - Both Ron Martin and Mike Sweeney, owners of the Publisher, addressed the board in regards to the concerns. They have put things in place, including barriers and more lighting, to try and eliminate the issues.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update – Mr. Gustafson presented the results of the Bid Opening for the Water Main Restoration portion of the Water Systems Improvement Project. There was an average of 9% difference between the 3 bids presented. The board directed Mr. Gustafson to investigate the apparent low bidder for the project. He also presented a summary of costs and potential savings to show how the Village was on the budget for the entire project. There was some discussion on what contingencies could potentially be eliminated to increase the cost savings in order to help with the current net overage. He also presented a way the board could request more funds from Rural Development to cover the cost of the new water meter system. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to authorize Berns, Clancy & Associates to make the necessary changes to pursue an additional \$200,000 from Rural Development for the current contract for the Water System Improvement Project and authorize President Book to sign any necessary agreements, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. It is also time for the 1-year inspection for the Water Tower. Greg spoke to the inspector and requested to schedule the inspection for early June 2023.

Blue Truck Disposal - A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve Ordinance 23-822 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Bethany, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Time Off Tracking for Employees - After this was discussed last month, Treasurer Henderson started tracking vacation and sick time on paystubs. There will be no further action at this time.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Village Appropriations - Last year's total Appropriations amount was \$9,327,500. Manager Shannon Risley made increases to salaries and natural gas purchases. Manager Risley presented an Appropriation amount of 10,297,000 which is a 9% increase from the previous year. The Ordinance will be voted on next month.

Annual Treasurer's Report - A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report from fiscal year 2022-2023, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

TIF Agreement for Security Camera System - Chief Nichols had a cost estimate done for installing security cameras on Main St. The total cost would be \$10,313.92 for 7 cameras with no yearly renewal costs. The board directed Treasurer Henderson to post it to the Village website and Facebook page to inform the public. This will be tabled until next month.

Agreement Between Okaw Valley Schools and BPD - This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Purchase of Navigation 360 System for Police Department - Chief Nichols presented a system that would act as a tip reporting system for potential crimes or issues in the community and surrounding areas. There would be an initial start-up fee and a yearly renewal fee. There are 2 different versions of the system. One is internet based and one is more internally based as well as internet. There are cost differences for each system. This will be tabled until next month.

Sale of Property of 410 N Washington Street - This will be discussed in Executive Session.

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

Correspondence – Thank you card from Noelle Cohan for help with the Rummage Sales.

Committee Meeting Dates - TIF Committee

June 13, 2023 @6:30pm

*purchase of Security Camera System

Utilities Committee

June 22, 2023 @6pm

*discussion on job descriptions and pay ranges for employees

Trustee McLain made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters and possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Allen. 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 approve the sale of the property at 410 N Washington Street to Misti Durbin in the amount of \$3,000, 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 Allen and seconded by Trustee McLain. Voice vote taken, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Henderson, Interim Clerk

Jonathan Book, President