

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 10, 2021

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, Mike Jennings, Greg McLain, Raven Allen, and Brian Gill.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021, regular meeting, 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 Gill to approve the "Banks and Checks Journal", seconded by Trustee McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Matt Flood asked a question about generators. Shannon informed him that there are no regulations for them.

Matt Divito Ordinance for Electricity - Attorney David Reimer presented an Ordinance for the electric services for Matt Divito as a one-time exception to connect to Coles-Moultrie Electric. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-800 allowing an individual one-time exclusion to allow Matt Divito to connect to Coles-Moultrie Electric. Seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update – Greg Gustafson gave another report on the current project. He has not heard from Shari at RD, neither has Treasurer Jessica Henderson. He discussed with Attorney Reimer his portion of the paperwork and what needs done. Greg Gustafson also reported that all current surveying is done. The plat for the Village property on Washington Street was presented. He also presented the specs for the water tower project and the detention tank details from Midstate Tank as well as the electrical upgrades that will be needed.

Ordinance Fines/Complaint Policy – Tabled until next month.

Zoning Ordinance Updates – Tabled until next month.

Purchase of Mosquito Fogger Machine – Manager Shannon Risley said he is not in a hurry to purchase one but would like to get one purchased by January at the latest. A middle road quality fogger is 7,500. A high-quality fogger is 11,000. A motion was made by Trustee Jennings

to allow Manager Risley to purchase a mosquito fogger not to exceed 12,000. Seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Variance for 716 WN Water St – Tabled until deemed necessary.

2022 Village Meeting Dates – Manager Risley wanted to present the current schedule for 2022 Board Meetings. There are no holidays that will conflict with meeting dates.

2021 Village Holiday Closures – Christmas and New Years holidays fall on the weekend this year. It was presented that the Village employees could take either Thursday/Friday or Friday/Monday. Manager Risley said that the Village employees would prefer to take Thursday/Friday off. The board sees no issue with this.

Update Fire Hydrant Portion of Utility Ordinance – Trustee Jennings reported that the Village and the Fire Department got all hydrants flushed and flow tested. One section of town had a significant amount of ornamental grasses covering the hydrants completely from view. A proposed change to the current fire hydrant ordinance was presented that references the Illinois Statute 425 ILCS Sec. 20/1. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to amend Ordinance Section 38-3-16 to add a Section D prohibiting the covering of fire hydrants. Seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken. McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-yes; Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-abstain (conflict of interest). Motion carried.

Financial Audit – Trustee Gill presented the financial audit report. The Management Recommendations have been getting increasingly less in the last couple of years. All Management Recommendations on this audit have either been dealt with as of today or will be in the near future.

Fund Loan Forgiveness per Audit – Treasurer Jessica Henderson presented the Management Recommendation from the Audit Report explaining what needed to be done to remove the Interfund Receivables from the Recommendation Letter for the next audit. Trustee McLain made a motion to direct Attorney David Reimer to draft a letter of Repayment Forgiveness for Interfund Receivables per the audit. Seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports – Shannon Risley, Finance Committee, Police Report

Correspondence – None

Meetings Before the Next Meeting – None

A motion was made by Trustee McLain to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and sale of Village property seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to approve the Real Estate Purchase Contract with Raymond Broadhacker for the purchase of the lots at 410 North Washington Street. Seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call 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,
Jessica Henderson, Acting Clerk

Jonathan Book, President