

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, September 20, 2010 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, Oster, and Nielsen. **Staff Members Present:** Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Village Attorney Gruenke; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building and Zoning Officer Green; Chris Smith, Rhutasel & Associates, Engineer.

Appoint Secretary

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to appoint Tom Pollmann as secretary for the meeting to take minutes in the absence of Village Clerk Teri Crane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Announcements

Village Administrator Morani made announced that a volunteer, Kathy Wakefield, has been working at Village Hall to assist the Clerk's office with day-to-day functions.

Village Administrator Morani announced that sales tax revenues for the previous two months have increased at 42% (August) and 34% (September) from the respective months in 2009.

Village Administrator Morani announced the Village's new VoIP phone system is operational at Village Hall, EMS building, and Civic Center. He stated the new system provides the Village with more functionality at a reduced cost.

Chief Building and Zoning Officer Green announced that the regulations regarding temporary signs in the Village limits, which include political signs, are 18 square feet. He has already asked several residents to remove signs that were not compliant with the code.

Street Repairs

The Board discussed street repairs to Joan, Christopher, and Harvey for an estimated cost of \$65,500. Village Administrator Morani said the Village budgeted for these types of street repairs and that it would be at the discretion of the Board to move forward or to wait until the Village receives the funds from the State Capital Bill.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Malina to proceed with the improvements.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Street Creep

Discussion concerning the installation of the Street Creep product in the driveway of residents. Trustee Malina and Trustee Oster suggested the Village consider helping homeowners with the installation costs associated with this work. Several village officials expressed concern over potential liability and additional responsibilities for village employees. Discussion concluded with no action taken.

Sidewalk in front of Village Cemetery

Discussion concerning the conditions of the sidewalks in front of the Village Cemetery. Trustee Malina stated that he would like to see sections of this sidewalk replaced due to its condition. Village Administrator Morani said he would ask Public Works Commissioner Renth to research costs related to this project.

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- Senior Living Project Village Administrator Morani said he and Keith Moran met with the developer last week to discuss the project. He also spoke with Terry Bruckert of Belsheim and Bruckert about the Village approving a funding agreement with the developer as well as an inducement resolution. Village Attorney Gruenke explained that the funding agreement would require the developer to cover the Village's "soft costs", such as consultants. The inducement resolution, which is beneficial to the developer, would start the clock on the soft costs so these expenses would be TIF eligible.
- Morani said he plans to meet with Terry Bruckert and Keith Moran at the upcoming TIF conference to discuss the project further and would report back with more details.
- Aviston Lumber TIF Agreement Village Administrator Morani said that a draft agreement has been sent to Aviston Lumber and he expects it to be ready for consideration at the next board meeting.
- Economic Development Marketing Materials Village Administrator Morani presented the Board with proofs of economic development marketing materials and website. He asked the Board for authorization to move forward with the development of these marketing materials for an upcoming trade show. The Board directed Morani to proceed with the project.
- Redevelopment Area Strategic Plan Village Administrator presented the Board with a draft of procedural tasks for the implementation of the Redevelopment Area Strategic Plan. He asked the Board if it was acceptable. After brief discussion, the Board directed Morani to move forward with the plan.
- Banners Advertising Alcoholic Beverages Discussion concerning the prohibition of banners advertising alcoholic beverages on Village property, such as the park. Village Attorney Gruenke stated that the Village could simply pass a resolution for this regulation. Trustee Mastromatteo expressed concern about non-profit organizations, such as St. George's Catholic Church, that advertise events with the assistance of local beer distributors. It was the consensus of the Board for Frank to contact the church to see if it would have a detrimental impact on their events and he would report back with his findings. In the meantime, Village Administrator Morani stated he would work with Village Attorney Gruenke to draft the ordinance for consideration at the next board meeting.
- OSLAD Project Mayor Brandmeyer announced there is a meeting scheduled with IDPH in Springfield on Wednesday regarding the pool renovations, at which time the Village intends to address outstanding issue related to the project.
- Tourism Bureau of Southwestern Illinois Discussion on membership with The Tourism Bureau of Southwestern Illinois. Mayor Brandmeyer said that two trustees had separately approached him about re-joining. Village Administrator Morani stated he had met with a representative of The Tourism Bureau and provided the Board with membership rates and services.
- A motion was made by Trustee Mastromatteo and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve the Village for an \$800 (Silver) membership.
- Ayes:** Malina, Linthicum, Picard, Mastromatteo, Nielsen, Oster.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

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Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Mastromatteo and seconded by Trustee Oster to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session to discuss probable litigation.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

The Village Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Park Board

There was brief discussion about Trustee Bob Nielsen, who had been appointed to the Park Board prior to his appointment as trustee, continuing to serve on the Park Board to facilitate communication between the two boards. It was the consensus of the trustees for Trustee Nielsen to remain on the Park Board, serving as the liaison to the Board of Trustees.

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 8:20 p.m.

Tom Pollmann, Village Treasurer

Approved: October 18, 2010