

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: OCTOBER 20, 2008

The Committee-at-Large meeting was held on October 20, 2008 in the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were President Hoerchler, Trustees Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner, Village Clerk Crane, Village Administrator Nielsen, Harold Belsheim, Village Attorney; Trustee Fiedler was absent.

Audit Review: FY 2007-2008

Annette Hipkiss, of Allison, Knapp & Siekmann, Ltd., was in attendance to discuss the review of the financial statements for the Village of New Baden for the year ended April 30, 2008.

Rhutasel & Associates, Inc.: WWTP Review

Larry Rhutasel and Tim Pruett of Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. of Freeburg, IL, were in attendance to discuss their review of the Facilities Plan, plans, specifications, and bids for the New Baden Wastewater Treatment Facility. Their review attempted to identify areas where they believe the actual bid cost may have exceeded the estimated cost of the project. They also raised several questions regarding the actual facilities and their ability to meet the Village's needs. Their intent in this review was not to criticize the design of the facilities; however they have tried to raise questions which occurred to them during their review.

Ordinance 769: Identity Theft Prevention Program

Ordinance #769: Adopting an Identity Theft Prevention Program was presented for approval. Linthicum made the motion to approve Ordinance #769; second by Brandmeyer; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Resolution 2008-07

Resolution 2008-07: A Resolution Directing the Publication of the Notice of Sale of Certain Municipal Real Estate was presented for approval. This is the strip of property running from State Route 160 between Eastview Estates and Caylin Ridge Estates, formerly owned by Roger Fuehne. This resolution is required to be published in the Trenton Sun for three consecutive weeks starting on 10/29/08 through 11/12/08. Bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008. Malina made the motion to approve Resolution 2008-07; second by Linthicum; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Library Wall

Administrator Nielsen stated that the stucco removal on the east wall of the Library shall be completed soon. Brandmeyer made the motion to allow for the advertisement of masonry bids to complete the project; second by Gloeckner; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Crosswalk Bid

Administrator Nielsen, at the request of the Board at a previous meeting, contacted 2 other contractors for crosswalk painting, companies from Champaign and Red Bud. Neither contractor submitted a bid. The bid from Park-Mark, Inc. has been on file. They will mark 6 existing crosswalks on Hanover Street for the sum of \$7,978.00. Nielsen had contacted the Illinois Dept. of Transportation regarding the installation of crosswalks at 9th Street and 11th Street. There is no problem with the installation at 9th Street, but the 11th Street crosswalk would need to meet ADA requirements. IDOT will do any initial painting with the installation of a new crosswalk. Brandmeyer made the motion to accept the bid from Park-Mark for the installation of 6 crosswalks; second by Malina; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

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Crosswalks in Park

Trustee Brandmeyer submitted the idea for the installation of crosswalks in the Park where the walking trail intersects the road. Discussion involved how they would be installed with the oil and chipping done in the Park every year. Another topic discussed was the installation of speed bumps. Traffic is extremely heavy during the evenings with people cutting through the Park to avoid the intersection of State Routes 160 & 161. The matter will be further looked in to.

Stop Sign Request

A citizen put in a request for a stop sign at the intersection of West Indiana and South Adams. Discussion revolved around placing stop signs every time the Village gets a request. Another option discussed would be the placement of speed-bumps or the possibility of “movable speed-bumps.” The matter was tabled.

Ditches & Sump Pump Water

The Mayor has received several more complaints on ditches not draining properly due to the fact of sump pumps discharging the water into these ditches. Locations include Plum Lane behind the New Baden Elementary School, Oak Street, and near the Water Tower on Poos Drive. Discussion centered on residents being responsible for the ditches. Attorney Belsheim suggested that Administrator Nielsen draw up a proposal to have all residents sign off on in the effected area. The residents will be responsible for paying for the materials, but the Village would do the installation.

Pool House Renovation

Mueth Construction of New Baden submitted a proposal for renovation of the Legion Memorial Pool-house. Findings show that the concrete block-work underneath the existing wood is in very good shape. Mueth proposes to remove the wood siding, replace plywood on angles and shingle & flash, and make door-ways leading out to the Pool ADA compliant. He would dispose of material into a Village dumpster. His proposal was for \$6,300.00. Brandmeyer made the motion to accept Mueth’s proposal; second by Malina; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Sale of Police Car

Gloeckner made the motion to approve the sale of the retired 2001 Chevy Impala Police Car; second by Linthicum; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Ambulance Purchase

Discussion revolved around the replacement of the 1991 Ford Econoline Van still being used by the New Baden Emergency Services. The van is getting old and has a lot of miles on it; repairs just were made on it to make it pass the state inspection. It was budgeted to purchase a new ambulance. Administrator Nielsen and Emergency Services Director Keith Grogan will work together on looking for an optimal purchase. A grant was recently applied for, but the Village was denied, Nielsen is waiting for the review of the grant to find out where the Village was deficient.

OSLAD Grant Update

Administrator Nielsen, Renee Meinhardt, Park & Rec Coordinator, and Trustee Brandmeyer were invited to Springfield on October 8, 2008 to review the Village’s Proposed OSLAD Grant Plans with the State. New Baden was one of the 71 of 128 applicants invited to speak on their behalf.

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Park & Recreation:
Flag Football

Renee Meinhardt presented the Flag Football program for approval. There were 106 children, grades 2nd through 6th, from both Trenton and New Baden that registered. The program will last until 11/21/08. The only concern of the Board was the lack of mouth-guards worn by the children. Renee agreed to have a letter presented to each team by the next game on 10/22/08. It will be included in future regulations, and it is the responsibility of the parent to provide the mouth-guard. Swank made the motion to approve the Flag Football Program; second by Gloeckner; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none. Renee also reported that the 9U Fall Baseball Program ended on Sunday, October 19. They played a total of 10 games, with a resulting profit of approximately \$650.00

Civic Center:
Basketball Goals

Discussion revolved around the purchase of new basketball goals for the Civic Center. Three companies were contacted to get estimates on the replacement of these items. A bid was received from AALCO Manufacturing of St. Louis; estimates ranged from \$8,906.00 to \$10,964.00 depending on the type installed. It was decided new backboards were needed, but the Board is not wanting to spend that much money. The Board asked Renee Meinhardt, Park & Rec. Coordinator, to do some price checking with other companies and try to come up with a better price, preferable under \$8,000.00 and have these numbers for the next meeting.

Sign Code

The revision of the Village Code regarding sign regulations was tabled until the next meeting.

Library Lease

Trustees Swank and Brandmeyer attended the Library Board meeting prior to the start of this Committee-at-Large meeting. The Library Board was presented the draft of the proposed Library Lease. Trustee Swank reported the Library Board's terms. Swank made the motion to approve the Lease with the Library being responsible to pay \$100.00 a month for maintenance, plus the cost of Utilities and adjusting item #10, making the Village responsible for the maintenance of the building. Brandmeyer seconded the motion; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.

Marketing Plan

Tabled until the next meeting.

Strategic Plan

Tabled until the next meeting.

There being no other business to be discussed, Malina made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandmeyer; the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Brandmeyer, Malina, Swank, Linthicum, Gloeckner; NAYS: none.. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L Crane
Village Clerk

Approved: November 3, 2008

Timothy J. Hoerchler
Village President