

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 11, 2024

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024, regular meeting with changes noted, 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 McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

Public – Tom Jennings was here to discuss the speed limit on Washington St. Concerned about children playing and those speeding by. Asking to maybe put up a speed limit sign or a children playing sign.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - Pay request from SNC #2 in the amount of \$277,100.71. Mr. Gustafson contacted the County in regards to work on/around/under S. St. John St. The contractor is having issues with utility markings and is trying to work this out with the utility companies. Last month there was a Rep from SNC in attendance and was addressed about unfinished work on Lola Crt. There has still been no work completed as of this meeting. This pay request was not in any of the Trustee packets. This funding is not in the estimate for this month. There will be no action on this item until next month. Still waiting for the electrical panel for the water treatment plant. They have no pay request for tonight. Pay request #2 from A & R in the amount of \$44,039.79. There will be no action on this item. Detention tank construction has begun. Mr. Gustafson discussed the easement documents concerning the property on Elm Dr., near the High School, where a fire hydrant will be added. The Village experienced a chlorine leak at the water treatment plant; a leaking cylinder. This issue would not have been addressed by the system that will be set up at the plant. The tank that leaked was not hooked up.

Trustee Gill arrived at 7:27 pm

Opening Bids for Sale of the Trailer - Received two bids for the trailer. A bid from Hank Taber in the amount of \$258.50. A bid from Craig Wigness in the amount of \$1,051.00. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the bid submitted by Craig Wigness in the amount of \$1,051.00 for the purchase of the trailer, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Opening Bids for Sale of Village Lots - There were no bids on the 219 S. St. John property. We received one bid for the property at 502 S. Washington St. from Pam Jennings in the amount of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the bid for 502 S. Washington St. in the amount of \$2,000.00, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. We received one bid for the property at 101 E. Oak St. from Hosea and Hudson Ruppert in the amount of \$1,021.00. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the bid on 101 E Oak St. in the amount of \$1,021.00, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken: Ruppert-abstain (conflict of interest); England-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; motion carried.

Zoning Agreement with Moultrie County - They have not gotten the agreement yet. They have approved it and will be sending it out in the next couple of days.

Replacing Second Office Computer - President Book has a bid for a second office computer for \$860.17. This is a bit high due to the sales tax. We will send a tax exempt letter to the company. It will be similar to the one that is already in use. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the purchase of a second office computer not to exceed \$800, seconded by Trustee Rupert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

214 S. Crowder Street - This will be tabled until next month

Special Use Permit for Andrea Doty - Ms. Doty has lived in town for about four years now. In the last few months she has begun to breed dogs. She was unaware of the ordinance rules regarding the number of dogs allowed. AKC states she is a Merit breeder. She states she or one of her children is always outside when the dogs are outside. She has traveled very far in regards to getting the proper dogs to breed. Chief Nichols and Animal Control have been down at this property to take a look at things. There are two issues: a zoning issue since this is residential and our ordinance only allows up to three dogs. There is also a concern of the barking that could happen. One of the neighbors was in attendance to oppose this matter. She states they do bark and is concerned with all the rescues out there why are we letting a breeder in the neighborhood. She does not want to sit out on the patio and hear the dogs barking. Another neighbor that lives three or four houses down was here to support and state the dogs are not a nuisance to them. Chief Nichols read the Ordinance to the Board. It was asked what the owner will do if the Board is not able to support this permit. Ms. Doty stated she literally has nowhere for them to go at this point. People want puppies and not adult dogs. Trustee McLain suggested that if approved to have letters of support from close neighbors. Trustee Ruppert suggested putting a time limit on this to give them time to find a place outside of town. Attorney Ed Flynn suggested revisiting this in August or September to give the owner time to find a place outside

of town and to help the Board come up with guidelines for the permit. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to table this matter until September, seconded by Trustee Allen.

Install of Cameras and Security Gate at the North Shop - During the cleanup days there were a lot of drop offs after hours. Extra cameras would be able to piggyback off the cameras that are currently installed. There can be a repeater installed on the light pole to feed the cameras at the shop. Bids will be collected for next month.

SOV JFL Contribution - Last year the Board gave a donation of \$250. There are a total of 88 out for SOV JFL. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to donate \$250, from Utilities, to the JFL program, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; England-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-abstain (conflict of interest), motion carried. Mr. Gustafson stated that Bearns Clancy & Assoc. will contribute \$100.

Renewal of Police Officer Service Agreement with Okaw Valley Schools - The School is interested in renewing this again for the upcoming year. The School stated it worked out very well and they would like to see it happen again. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to accept a tentative agreement with the schools pending final review of the contract, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Speed Sign Subscription Renewal - On our speed signs to pull the data since we have a subscription. Another option is to use bluetooth to get the information. There have been very few complaints since these signs have been installed. For one year the price is \$1,350. Trustee Allen suggested testing out the bluetooth option to see how it works before we commit to another subscription. This will be revisited next month.

New Copier Lease - Treasurer Henderson gave the Board information regarding options on a new copier and contract. Her preference would be to continue a lease with Watts and to get a new copier. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the lease of a new Watts copier in the amount of \$179.44 per month, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Appropriations for the 24-25 Fiscal Year - no action tonight. The Finance Committee will meet soon to begin preparations on this.

Exchange of 40'X30' Parcel of Real Estate - This property is located at the sewer plant. The current easement is located in the neighbors field due to the line not being drawn properly. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve and authorize the finalization of the Real Estate Exchange Agreement, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Utility Easement Wheeler's Elm Addition - This is the utility easement with the Emel's that was discussed earlier. The Board would just need to approve this. A motion was made by Trustee

Allen to approve this easement agreement, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports – Utilities Manager Shannon Risley, and Chief Nichols

Correspondence – None

Committee Meeting Dates – Finance Committee

July 18th @ 7pm

*appropriations for 24-25

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