

VILLAGE OF BETHANY  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
July 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, Jeannie Ruppert, Zakary England, Greg McLain, Raven Allen, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the special meeting minutes from July 6, 2023, 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 – Terry Muzzy** from BASO wanted to update the Board on Fall events. Aug 19th 4pm - 7pm will be the car show. October 28th will be safe trick or treating. Dec 3rd will be Village Christmas, probably at the Elementary school from 3pm to 430pm.

Philip Matusas, 302 West South Street, bought this house from his daughter. He is trying his best to clean the place up and wanted to give his apologies.

**Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update** - Has for the board letters of recommendation for three projects; water main, detention tank & electrical projects. Mr. Gustafson has found nothing major with these companies. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the low bid from SNC Construction of Paxton, Illinois in the amount of \$1,577,776.80 with the caveat that Berns, Clancy and Associates is given permission to negotiate a fair credit for the 6" to 4" fusible PVC, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the low bid from Commercial Electric Inc. of Mattoon, Illinois in the amount of \$247,512.00 for electrical improvements to the water system improvement project, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the low bid from A & R Services Inc. of Urbana, Illinois in the amount of \$317,292.50 for the detention tank portion of the water system improvement project, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. The Village will need to provide RD with a letter agreeing with the recommendations of our engineer, Mr. Gustafson. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to authorize the Village President to execute the Village letter of recommendation for the water system restoration part of the water system improvement project, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all

ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to authorize the Village President to execute the Village letter of recommendation for the electrical improvements part of the water system improvement project, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to authorize the Village President to execute the Village letter of recommendation for the detention tank replacement part of the water system improvement project, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Gustafson also presented a review of the summary of the individual projects to date. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the water system summary of costs/potential savings paper as reflected on June 8, 2023, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the Village President to sign any additional forms requesting additional funds from Rural Development for the water project, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**2023-2024 Appropriations** - This would be to pass the tentative ordinance. It must be posted for the public to view. It will be officially approved at next month's meeting. Any changes can be made between now and then. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ord. #23-823 Village appropriations for the fiscal year 2023-2024, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**TIF Agreement for Security Cameras System** - Trustee McLain reported the TIF committee met and went over the bids for the camera systems. The TIF committee did recommend to approve the full purchase price of \$10,313.92. A motion made by Trustee Allen, to approve the TIF agreement for the purchase of a security camera system for placement within the village for a cost of \$10,313.92, seconded by Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Navigation 360 System for Police** - This is no longer an issue to be discussed.

**Bids for Blue Ford Truck** - President Book opened bids for the 1994 Ford F-250. Richard McCabe-\$700; Alex Bone-\$820; Doug Ryherd-\$1800; Carol Ray-\$1600; Don Gibbons-\$1050; Brian Butt-\$700; 5 Star Auto Sales-\$2122; Kale Woolridge-\$500; Deka Russell-\$725; Robert Crabtree-\$950. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to accept the bid from 5 Star Auto Sales in the amount of \$2122 for the 1994 Ford F-250 truck, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Natural Gas Sales Agreement** - Village Manager Shannon Risley presented an extension letter/ordinance for buying our gas. We do this every five years. This will be to continue buying our gas through the Illinois Public Energy Agency "IPEA". We also buy our electricity here as well. Going through IPEA the last two years we've been able to save our customers \$90,000. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve Ordinance #23-824 the Execution and Implementation of a Natural Gas Sales Agreement, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Residential Handicap Parking Spot at 214 E. Main St.** - The resident sent a letter to the Board requesting to put this spot in front of his house. This is a public right of way. This will be tabled until next month to do more research.

**Acquisition of Property at 502 S. Washington St.** - This is the Cain property. This is the best case scenario for the Village to acquire this property. This gets the Village a free and clear title to the property. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the purchase of 502 S Washington for \$807.00, seconded by Trustee Ruppert.

**TIF Agreement with Park District for Security Cameras** - TIF committee also made a recommendation to purchase the camera system for the park in the amount of \$8,571.42. The Park would need to get internet installed for these cameras. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the TIF recommendation for the park to purchase a security camera system in the amount of \$8,571.42, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**TIF Agreement with American Legion #507 For New Roof** - The Legion is needing to put a new roof and siding on their building. The TIF committee approved a recommendation of \$14,750.00 just for the roof and let them take care of the siding. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the TIF agreement for a grant of \$14,750 to the Legion for a new roof, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

**Reports** – Village Manager Shannon Risley, TIF Committee, Utilities Committee, and Chief Nichols.

**Correspondence** – None

**Committee Meeting Dates** - None

Trustee McLain made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, personnel and litigation, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McLain, Clerk

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Jonathan Book, President