

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 8, 2024

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

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the July 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 Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Someone asked about the time frame for completely opening Robinson St. It is currently down to one lane. It was mentioned that would be up to the contractor.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Updates - On the water main with SNC they are continuing to install water mains and surface restoration has begun and is pretty far along. St. John should be back open by Monday morning. There was an issue with Frontier and the fiber optic lines near the High School. It was finally fixed and crucial due to school beginning soon. SNC pay request #2 for \$277,100.71 and request #3 for \$115,482.84. SNC representative stated they will begin tapping tomorrow and testing next week. Regarding the electrical work, Commercial Electric, Mr. Gustafson and Shannon Risley are trying to get with them to make the control panel functional. Pay request #2 from Commercial Electric for \$31,131.50. The detention tank replacement with A&R services; the tank has been started by Bruder Tank. This tank is a bit larger than they normally construct so it should be finished by the end of the month. Pay request #2 from A&R for \$44,039.79. We received the IEP permit for the elevated water tower mixing system. Mr. Gustafson complimented our Village Treasurer on the work she is doing to keep RD happy. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve pay request #2 from SNC Contractors in the amount of \$277,100.71, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve pay request #3 from SNC Contractors in the amount of \$115,482.84, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve pay request #2 from A & R Services in the amount of \$44,039.79, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve pay request #2 from Commercial Electric in the amount of \$31,131.50, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve the bond reimbursement for Featherstun, Gaumer, Stocks, Flynn and Eck, LLP in the amount of \$1386.00, seconded by

Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the invoice payment from Berns, Clancy and Assoc, in the amount of \$30,579.02, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Agreement with Moultrie County - There are actually two agreements. One is the agreement with the County. The other is an agreement with fees if we do use the County for building inspections. President Book asked about our insurance and coverage for the County representative. This agreement is pretty much the same as before, with the exception of lowering the monthly fee to \$250. Village Attorney Ed Flynn suggested the Village adopt the property maintenance code going forward. He will order the Village a copy of this code. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve the Intergovernmental Zoning Agreement with Moultrie County, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Services, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

214 S. Crowder Street - no action needs taken

Appropriations for the 24-25 Village Fiscal Year - The Finance Committee met to discuss this. Village Manager Shannon Risley discussed the changes between last year and this year. A motion was made by Trustee Gill to approve Ordinance #24-839 for the fiscal year 24-25 appropriations, seconded by Trustee England. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Speed Sign Subscription Renewal - no action will be taken.

Installing Cameras on North Shop - Last meeting cameras at the north shop were discussed. This will include a camera on the back of the building and near the fuel tanks along with one for the sewer plant and dump site. The system at the Police Dept. will be able to maintain the additional cameras. The bid is for \$8562.79 from Total Home and Farm Video Solutions. A motion was made by Trustee Doty to accept the bid from Total Home and Farm Video Solutions for \$8562.79 to be paid from gas and electric funds, seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Renewal of Police Officer Service Agreement with Okaw Valley Schools - The school district added a 3% increase to the amount of the contract. Findlay was given a 10% increase. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to renew the Service Agreement with Okaw Valley Schools, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Exchange of 40'x30' Parcel of Real Estate - This was discussed and approved last month. After the meeting the lawyer for the current owner emailed and wanted to know if an adjacent owner would still be able to access the road. This would need to be published and approved again. Attorney Patrick Sullivan will take care of the changes needed. This will be discussed again next month.

Ordinance for Sale of 101 E. Oak St. - Ordinance #24-840. This was to be purchased by Hosea and Hudson Ruppert for the amount of \$1,021.00 to be paid by August 15th. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-840, sale of 101 E. Oak St., seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Greg

Ordinance for Sale of 502 S. Washington St. - Ordinance #24-841. This was to be purchased by Pam Jennings for the amount of \$2,000 to be paid by August 15th. A motion was made by Trustee McLain to approve Ordinance #24-841 sale of 502 S. Washington St., seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance for Sale of 219 S. St. John St. - There were no bids last month. There are two current offers for this property. Justin Doty for \$850 and Mike Jennings for \$2000. Trustee McLain made a motion to accept the bid of \$2000 from Mike Jennings and Ordinance #42-842, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Tax Levy - Mr. Flynn was down this week to discuss the tax levy with Treasurer Jessica Henderson. He pointed out that our levy was significantly lower than what it could be. The handout he provided shows the rates currently. He went through and explained all of the rates and what the possible increases could potentially be. The Board discussed what they would like to see in regards to potential increases in the tax rates. The Board has directed Mr. Flynn to prepare the tax levy for next month with a 44% increase and to publish for the Truth in Taxation hearing.

The State of Illinois has approved that non-home rule communities can now do a 1% sales tax. President Book asked Mr. Flynn to look into this possibility for the Village.

Reports – Utilities Manager Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, and Chief Nichols

Correspondence – None

Committee Meeting Dates – none needed

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie McLain, Clerk

Jonathan Book, President