

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 4, 2008

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held August 4, 2008 in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. with President Hoerchler presiding. Present and answering to roll call were Fiedler, Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum and Gloeckner. Also in attendance were Administrator Nielsen, Clerk Crane, and Village Attorney Doug Gruenke.

Gloeckner moved to approve the Regular Agenda, Swank seconded, all present voting aye, nay none, motion carried. Malina moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 7, 2008 and the Committee-at-Large on July 21, 2008; Gloeckner seconded, vote: all aye, nay none, motion carried.

Guest: Tim Stempel:
Appeal of Zoning
Decision

Tim Stempel, 301 North 9th Street, read a letter addressed to the Board regarding his Snap-On truck parked at his residence. The Zoning Board of Appeals had a public hearing on July 31, 2008 regarding his "Appeal of Zoning Decision." Mayor Hoerchler stated the Board will take his letter into consideration when voting on the recommendations from the Zoning Board.

Guest: Bob Wuebbels

Bob Wuebbels, 11 North Clinton Street, was in attendance to let the Village Board know on his stand regarding the Zion United Church of Christ property located at 414 West Hanover Street. He cited many issues he had with Fine Finish, the company renting the property from the Church. The Zoning board of Appeals had a public hearing on July 31, 2008, regarding Zion UCC's "Appeal of Zoning Decision."

Guests: Scott Feist &
Bob Oster: American
Legion Ball Teams

Scott Feist, Commander of American Legion Post 321 was in attendance to support views offered by Bob Oster, coach of the American Legion Baseball Team. Mr. Oster wanted to clear up some items that have been brought to his attention regarding the use of the advertising money for the billboards on the outfield fence. The Legion supports two teams: the Senior Legion team and the Southwest Legion team. He provided information on how the teams are funded, mainly from the sale of raffle tickets at the start of the season and a private grant; and listed several of the team's expenses, which would not be covered if it were not from the additional funding the advertising contributes. The field is not only used by the American Legion teams, it is also used for soccer in the fall and flag football in the winter. The Legion holds three tournaments yearly that bring many visitors to New Baden; many which rave about the condition of that ball diamond. He stated that he has never asked the Board for money until it came to replacing the lights surrounding the diamond.

University of Illinois –
Clinton County
Extension

Clerk Crane read a letter from Barbara Lammers, Community Worker with the University of Illinois – Clinton County Extension Unit. Ms. Lammers wanted to say thank you for the use of the Civic Center for a youth cooking school in June. There were 20 youth participants and 10 volunteers.

Ordinance #764:
Dogs in Cemeteries

Ordinance #764: An Ordinance Regarding Dogs in Cemeteries was presented for approval. Brandmeyer made the motion to pass Ordinance #764; Gloeckner seconded; vote Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye; nay none, motion carried.

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200 Block of Plum:
Curb Replacement

Bids were received from Beckmann Construction Co. of Breese, \$6,000.00 and K.R.B. Excavating, Inc. of Trenton, \$5,190.00 for curb replacement in the 200 block of Plum Lane. Malina made the motion to accept the bid from K.R.B. Excavating, Inc. for \$5,190.00; second by Brandmeyer; vote: Linthicum aye, Gloeckner abstain, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye; nay none, motion carried.

Civic Center
Restroom Renovation

Administrator Nielsen presented two different proposals for renovation of the Civic Center restrooms. Proposals were from Rehkemper Const. Co., Inc. of Breese and Litteken Construction Co. of Breese. No costs were submitted. The Board agreed that they all liked the layout from Rehkemper. Administrator Nielsen stated that the entire renovation could cost a bit more due to the asbestos floor tile that will need to be removed from both restrooms. Brandmeyer made the motion to go out for bids using the Rehkemper model; second by Gloeckner; vote: Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye; nay none, motion carried.

Civic Center Locker
Room Renovation

Administrator Nielsen also had Rehkemper Const. Co. look at the locker rooms in the Civic Center to see about running water to make the rooms usable. The consensus was that it would be very expensive and not entirely feasible to run water to that area of the building.

Civic Center Circuit
Breaker Panel

Toennies Electric Co., Inc. submitted an estimate of \$1,650.00 to replace the circuit breaker panel at the Civic Center. Gloeckner made the motion to have Toennies proceed with the work; Fiedler seconded; vote: Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye; nay none, motion carried.

Civic Center Gym
Floor

Klaman Hardwood, Inc. of Decatur submitted a bid for the refinishing of the Civic Center gym floor. They will sand the floor down to the original wood, reline the basketball court and seal the floor. The bid was originally \$7,418.83; Klaman will give a 12% discount if the work can be done by September 30, 2008, making the final total \$6,528.57. Fiedler made the motion to accept the proposal from Klaman for \$6,528.57; second by Brandmeyer; vote: Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye; nay none, motion carried.

Fire Protection
District requests
Road Closing

The New Baden Fire Protection District will hold their 2nd Annual Open House on Sunday, August 17, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They have requested the closure of North 1st Street from East Hanover Street to the Alley behind the Emergency Services Building. Linthicum made the motion to allow the street closure; Gloeckner seconded; vote: Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye; nay none, motion carried.

Tax Increment
Financing

Discussion was centered on increasing the Storefront Improvement Grant from a maximum of \$1,000.00 to possibly a maximum of \$5,000.00. Trustee Brandmeyer feels it will be a way to help the small businesses, that in the past, the Village hasn't done enough to help them. Some felt a maximum of \$5,000.00 is still too high. There have been several inquiries from businesses receiving TIF monies to install new heating and air-conditioning units. This is considered part of the infrastructure of the building, and is a TIF eligible expense. Attorney Gruenke will review the current application and have it revised to reflect this new information. Brandmeyer made the motion to allow a 50% reimbursement of TIF eligible expenses not to exceed \$5,000.00; second by Swank; vote: Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye; nay none, motion carried.

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TIF Request: Hodges Produce & More

Kathleen Hodges of Hodges Produce & More has submitted a letter requesting TIF assistance in the installation of a new heating and air-conditioning unit. Based on the discussion the Board just had regarding TIF and the Storefront Improvement Grant and the estimates Ms. Hodges had submitted; Brandmeyer made the motion to give Hodges Produce & More a 50% reimbursement of the lowest bid received (\$3,353.00) for the heating and air-conditioning unit, not to exceed \$1,676.50; second by Fiedler; vote: Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye; nay none, motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 202 East Hanover Street

The Zoning Board of Appeals had a public hearing on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 3 items. The first item was a "Special Use Variance" for Brent Rakers' property at 202 East Hanover Street. He would like to change the commercial unit to a residential unit. The Zoning Board's recommendation was to deny his request. The Village Board agreed to table the matter.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 414 East Hanover Street

The second item the Zoning Board of Appeals addressed was the "Appeal of Zoning Decision" by Zion United Church of Christ for their property located at 414 East Hanover Street. This regarded the commercial vehicles parked on residential property. The Zoning Board's recommendation was to deny the request. Addressing the Village Board were Paul Sterrett, representing Zion and Jeff Klein of Fine Finish; they understand the decision made by the Zoning Board, and would like a 90 day extension to allow time for Fine Finish to locate different property and have their vehicles removed from the Church property. Malina made the motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation and allow a 60-day extension for the removal of the commercial vehicles; seconded by Gloeckner; vote: Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank nay, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye; motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 301 North 9th Street

The third item the Zoning Board of Appeals addressed was the "Appeal of Zoning Decision" by Tim Stempel at 301 North 9th Street. He parks his commercial vehicle on the residential property. The Zoning Board had a split vote to allow his Snap-On truck to remain on the property. Fiedler made the motion to allow the parking of the Snap-On truck at this residential property; seconded by Linthicum; vote: Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye; nay none, motion carried.

Police Dept. D.A.R.E. Motorcycle Ride Sign

The New Baden Police Dept. has requested that the Village of New Baden allow a variance for the posting of the D.A.R.E. Motorcycle Ride sign. They wish to display the sign earlier than ordinance allows. Malina motioned to allow the posting of the sign; second by Swank; vote: Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum nay, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye; motion carried.

Park & Rec: Tai Chi

Renee Meinhardt, Park & Recreation Coordinator, approached the Board regarding a Tai Chi class being taught at the Civic Center. The class will be offered one day a week for one hour. The instructor, Deloris ?? will charge the Village \$30.00 per class. The first session will run for 8 weeks. Linthicum motioned to approve the start of the Tai Chi class; second by Swank; vote: Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye; nay none, motion carried.

Illinois Municipal League Conference

Swank made the motion to allow any Village Official to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago, September 25-28, 2008, registration plus expenses; seconded by Linthicum; vote: Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye; nay none, motion carried.

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Municipal Clerks
Institute

Fiedler made the motion to allow Village Clerk Teri Crane to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute & Academy, October 12-17, 2008, in Springfield; registration, plus expenses. Clerk Crane informed the Board that she was a recipient of a \$250.00 scholarship for this Institute from the Southwestern Illinois Municipal Clerks Association, which she is a member. Motion seconded by Linthicum; vote: Gloeckner aye, Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye; nay none, motion carried.

Water Supply
Operators
Conference

Fiedler made the motion to approve Ron Renth to attend the 77th Annual Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association Conference, September 10-12, 2008, in Springfield, registration plus expenses. Second by Gloeckner; vote: Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Swank aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye; nay none, motion carried.

Malina made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Gloeckner seconded; all aye, meeting recessed at 7:59 p.m. Chief Riley was asked to attend the closed session.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Malina made motion to adjourn, second by Gloeckner, all aye vote, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L Crane
Village Clerk

Approved: September 8, 2008

Timothy J. Hoerchler
Village President