

## COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: NOVEMBER 15, 2010

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, November 15, 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, Oster, Picard, Mastromatteo, and Nielsen. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; and Attorney Duane Clarke of Belsheim & Bruckert. **Absent:** Treasurer Pollmann.

### Calvin Beckmann: Plaque Presentation

Mayor Brandmeyer presented a plaque to Calvin Beckmann, a member of the Park Board, for his work with the OSLAD Grant and with the installation of the new playground equipment.

### Resolution 2010-14: EECBG Grant

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to pass Resolution 2010-14: Authorizing the Execution of the Cost Reimbursement Sub-subcontract between the Southwest Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission and the Village of New Baden. This is for support with the program entitled Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). This Grant will provide funds for the installation of energy efficient lighting at Village property. The Village will receive approximately \$5,055.00 for this project. This upgrade will cost the Village approximately \$7,892.00 and will be paid back within two years from the savings with the new lights. Most costs assumed by the Village will be TIF eligible.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

### Resolution 2010-15: Public Sector Electric Efficiency Program Grant

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to pass Resolution 2010-15: Authorizing the Execution of the Public Sector Electric Efficiency Program Grant Notice to Proceed. This grant from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is for the installation of energy efficient lighting at Village property. The Village will receive approximately \$5,422.80 for this project. This upgrade will cost the Village approximately \$7,892.00 and will be paid back within two years from the savings with the new lights. Most costs assumed by the Village will be TIF eligible.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

### Traffic Sign Upgrade Program

This program, which is administered by IDOT via the county highway departments, is for upgrading traffic signs (stop, speed limit, etc.) with more reflective letters/symbols. The total estimated cost for the Village is \$10,580. Administrator Morani has submitted the initial application to the Clinton County Highway Department to start the process. The understanding is that the program covers 100% of equipment costs (signs, poles, hardware).

### Tax Levy FY 10/11

The plan for the FY 10/11 Tax Levy is to keep figures relatively the same, with increases going to the Park Fund. The Village has not yet received the Library's Tax Levy. Once received, a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

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Water & Sewer Rates Tabled.

Budget Update. Administrator Morani presented a six-month update to the Board. Village staff has been successful in keeping expenses below budget in most departments. The increase in the General Fund is reflective of the recent disbursements of property taxes and increased sales tax revenue.

Redevelopment Area Strategic Plan (RASP) Administrator Morani has discussed the RASP with economic development professionals and consultants over the last several weeks. Based on these discussion and subsequent feedback, he recommends the Village incorporate a market analysis into the RASP. This will provide a clearer picture as to what types of business are a realistic fit for the community. If the Board desires to proceed in this direction, he will prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for these services.

Library Renovations A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Mastromatteo to authorize payment of \$3,300.00 towards the interior painting at the New Baden Public Library. The remainder of the costs will be covered by the Library.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Mastromatteo to authorize up to \$5,460.00 towards a new heating and air conditioning unit at the New Baden Public Library. There was a question of cost difference between setting unit on the roof or on the ground. Administrator Morani will check into it.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources PARC Grant Village staff has researched this grant program, which is funded through bonds authorized by the 2009 Capital Bill. Based on feedback from IDNR, it is in the best interest for the Village to submit a project that that involves renovation and/or construction of a recreational facility. This is a 75/25 grant. Suggestions for the grant include: Dog Park; Civic Center renovations (windows, floors, ceiling; must be recreational, no work to be done to the kitchen); Locker rooms turned into fitness/work-out room; air conditioning in the gym; and electrical upgrades to the building. The deadline for this is November 29. An additional item of concern is asbestos removal throughout the building. Most items would be TIF eligible.

OSLAD Grant Project Update Mayor Brandmeyer provided an update on the OSLAD Grant: playground equipment is installed, the skateboard park is started, gazebo is being addressed by the Park Board, and the fitness equipment has been delivered. In regards to the Pool project, Mayor Brandmeyer has found out that the pool project has put to the side by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) in an effort to process applications from the City Chicago Public Schools. Since discovering this, Mayor Brandmeyer met with Senator Luechtefeld, who made calls to IDPH. Mayor Brandmeyer has also contacted Senator McCarter, Representative Stephens and Representative Bost.

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### Honoring Marvin Spaeth

Trustee Oster reported that an honorary street name can be done. Information received from Clinton County 911 Coordinator: it will be very difficult and time-consuming to initiate a permanent street name change. Father Neff of St. George Catholic Church is working on a re-dedication of the City Cemetery and the St. George Cemetery located in the Village.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Village Board, a motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Picard 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 8:54 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: December 6, 2010