

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MARCH 21, 2011

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, March 21, 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, Oster (by telephone), Picard, Mastromatteo, and Nielsen. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Renee Meinhardt, Park & Rec Coordinator; and Attorney Gruenke.

American Legion Veterans Day Parade

Gordon Cachola, Post Commander of American Legion Poelker Post 321, was present to discuss the Veterans Day parade to be held in New Baden on November 11, 2011. This parade circulates around Clinton County every year. Mr. Cachola inquired on the procedures for obtaining a parade permit. A letter, stating the route, date and time, was requested to be submitted to Village Hall. A resolution is passed which is then forwarded to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to receive their permission in closing down a portion of State Route 161 (Hanover Street).

Larry Webb: Abundance of Storage

Larry Webb, owner of Abundance of Storage at 709 West Hanover Street, was present to discuss his submitted TIF application. Mr. Webb was informed by Administrator Morani, on behalf of Mayor Brandmeyer and Trustee Malina (chairperson of the Finance Committee), that it is not the policy of the Village to fund parking lot projects with TIF funds. Mr. Webb explained that the damage done to his asphalt driveway is partly due to patrons of McDonald's turning around in his lot after missing the McDonald's entrance. He provided a quote of \$18,000.00 to replace the existing asphalt. Trustee Malina stated that he is not in favor of doing anything until something is done to prevent the turn arounds. Discussion on placing signage on One Stop Drive to make patrons aware of the entrance; Administrator Morani will research this further.

Jim Spiller: Bi-State Seal Coatings

Jim Spiller of Bi-State Seal Coatings was present to discuss the sealing of cracks in concrete streets. The Village contacted him after a referral by a reputable area contractor. He uses a product known as Trumbull 3405 to seal cracks in concrete due to water damage and normal wear and tear. He inspected the streets in the Clinton Hill Subdivision; noting approximately 5,800 feet of cracks that need to be repaired. Major areas needing to be addressed are on Hillside Drive. He also noted that there are several spots where the concrete needs to be replaced. He was asked to compile his figures for the repairs and to have figures from the company he deals with in regards to the concrete sections that need replaced; to be presented to the Board for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Police Protection at Community Events

Discussion on the cost of having Police Officers on duty during Community events. The New Baden Chamber of Commerce provided figures for their costs to have additional officers on duty during the June Jamboree over the last several years; these officers are approved as Special Officers by the Village Board. A concern is that if these officers are working on behalf of the Village, payment for this event should be handled by the Village, with reimbursement coming from the Chamber. In regards to the St. George Parish Picnic, the Village pays for the officers on duty, no reimbursement from the Church. It was discussed to establish parameters for future community events in regards to Police protection. Chief Riley will research how neighboring communities handle this situation at their community events.

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- Open Burning An amendment to the Open Burning ordinance was presented; it adds that wood fires shall not be left unattended and that debris may be burned at the discretion of the Village Administrator or the Public Works Commissioner. These changes address specific circumstances that have arisen with regards to open burning by residents. It was discussed to add that the fire must be fully extinguished before leaving the area. Attorney Gruenke will further research to find better language in regards to “tree by-products.”
- Budget Administrator Morani provided an updated budget summary for FY 2010/11. He reminded Board members to return the FY2012 budget survey no later than the April 4 regular meeting so the input can be incorporated in the upcoming budget.
- Banners on Utility Poles Michael Brave of Clinton Manor Living Center has approached the Village in regards to placing banners on utility poles. Clinton Manor has won an award and they would like to make it known. The banners would be placed on the utility poles near Third Street. The current sign code does not allow for this type of banners; it would require Board approval. Discussion on setting up a program to keep banners consistent and to allow other businesses to participate. Present was Larry Wankel, President of the Chamber of Commerce; he stated that he could see Chamber members being in favor of this type of program.
- TIF Legislation Update Administrator Morani informed the Board that there are several pieces of legislation pending in the state legislature that are detrimental to communities with TIF districts. Changes to the TIF Act that would significantly curtail the ability of to implement community revitalization and economic development and is specifically opposed to changes that would: allow taxing districts to opt out of TIF; add red tape to the TIF approval process by requiring approval of any State agency and thereby remove local control of this economic development tool; mandate compliance with the Prevailing Wage Act for private investment leveraged with TIF incentives; make significant changes to the definition of “blighted area” or “conservation area”; or restrict the total amount of equalized assessed valuation (EAV) that could be included in the combined TIF district to any amount that is less than 30% of the total EAV of the municipality. A resolution opposing these changes will be considered at the next regular meeting.
- OSLAD Project Update The Village has received the IDPH permit for the pool renovations; the splash pad was not included. Due to changes within the State, it has to be considered as two separate permits. Two issues have come up that will result in additional project costs. The first is additional concrete work that will be necessary for adequate seating in the concession stand area. Per Jim Bastian at Westport Pools, there will be no issues in moving the splash pad to the east to accommodate this concrete. Cost estimates will be received before proceeding. The second issue regards plumbing issues Korte-Luitjohan recommends changing in the in the bathhouse. Expected to cost approximately \$6,800.00. It was questioned why this was not in the original specs; this is exposed plumbing. Administrator Morani was instructed to verify who is responsible for this added cost.

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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 Nielsen to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: April 4, 2011