

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 10, 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 July 13, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. 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 Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Mike Sweeney; The Publisher - 5TH annual jeep run. The Publisher would like to shut down Main St. for this event. They would like to serve alcohol and have a stage on Main St. It would be from 10 am until noon and then the jeeps leave. They would ask for street blocking at 9am. It would be from the tracks to the edge of the buildings on East Main St. The date is September the 16th. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to close Main St. in the areas requested from the hours of 10 am to 12:30 pm depending on an agreement with the Diner operators, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update - Updates from last month. He has with him notice of award docs for the Village to sign tonight. RD has approved the bids. RD also asked for an amendment for the \$200,000 for the water meters. RD has said yes that the Village can receive those funds for the water meters. RD should have everything they need to approve the remaining three projects and move forward. We will send the notice of award to the contractors so they can provide the required performance and payment bonds. Once we have those and they are approved we will insert those into the contracts for the three projects. Once this is done, Mr. Gustafson will get together with Village Manager Shannon Risley and they will issue a notice to proceed. This notice will not be the same for all three contractors. With this notice he will ask the contractors for a list of materials, equipment schedule and when those will come in. With this, the contractors will be given a formal time extension. He has asked RD about getting reimbursement for the water tower project and engineering costs and he has not heard anything back. After the last meeting Mr Gustafson looked into the complaint by a resident about overspray by a resident. He found no overspray whatsoever, zero evidence.

Donation to BASO - Last year a donation of \$500 was given. Trustee Allen made a motion to give a donation to BASO in the amount of \$500 from the electric fund, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Road Closures for BASO Car Show - Trustee Gill made a motion to close Main St., and Lincoln St. from 4 pm to 7pm with notification of prior approval from The Publisher, date is Aug 19th, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Residential Handicap Parking at 214 E. Main St. - Trustee Doty did some checking into this. The problem is trying to keep others out of this parking space. Mr. Adams was in attendance. He has issues with the part of the lift on the back of his car. He needs to be on a flat surface and has to drive his scooter around and load it from the road. Discussion involved some guidelines in regards to ADA requirements. The Board will continue to look into this matter.

Approve Appropriations Ordinance - Trustee McLain made a motion to approve Ord. #23-823 Appropriations for the year 23-24, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

TIF Agreement with Park District - Trustee McLain had not heard back from them in regards to making sure they had all they needed for the cameras. Trustee McLain made a motion to table the approval of this agreement, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

TIF Agreement with the American Legion Post 507 - A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #23-825 a TIF agreement with American Legion Post #507, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Trustee McLain brought a material list for the siding at the American Legion of \$2,282.78. His opinion is to approve the roof ordinance and if the Board wishes have a new ordinance for the materials for the siding.

Radon Mitigation System - Chief Nichols gave the Board a radon measurement report. In the PD the measure was in the mid fives and it is to be four or below. Chief Nichols has one bid from a company out of Bloomington. There are other companies coming from Decatur and Peoria. Trustee Allen made a motion to approve spending not to exceed \$4,100 at the police dept for radon mitigation, second by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Okaw Valley School District- The contract was discussed including the provided changes made by the School District. Attorney Jack Kiley suggests presenting this to our insurance company to make sure they are in agreement. Trustee McLain made a motion to enter into the police officer service agreement with the Okaw Valley School District provided the insurance company is in agreement, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Account for Money Received from the Okaw Valley School District - Trustee Gill revisited the thought of investing the money that the village will receive from the school for the police agreement. The school wanted to pay all of the amount upfront. The police committee discussed putting this money into a CD. Now the payments will be paid quarterly per the agreement. Trustee Gill made a motion to establish a police CD with the funds that come from the Okaw Valley Community School agreement and the Village of Bethany, second by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Moving of Investment Funds - Trustee Gill went through the administrative ordinance and stated where the Village is to invest. Scott State Bank has changed investment firms from Wintrust to Midwestern Securities. We need to amend our ordinance to address this issue.

Amending Investments Ordinance - The Board discussed what changes needed to be made to this administrative ordinance to bring it up to date with the investments of the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to amend section 1-2-95 Deposit of Funds; to strike out **Section 1-2-85(F) from section A and say “designated by the Village Board of Trustees and remove section (F) from this section in its entirety, seconded by Trustee Allen.** Roll call taken all ayes; motion carried. Trustee Allen made a motion to give Brian Gill permission to be an authorized signer for Village investments from Midwestern Securities, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken; Gill - abstain; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-yes; motion carried. Trustee McLain questioned the section 1-2-84 that says the Treasurer will be appointed every four years. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

TIF Agreement with the Marrowbone Public Library - Trustee McLain gave a copy of the minutes from the TIF meeting. The Library originally wanted to discuss the purchase of a new electronic sign. The current sign is old and can no longer get parts for it and it is broken. In the meantime, their furnace and air in the back rooms broke. They brought bids for the sign. The request was for the cheapest of the signs for \$29,994. The bids for the heat/ac \$7295. \$37,289 was the total request. The committee determined to approve the entire amount of \$37,289. Trustee McLain asked the Library if they had any funds that could go to help with this project. He stated they have a capital project fund with \$5000 designated to go towards a new sign. Trustee McLain made a motion for a TIF agreement with the Marrowbone Public Library in the amount of \$37,289, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Railway Safety Week Proclamation - CN railroad sends this to us each year. Rail safety week is September 18th - 24th. President Jonathan Book made this proclamation.

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley; on vacation and submitted his report to the Board, TIF Committee, and Chief Nichols.

Correspondence – NONE

Committee Meeting Dates - NONE

Trustee McLain made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel 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.

There will be a special board meeting Monday, August 28th, at 6 pm to interview potential village attorneys.

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

Jonathan Book, President