

VILLAGE OF BETHANY
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 12, 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, and Brian Gill. Trustee Raven Allen will be joining the meeting late.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 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 McLain. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Public – Mike Sweeney representing The Publisher – not in attendance. Jeep Run for Sept. 18th. They wondered if it would be possible to block off Main Street from 10 – 11, an hour or so. This would allow them to line up for the run. Board sees no issue with this.

Terry Muzzy representing BASO – Last month BASO introduced putting up banners on the light poles on Main St. Mr. Muzzy is seeking the approval of the Board for this project. 14 banners will be installed on every other light pole. Trustee McLain made a motion to allow BASO to place banners on the Village light poles, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Trustee McLain made a motion to contribute \$500 to BASO from the utilities dept, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Matt Foster/Safe Routes to School – Mr. Foster passed out a memo to the Board in regards to the Safe Routes to School. IDOT has opened up the grants for this project. The Village has turned in a project development report for this previously. Mr. Foster has been in contact with them to get our project development report signed and ready for submission to IDOT. If the grant is awarded actual building plans would need to be developed. MFT money should be able to be utilized for the matching part the Village is responsible for. There was concern about the expenditure occurring at this present time. It could take up to six months to see if we have been awarded this grant. Parent/Student surveys will need to be redone as they must be current. Mr. Foster will be emailing the checklist that needs to be completed. Trustee Doty made a motion to authorize Chastain & Associates to assemble the application for the 2021 Safe Routes to School Grant application cycle, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken: Doty-yes; Ruppert-yes; Jennings-yes; McLain-yes; Allen-yes; Gill-No; motion carried. Mr. Foster will create a little half page handout for the public meeting on Sept. 9th explaining this project.

Greg Gustafson Water Improvement Project Update – The Village has not heard back on any of the forms that have been submitted. Mr. Gustafson sent an email to see what is to be done next and received an email back saying the contact person was not in the office. The Village Attorney did receive back a letter of engagement for bonding on this project. Trustee Allen made a motion to accept the letter of engagement with Gilmore Bell as the bond council for the village water work project with an estimated fee of \$15,000, seconded by Trustee Gill. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Gustafson would like for the Board to decide on what to do with the water retention tank. He did present a cost estimate for this part of the project of \$178,000 for Stainless and \$168,000 for Aluminum. Stainless would last the longest. Trustee McLain made a motion to put in the water project plan to replace the detention tank with stainless at a cost of \$178,000, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Gustafson stated that the survey work continues, and will call in J.U.L.I.E to have the routes needed marked.

Ordinance Fines/Complaint Policy – attorney is still working on this. Tabled until next month.

Event Contract Permit Agreement – David Reimer, the Village attorney presented a copy of the Special Event Permit Application. It will need to be presented at least 45 days in advance. Mr. Reimer went through and explained all parts of the application. Section 2, part C should have a dollar amount for a fine if the application is not followed. It was agreed to add \$500. Trustee McLain made a motion to approve the application with the change of adding the \$500 fine, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Updates – Currently our Zoning Ordinance is about 60 pages long. Mr. Reimer would like to scale this down to make it easier to read and understand. He would like to keep working on this.

Computer for Clerk – President Book did get a quote for a computer. This would also include a 3-year warranty. \$997 before shipping would be the approximate cost. Trustee Allen made a motion to purchase the laptop with Microsoft/Norton Antivirus and a flash drive not to exceed \$1100, seconded by Trustee Doty. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

TIF Agreement with Melissa Ashley – Ordinance has not been received from the TIF attorney as of the meeting time. This will be tabled until next month.

Extending the TIF District – The board needs to decide if this is what they want to do. The first step would be to get letters of approval from the other taxing bodies that are affected in the district. Trustee McLain will reach out to the TIF attorney to see if there is a form letter that can be used to send to the taxing bodies asking for approval of this project.

TIF Agreement with Jeff Taylor – More information is needed. Tabled until next month.

Painting the Police Dept. Garage - The inside of the garage has mold/mildew. Mike Reynolds \$900 and Rick Dotson \$25 per hour and we supply the paint. Gray color to be used. The concern is the problem with the mold/mildew on the ceiling. We would need to take care of this problem before we can paint. Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the bid from Mike Reynolds of \$900 to paint the police garage, seconded by Trustee Ruppert. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

New Part-Time Police Officer – Chief Nichols would like to start the process for this while the State is still reimbursing for training. Officer Drake is out until at least Fall due to other employment. The Board is in agreement with beginning this process.

IML Conference in September – Trustee Jennings would like to attend the conference again. The Village would pay for the room/ fees/ meals.

Reports – Village Manager Shannon Risley, Chief Nichols

Correspondence – The Federal grant just passed would give the Village an initial amount of \$84,000 approximately. The seconded installment would be the same amount for a total of approximately \$168,000. The amount is based upon population.

Meeting Before the Next Meeting –

Finance Committee

8-24-2021 @ 5pm

*Water improvement fee

*Look at possibility of hiring a part-time employee

A motion was made by Trustee Jennings to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, property acquisition, and personnel matters, seconded by Trustee Allen. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McLain 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

Jonathan Book, President