

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Picard, Mastromatteo, and Nielsen. **Board Members Absent:** Trustee Oster. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Village Engineer Brian Buchheit of HMG; and Attorney Gruenke.

St. George Parish Picnic Request

Father Gene Neff and Anne Kehrer, Picnic Chairperson, of St. George Parish were in attendance to discuss the annual the Church Picnic. Traditionally, the picnic is only on Saturday night. This year they would like to have a fish fry on Friday night along with a band playing from approximately 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The concern was how late the band would be allowed to play considering the Church's location in the center of the Village. The consensus of the Board was to allow the band to perform until 11:00 p.m. This will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Police Protection at Community Events

Discussion on Police protection at community events. This has become an increasing cost for the Village. A concern is about taxpayers bearing the burden of the cost involved of Police protection at community events. It was also stated that the taxpayers enjoy the events and are not concerned with the added cost of the Police protection. The Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Dept. does allow for time and a half be paid to officers working the June Jamboree and St. George Picnic. The Chamber of Commerce does pay for the part-time police officers at the June Jamboree. Administrator Morani will review the history of the payroll for the Police Dept. at events. It was also stated that in the past, businesses have paid for separate security to be on hand for an event.

Census 2010

It was reported that the April 2010 Census now has New Baden with a population of \$3,349; the 2000 Census population was 3,001. Many sources of revenues received from the State and Federal government are dependent upon Census numbers.

Cemetery Ground Maintenance Bids

The Village received three bids for cemetery grounds maintenance for the upcoming seasons: Precision Lawn Care (New Memphis), Lawnworks (Trenton), and Greenmaster Lawn Service (Trenton). Since all three bids were similar, it is the staff's preference to maintain our relationship with Precision Lawn Care of New Memphis; \$120.00 per lawn cut at Greenmount Cemetery; \$45.00 for trimming of bushes in center circle; and \$60.00 per lawn cut at the City Cemetery. The consensus of the Board was to remain with Precision Lawn Care; the contract will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Pressure Washing of Water Storage Facilities

Administrator Morani has solicited bids from five area contractors who specialize in pressure washing of water storage facilities. Results will be presented at the next regular meeting for the Board's consideration. This expense was budgeted for this fiscal year.

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Emergency Services Building Generator

Public Works Commissioner Renth has informed the Administrator Morani that the Fire Protection District has a portable 10KW generator that, with some modifications, can be used for the Emergency Services building. Mr. Renth solicited a cost estimate from Pfeffer Electrical Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$650 to provide a 50 AMP cord plug, cord receptacle, and 30 foot power cord with connections from the generator to the existing transfer switch at the EMS building. This option provides a short-term solution for the restoration of power at the Emergency Services building in the event of a power outage. It would be in the best interest of the Village to explore a long-term solution for this issue in the near future. This will be presented for consideration at the regular meeting.

Budget

Administrator Morani went over the current budget; due to staff staying under budgets in their respective budgets, the Village is placed in a stronger position financially going into the next fiscal year. To date, the General, Emergency Medical Services, and MFT funds are on pace to exceed revenue projections. For the fiscal year 2011/12 budget, Mr. Morani plans to start with department heads for budget priorities; then follow up with a Finance Committee meeting prior to discussion at a Committee-at-Large meeting before approval at a regular meeting.

WWTF Financing

Administrator Morani met with Todd Juehne of First County Bank to discuss options for financing the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The next pay request submitted to the Village will exceed the cumulative amount we can draw down from IEPA. It is estimated the Village will need a maximum of \$688,000 to complete the project. Mr. Juehne has provided the Village with an interest rate of 3.75% for this loan. Mr. Morani's recommendation is for the Village to secure a loan not-to-exceed \$500,000. The remaining costs for the project can be expended from the existing sewer fund reserves. The Board was presented three (3) options from FCB: borrowing \$500,000, \$450,000 or \$400,000. The consensus of the Board was to go with the \$450,000 option (7 year term, 10 year amortization, rate of 3.75% with a monthly payment of \$4,505). Attorney Gruenke will assist in the preparation and review of the loan agreement so it can be considered at the March 7 meeting.

Water/Sewer Connections to Unincorporated Customers

Administrator Morani is proposing a change to the Village code pertaining to water and sewer connections to unincorporated customers. The new policy would read "No person shall receive water or sewer service from the Village without annexation into the corporate limits of the Village, unless the Village has an agreement with the person for annexation." This would establish a uniform policy that would apply to anyone who seeks connection to the Village's utility services. Prior to receiving the service, a property owner in an unincorporated area is required to sign an annexation agreement for the property to be annexed into the corporate limits when it becomes contiguous with the Village. If the unincorporated property is already contiguous, the property owner is required to voluntarily annex into the Village in order to receive service. After brief discussion, Board members were in agreement on this change; an ordinance will be prepared to consider at the March 7 meeting.

Pool Project Additions

Additional concrete is needed near the bathhouse, this was not included in the original scope of work; the cost will be approximately \$22,800 for two (2) slabs that will need to be replaced. Also life guard chairs will need to be ordered; Westport quoted \$3,150 for two (2) 40" chairs and one (1) 64" chair. This price is cheaper than ordering from the manufacturer. Westport Pools will submit a change order for the March 7 meeting. With the excavation taking place, some existing concrete has been undermined; could cost approximately \$3,000 to replace. Administrator Morani was directed to contact Westport Pools regarding them repairing the damaged sections.

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OSLAD Grant
Funding

Discussion on funding for the OSLAD Grant. The pool is currently at approximately \$825,000 in costs. Talk of doing away with the Gazebo, but it was included in the original scope of the grant. It could be detrimental to not have it built. When grant funds are received from the State at the completion of the project, the Capital Improvement fund will be reimbursed first, followed by the TIF fund.

Park Board
Recommendations

Discussion of Park Board recommendations from their meeting held on February 15, 2011. Rates for the Pool were discussed; consensus was to stay with the Park Board's recommendations. New Park Board members will be appointed at the March 7 meeting. Park/Field Maintenance was tabled.

MEPRD Bikeway

Administrator Morani has responded to a questionnaire from the Metro East Parks and Recreation District (MEPRD) for inclusion into their long-range bikeway plan. The park board has recommended a bike trail along Highway 161 from New Baden to Scott Air Force base using the existing right-of-way. Currently their long-range plans terminate at the Metro Link station at Air Mobility Drive. By having this bike trail included in MEPRD's long-range plans, they could coordinate with IDOT for future planning purposes.

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, Nielsen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: March 7, 2011