

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MARCH 19, 2012

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, March 19, 2012, 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, and Nielsen. **Board Members Absent:** Trustee Gunn (attending the Library Board Meeting). **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building and Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; and Attorneys Gruenke of Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC.

It was announced that the Village of New Baden received the \$400,000.00 reimbursement from the State of Illinois for the OSLAD Grant.

ITEP Grant Application

Administrator Morani reported that he is working on a grant application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). This grant would be for sidewalks on Illinois Street. A public hearing will be scheduled for the purpose of discussing the project with the public to get valuable feedback from local residents. This project was a suggestion in conjunction with a Design Charette that took place in March, 2010. A resolution will be prepared for the next regular meeting.

Capital Improvement Plan

Board members reviewed a multi-year Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Administrator Morani; this is a work in progress in regards to budgeting in the next several fiscal years. The Village will be moving forward with improvement to drainage at First Street and Poplar Street, which will alleviate drainage issues on Poos Drive. Approval to go out for bids for this project will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Public Works: Trash Pump

The purchase of a 6" Trash pump is a budgeted item for this fiscal year. Public Works Commissioner Renth is currently soliciting for bids. If the quotes received by the Village are at or below the budgeted amount, unless directed otherwise by the Board, Administrator Morani will authorize the purchase since it is probable the Public Works Department will need to use this equipment in the very near future. The cost is estimated at \$40,000. In years past, the Village has either rented the equipment or borrowed it.

Liquor License: Age Limits

Discussion regarding the age limit requirements for sales clerks at retail businesses with liquor licenses. Currently the Village's Liquor Code states that one must be 21 years of age to sell, draw, pour or mix any alcoholic liquor in any licensed retail premises. Police Chief Riley reported that many of the surrounding communities have an age limit of 18 years of age to sell liquor (for both on-premise and off-premise consumption). Board members were in favor of changing the requirement from 21 years of age to 18 years of age; an ordinance will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Meinhardt TIF Request: 203 East Hanover Street

The Finance Committee met on March 5, 2012 to discuss the TIF application received from Scott and Renee Meinhardt for 203 East Hanover Street (the US Post Office Building). Trustee Malina (Finance Committee Chairperson) stated that the recommendation to the Board is 75% of eligible TIF expenses, up to \$5,000. The TIF Agreement will be considered at the next regular meeting.

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Municipal Telecommunications Tax

At the request of Mayor Brandmeyer, Administrator Morani has recently researched a municipal telecommunications tax. A municipality is authorized to impose municipal telecommunications tax rates not-to-exceed %6. Trenton (3%), Lebanon (5%), and Mascoutah (6%) currently impose such tax; Trenton collects approximately \$50,000 per year in revenues. If the Village were to impose a municipal telecommunications tax, it would be a revenue source for the General Fund, unless the Village Board was to earmark it for a difference fund (i.e. Park, Civic Center, Capital Improvement). At the direction of the Board, Administrator Morani will research the potential revenue from each increment (1%, 2%, 3%, etc.). Several Board members were in favor of this tax as long as it would be earmarked for a specific fund. Mr. Morani will present his findings at the next committee-at-large meeting. In order to collect telecommunications tax revenues, an ordinance would need to be passed; which would not go into effect until January 1, 2013. Action must be taken by September 20, 2012, to have this go into effect.

Public Works Employee

Tabled until later in the meeting.

Subdivision Code Revisions

A redlined version of the Subdivision Code was available for review. The proposed revisions are the result of several meetings between members of the Community and Economic Development Committee, Village staff, and consultants. Administrator Morani is looking for feedback on the recommended changes as a few more minor changes will be made to the code between now and the April 16 committee-at-large meeting. The final revised code is expected to be considered at the May 7 regular meeting.

Village Property on East Illinois Street

Discussion on the disposition of Village Property located on East Illinois Street. Board members reviewed a preliminary plat of the subject property. The property will need an appraisal prior to sale; there is potential commercial interest.

Recreational Facility Improvements: Bath House Floors and Civic Center Locker Rooms

Board members reviewed a proposal from Bazan Painting Company, St. Louis, for work on the bath house floors and Civic Center locker rooms; \$13,173.00. If selected, work on this project could start before the end of the month. Consensus of the Board was to move forward with the project, stressing the importance of covering the gym floors when work is done at the Civic Center.

Park Improvements: Pavilions #3 & #4 and Walking Trail

These projects were included in the current budget. Administrator Morani recommends that the Village Board authorize these projects at this time so they can be completed by the end of the fiscal year. The pavilions require repair to the concrete floors. The walking trail needs repairs due to drainage issues; this will preferably take place in June or July when the ground is dryer. Additional discussion in regards to birds and squirrels nesting in the pavilions. Code Enforcer Green recommends the use of hardware clothe over the use of OSB board to cover the rafters in the pavilions.

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Malina to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Public Works Collective Bargaining.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Gunn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:37 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Picard, and Nielsen.

Absent: Trustee Gunn. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Attorneys Gruenke and Palen; and Village Treasurer Pollmann.

Full-time Public Works Employee

The majority of the Board was in favor of advertising for a fifth full-time Public Works employee; employee to begin working in May. One of this employee's primary responsibilities will be park maintenance.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Gunn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: April 2, 2012