

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: DECEMBER 20, 2010

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, December 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, Oster, Mastromatteo, and Nielsen. **Board Members Absent:** Trustee Picard. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Brian Buchheit of HMG; and Attorney Gruenke.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Engineering Agreement Amendment

Brian Buchheit of Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc. (Village Engineers) was present to discuss an amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Facility engineering agreement. The additional services include a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,400.00. These expenses should be covered by the contingences in the IEPA loan. The Village also has the \$30,000.00 deduct as part of the settlement agreement with Haier Heating & Plumbing. These additional fees are the result of the faulty reactor wall construction which caused additional analysis and review of the corrective work. Due to unexpected delays by the Contractor caused by the faulty reactor wall construction, the project will not be completed within the originally intended contract time; this will require additional Resident Project Representation Services through the duration of the project.

Security Monitoring System: Police Dept.

Police Chief Riley discussed the need for an updated security system for the Police Dept. The existing system is out of date and has no audio capabilities. St. Clair and Clinton County States Attorneys have requested that interviews be conducted with both video and audio. The proposed new system has 8 channels. Chief Riley would like to set up 5 cameras; this would allow a camera to face Hanover Street and the First County Bank parking lot. The Village has budgeted for this expense. Discussion regarding installing additional cameras in the Ambulance Bay, Fire House and the rear of the Emergency Services Building and possibly the Park. The proposed systems are not wireless; research will be done for the next meeting to price additional cameras and to verify participation with the Fire Protection District.

Water & Sewer Rate Increases

Brian Buchheit of HMG presented an evaluation of the Village's water and sewer rates. The last rate increase was in October 2006. In September 2009, when SLM Water was raised their rates from \$1.60 to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons, Ordinance 798 was passed which allowed the Village to not pass on that rate increase to the residents. A rate increase will be needed to help pay for the new wastewater treatment facility. He had prepared two proposals: one allows for budgeting funds for capital improvements, the other does not budget for capital improvements. Mr. Buchheit, Ron Renth and Administrator Morani will work together in projecting capital improvements over the next few years. This will be addressed at the January 18, 2011 meeting.

Zoning Code Amendments

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code for the Zoning Hearing Officer and related procedures was presented to the Board for review. Amendments include: establishing a Zoning Hearing Officer (ZHO) which will replace the Zoning Board of Appeals; powers and duties of the ZHO, which includes rulings on variances, appeals, etc.; procedures for applications, notifications, and hearings on matters handled by ZHO; Board of Trustee power of administrative review on rulings by ZHO; powers and duties of Plan Commission (Special Use, Amendments) and related procedures; and application fee of \$150, plus publication costs for variance. In addition, the contract with Jerry Green, Chief Building & Zoning Officer, will also need to be amended to outline additional duties related to the new zoning procedures; included is a \$50.00

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service fee for drafting a written report that will be submitted to the ZHO for each individual application for variance or appeal.

Public Relations

Trustee Linthicum inquired on what can be done to promote New Baden at Scott Air Force Base. Administrator Morani provided information on a restaurant promotion he has been discussing with the New Baden Chamber of Commerce; it would possibly offer a discount or a coupon. Establishing a "Military Day" was also suggested.

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, Mastromatteo, Nielsen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: January 3, 2011