

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MARCH 15, 2010

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, March 15, 2010 at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustee Malina called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster, Picard and Mastromatteo.
Board Members Absent: Mayor Brandmeyer. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Treasurer Pollmann; Attorney Gruenke; Code Enforcer Jerry Green; and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

South Railway Water Main Replacement

A motion was made by Trustee Picard and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to authorize Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc., the Village Engineers, to advertise for bids for the South Railway Water Main Replacement. Bids will be due at 2:00 p.m. on April 1, 2010.

Ayes: Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo, Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Civic Center Renovations

Trustee Gloeckner opened discussion on renovations needed to the cafeteria portion of the Civic Center. Renovations would include new windows, doors and a few additional items. \$50,000.00 of TIF funds have been budgeted for this purpose. Due to the large amount of TIF funds that have been allocated to pay for the Pool renovations, figures will need to be reviewed prior to a decision being made. Estimates can be gathered to get an approximation of the cost.

Mayor Brandmeyer arrived at 7:05 p.m. and resumed the meeting.

Scrolling Marquee Sign

Trustee Mastromatteo opened discussion regarding the installation of a scrolling marquee sign for the Village, elevated off the ground and double sided. The sign would be multi-purpose; used for emergencies, special alerts, marketing, and advertising for local organization events. This would be a budget challenge due to it being a General Fund expense; a suggestion was to get local organizations involved with sharing the cost. An option would be solar powered to cut down on electric costs.

Annual Spring Clean-up, May 1, 2010

The Annual Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010. This year it will take place on Village property on the south side of the railroad tracks behind the Village Park. This event is sponsored by the New Baden Chamber of Commerce and the Village of New Baden. The Police Dept. will work the Jerry Green, Chief Building and Zoning Official, to contact home owners in regards to property maintenance.

Proposed Committee Restructure

Discussion on proposed Committee restructure. The existing Finance Committee would split into Finance and Personnel; the Parks & Recreation Committee would be eliminated and would be placed under Community Coordination. Priorities under each committee were addressed for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board was split on how to proceed. This will be placed on the April 5, 2010 agenda for final action.

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Resolution 2010-02:
Community
Development Block
Grant

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to pass Resolution 2010-02: Application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in St. Clair County. This is a matching fund grant totaling \$100,000.00.

Ayes: Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

FY 2010/2011 Budget

Discussion on Fiscal Year 2010/11 Budget. Committee meeting will be held to review the various department budgets. The goal is to prepare two budgets; one with State funding and one without State Funding. Income tax is currently down 34% (4 months behind in receipts) and Sales tax is down 8%.

Ameren IP Gas
Franchise

Discussion regarding the Ameren IP Gas franchise agreement which is set to expire March, 2010. An agreement has not been made between the Village and Ameren regarding the new franchise agreement. One major difference between the new agreement and the existing agreement is that the Village previously received free gas therms; which meant that gas bills were rarely generated unless the Village used more therms then allotted. The new 20 year agreement would have a reimbursement sent to the Village every year, starting at approximately \$9,500 for the first year and decreasing to approximately \$5,000 in the fifth year, to be received until the end of the agreement. Attorney Gruenke will be checking with the City of O'Fallon to see how they are currently operating with Ameren. An option was to look into energy efficiency in Village owned buildings.

Park Bleachers

Discussion on the large wooden and steel bleachers located at the lighted softball diamond. According to Jerry Green, Chief Building and Zoning Official, the bleachers are considered an accessory structure; they are unable to be modified unless brought up to current code standards. Consensus was that they are not worth modifying; tear down and haul them away. All new bleachers will adhere to current code standards.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Picard to approve the removal of the large bleachers located at the lighted softball diamond since they can not be modified.

Ayes: Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo.

Nays: Malina.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Executive Session:
Personnel – Public
Works Commissioner

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Personnel – Public Works Commissioner.

Ayes: Linthicum, Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo, Malina, Gloeckner.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

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There being no further business to be discussed by the Village Board, a motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: April 5, 2010