

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MAY 17, 2010

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, May 17, 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, and Mastromatteo. **Board Members Absent:** Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustee Picard. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Treasurer Pollmann; Village Administrator Morani; Attorney Gruenke; Code Enforcer Jerry Green; Chief Riley; and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

Park Board Recommendation: Park Entrance

New Baden resident Taylor Zurliene, who has recently graduated with a Master Gardner from the University of Illinois Extension program, would like to volunteer his services to landscape the Park Entrance at East Hanover Street. He is required to donate 60 hours of service his first year and 30 hours every year after to maintain his status. He would like to install weed barrier, rock, mulch, shrubs and new plants. Of the existing plants, only irises can possibly be reused; will look into donations of plants and materials. He is currently unsure of the costs involved. The plan is also to include education plant markers. He would like to have the area cleaned up by the June Jamboree. He will need some help from the Public Works Dept. in removal of some items.

Trustee Picard arrived at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to approve Taylor Zurliene to start cleaning up the Park Entrance (pulling weeds, cutting out bushes/shrubs). A budget will be submitted for approval at the June 7, 2010 meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Third Party Electric Suppliers

Fred Schreiber, Energy Plus Associates, Inc., was in attendance to discuss third-party electric suppliers to help cut Village electric costs. He is a consultant the Village can use to solicit bids from electric suppliers to find the best rate for the Village. All suppliers solicited will be certified by AmerenIP and Illinois Commerce Commission. His initial review shows that approximately \$14,000.00 can be saved over a 3 year time frame (does not include Village street lights). He will contact initially 8-12 suppliers and expects 4-5 to respond to the request for proposal. Administrator Morani will be working with Mr. Schreiber and will have an agreement prepared for the June meeting.

Drainage Issues: 514 Kathy Lane

Discussion regarding drainage issues at 514 Kathy Lane. Brian Buchheit of HMG was in attendance for discussion. Last discussion was the installation of a box with a small pipe under the ditch for normal flow and higher flow being conveyed through the ditch, as long as hydraulics allowed for this; this is an expensive option. Best options are those that have been previously presented back in 2008. One idea is to possibly enlarge the existing concrete swale. Expense is a factor in the decision; as well as homeowners opposition to suggestions. There is not a lot of grade to work with; hydraulics will always be a major concern. Administrator Morani will coordinate with Mr. Buchheit to and review the previous recommendations.

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South Railway Water Line Update

KRB Excavating, contractor for job, has finalized the required bonds needed for work to proceed. A pre-construction meeting was held earlier in the day. The Mayor needs to sign the "Notice to Proceed" for work to begin.

Waste Water Treatment Facility: Update & Change Order #2

Brian Buchheit of HMG gave an update on a recent issue at the WWTF in regards to the concrete walls in the reactor. Haier Plumbing has submitted a plan to fix the problem; they will have a high strength epoxy mortar applied. This will make the concrete water tight, as long as applied correctly. The structural integrity of the concrete is fine. Other than that, all other construction is going fine.

A motion was made by Trustee Gloeckner and seconded by Trustee Picard to approve Change Order #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility. This Change Order amends the agreement to include David-Bacon Requirements and the Non-Discrimination Clause, per Illinois EPA. This is strictly an ARRA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) requirement; this is only a change in language, it does not change pricing.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

MDA Fill the Boot

Tabled, no one in attendance to provide information. The New Baden Fire Protection District is to hold the event on July 2 & 3, 2010 and the intersection of State Route 160 & State Route 161.

Ambulance Fees

Last fiscal year, the Ambulance had deficit spending. Keith Grogan, EMS Director, is checking with other ambulance providers in regards to their fee structure. The Ambulance already works on a pretty small budget, there is really no place to cut costs, look at increasing revenue is the only option. Administrator Morani will wait for recommendations from Mr. Grogan and will present to the Board at a later date.

Fiscal Year 2010/11 Budget

A major area of concern is the General Fund (which is the fund that budgets for Police, Street and Administration), it is in serious condition; due mainly to declining revenue from Income Tax monies received from the State. Administrator Morani will continue to meet with department heads and work on the budget. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for more budget review prior to presentation to the full Board.

Pool Personnel Salaries

Traditionally, all returning lifeguards received a \$0.25 raise. Due to the Illinois minimum wage act, minimum wage will be increasing again on July 1, 2010 to \$8.25/hour. Last year, \$11,000 was transferred to the Pool Fund to pay expenses. Discussion: freeze the starting wage or allow returning guards the increase. Minimum wage will still go into effect on 07/01/10. Recertification of the guards will still be paid for as in years past. Park Board recommendation: do not give the traditional \$0.25 for returning guards.

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- Pool Salaries, Cont. A motion was made by Trustee Picard and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to not give the traditional \$0.25 raise to returning guards. Pool fund will be re-evaluated at the end of year; something additional may be given to guards at that time.
- Ayes:** Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo, Gloeckner, Linthicum.
Nays: Malina.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.
- Zoning Code Amendment Administrator Morani has been reviewing the Village's existing Zoning Code in regards to development at the I-64 interchange. He has spoken to Jerry Green, Chief Building & Zoning Official, regarding amendments. Changes would include modifying the CB-2 (Community Business) and looking into Mixed Use, PUD's (Planned Unit Development) and HB (Highway Business). Administrator Morani will continue to work on and present more details at a later date.
- OSLAD Grant Update Pool Everything is on course in regards to the OSLAD Grant; recommendations are being put in place. Grates for the swimming pool have been ordered; expected to be installed very soon; pool cannot be filled until grates are in place. All components are being included in the plan. Discussion regarding setting a deadline with Westport Pools in regards to the plans so that the Village can review prior to submitting to the State. Administrator Morani will contact Westport Pools and set up a meeting.
- Pool Rates Discussion regarding increasing pool rates: daily admission, passes, pool parties. Consensus was to leave rates the same for this year; look at much earlier prior to the pool opening next year.
- Walking Trail Update Trustee Malina, Public Works Commissioner Renth and Kevin Brinkman of KRB Excavating (contractor to do work) met several times to review the walking trail plans. The modifications include parts of the original plan with some changes; drainage issues are still a major factor. In order for KRB Excavating to continue work, the Board must waive the bidding requirements since the new plan does not match the original scope of work.
- A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to waive the bidding requirement for the Park Walking Trail and allow KRB Excavating to continue with job with the approved modifications.
- Ayes:** Mastromatteo, Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster.
Nays: Picard.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.
- Executive Session A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Gloeckner to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Personnel.
- Ayes:** Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo, Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:31 p.m.

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Present: Trustees Malina, Gloeckner, Linthicum, Oster, Picard and Mastromatteo.

Board Members Absent: Mayor Brandmeyer. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Treasurer Pollmann; Village Administrator Morani; and Attorney Gruenke.

Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

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

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 at 8:59 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: June 7, 2010