

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: AUGUST 17, 2009

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, August 17, 2009, at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Picard, and Mastromatteo. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Treasurer Pollmann; Administrator Nielsen; Attorney Gruenke; Code Enforcer Jerry Green; and Police Chief Riley. **Board Members Absent:** Trustees Gloeckner and Oster.

Patti Swank: Rain Barrels & Rain Gardens

Former Trustee Patti Swank presented to the Board information on Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels. Both items were presented as environmentally friendly and a way to possible help solve some drainage issues. Trustee Picard who is on the Community Coordination Committee will do any additional research.

Cell Phones

Mayor Brandmeyer made the request that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

Ordinance 794

Will be discussed towards end of meeting.

Marketing

Mayor Brandmeyer brought to the Boards attention that the contract for the current billboards will be expiring soon. He asked for the Board's opinion on where to go next. If nothing further needs to be done, it will not be put on any additional agendas. Clerk Crane will provide the marketing information for the newer Trustees.

Christopher Lane

Mark Rujawitz of Rhutasel & Associates was present to review his findings on several projects. The Village is responsible for fixing the situation on Christopher Lane and there is a similar problem on Joan Drive at the curve in the roads. Board understands the issues at Hillside Drive, but Christopher Lane is in worse shape. Mr. Rujawitz will have a probable cost at the September 8, 2009 Regular Meeting. State Representative Bost has moved forward in securing funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 for repair to any streets. These funds will be put to use on Christopher and Joan.

Peach & Roland Drainage

Mr. Rujawitz recommended grading the problem area. This is something the Public Works Dept. can manage; no pipe or culverts should be installed. He fills this can be fixed at a later date with future development in that area.

Clinton & Railway Streets

Mr. Rujawitz stated that the survey was just completed on these two streets; he will have plans prepared in a week. Mayor Brandmeyer gave Ron Renth permission to oil and rock these streets due to concerns that asphalt plants might be closed before everything is finalized for asphaltting these streets.

New Baden Elementary School Drainage

Mayor Brandmeyer and Administrator Nielsen will be meeting with a representative from the Wesclin School District on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 to discuss the drainage issues surrounding the New Baden Elementary School.

Steepleview Estates

Work is to start this week on repairing the large openings on the storm sewer drains. Mr. Rujawitz will be checking on the drainage issues in Steepleview Estates caused by the North Ridge Estates subdivision.

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Public Works Projects: Monical's Ditch

Mayor Brandmeyer met with Lee Monical, 514 Kathy Lane; Mayor Brandmeyer would like to get with Mark Rujawitz to narrow down options as a solution to the problem.

Leaf Burning

Discussion on leaf burning in Village. A public hearing will be held on Monday, September, 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the Committee-at-Large meeting) to hear resident's thoughts on the subject of leaf burning, either for or against.

Public Works Projects: Update

A letter will be going out to all residents who responded to the survey as soon as the entire list has been reviewed.

Sidewalks

The Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Village Hall. Discussion centered on sidewalk repairs. Five project areas were submitted. A sixth item was added at this meeting, sidewalk at 8th and Cedar Street for children's safety reaching the New Baden Elementary School. ADA compliant sidewalks need to be determined before going out for bids.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to accept bids for sidewalks on an individual sidewalk basis.

Ayes: Linthicum, Picard, Mastromatteo, Malina.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gloeckner, Oster.

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

500/600 Plum Lane Sump Pump Line

Need the Wesclin School Districts permission before moving forward. It will cost each resident on that section of Plum Lane \$3.00 per/linear foot for the line. Also, sump pump drainage needs to be separated from storm water drainage at each residence.

SLM Water Rates

Summerfield, Lebanon, Mascoutah Water Commission will be raising their water rate from \$1.60 to \$1.90 per 1000 gallons effective on the bill received September 1, 2009. Discussion on increasing water rates or staying at current rates. It will cost the Village \$40,000 to \$60,000 more per year with the new rates. Attorney Gruenke verified Code of Ordinances during meeting which states that rates shall be increased and passed on to the end users as may be warranted by any fee increase assessed to the Village by the SLM Water Commission. Trustees were split on what to do. Attorney Gruenke will have an ordinance prepared for the September 8, 2009 meeting deleting the automatic increase wording for the Trustees to vote on.

Gonzalez Companies LLC – Park Walking Trail

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Picard to approve the Agreement for Professional Services from Gonzalez Companies, LLC in the amount of \$6,550.00 with recommendations made by Carlos Huddleston for repairs to the Park Walking Trail. Mr. Huddleston recommends fixing all drainage issues first and later determine which portions should be asphalted.

Ayes: Picard, Mastromatteo, Malina, Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gloeckner, Oster.

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

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Park on North Franklin

Discussion on placement of a Park on the Village Property located between North Franklin and North Adams. Will forward to Park Board for recommendations.

Westport Pools Proposal

The Recreation Committee had a meeting on Thursday, August 6, at the Park to discuss the Pool and what filtration system to use (Commercial Sand vs. Defender). The committee recommends the Defender system. This is a green technology; there is a higher initial cost involved, but benefits include water and waste, energy and chemicals, construction and power savings.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Picard to hire Westport Pools at their contract price and waive the bidding requirement because of their unique position of being able to perform the project from start to finish.

Ayes: Mastromatteo, Malina, Linthicum, Picard.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gloeckner, Oster.

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

Legion Concession Stand & Bathroom

Discussion on adding a restroom to the proposed concession stand located at Legion Ball diamond. Village will pay for restroom and concession area will be built by Legion Ball team and their donations received. The Village already has a five-year agreement with the Legion Ball Team for the new concession stand to be built.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Mastromatteo to have the Village pay for the restroom; hire Brian Nast to draw up the plans combining the restroom and concession stand; and bring drawings back to the Board for final approval

Ayes: Malina, Picard, Mastromatteo.

Nays: Linthicum.

Absent: Gloeckner, Oster.

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

Park: Plaque/Memorial Policy

The Chamber of Commerce would like to install a plaque in the Park marking the location of the time capsule buried in 2005 in conjunction with New Baden's Sesquicentennial. They are asking the Board for guidelines. A policy standard needs to be established. Discussion on a set size for a plaque or the placement of a bench. Will forward to Park Board for recommendations.

Public Works Director Applications and Interviews

Nineteen applications were received for the Public Works Director position. Mayor Brandmeyer and Administrator Nielsen will review the applications and interview the top qualifiers and will narrow the field to approximately three. The Finance Committee (Trustees Picard, Gloeckner, and Malina) will conduct the next round of interviews. The plan is to have all interviews completed no later than the September 21, 2009 meeting.

Variances

Discussion on the placement of a time limit on variances approved by the Board. Consensus was to make it on a case by case basis and have it included in any agreements.

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Ordinance 794: Amending Ordinance 729

Ordinance 794: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 729 Authorizing the Village of New Baden to Borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program was discussed. Under the Federal Stimulus Program, wage reporting under the Davis Bacon Wage Act requirements, is required on a weekly basis, this ensures compliance with the Prevailing Wage requirements. Attorney Gruenke will have more info and the finalized Ordinance for the September 8 Regular Meeting.

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

Ayes: Malina, Linthicum, Picard, Mastromatteo.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gloeckner, Oster.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: September 8, 2009