

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2012

The Special Meeting was held Monday, April 16, 2012, at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee-at-large meetings were established to be for discussion only, with no action to be taken. Due to time sensitive items needing action, a Special Meeting was called in lieu of the committee-at-large meeting.

Present: Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Nielsen, and Gunn.
Board Members Absent: Trustee Picard. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; and Attorney Gruenke.

Notices of the Special Meeting were hand delivered by the Police Dept. to Village Board members on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, 2012. A notice was posted on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the front door to Village Hall and local newspaper contacts were emailed the agenda.

Egyptian Outdoor Spraying

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Malina to authorize Egyptian Outdoor Spraying to provide mosquito spraying services from April 1 to October 1, 2012; \$4,200.00. Board members voiced concerns in regards to this being either a waste of money or a benefit to the community.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Nielsen, Gunn.

Nays: Linthicum.

Absent: Picard.

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

Resolution 2012-04-16-A: Support of Expanding the Kaskaskia College Trenton Regional Education Center

An overview of the proposed expansion of the Trenton Regional Education Center was presented to the Board. This expansion will allow more students to attend and also offer the option of obtaining a two-year degree at this location. Board members inquired if similar resolution could be prepared to support the Warren G. Murray Center and the Animal Disease Lab, both in Centralia, that are possibly going to be shut down by the State of Illinois due to funding issues. These topics will be considered at future meetings.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve Resolution 2012-04-16-A: Support of Expanding the Kaskaskia College Trenton Regional Education Center. This Resolution gives support and pledges to donate \$5,000 in five (5) annual installments of \$1,000 per year, beginning on May 15, 2012, to Kaskaskia College to be used solely for the expansion of the KC Trenton Regional Education Center.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

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

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Ordinance 2012-04-16-A: Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve Ordinance 2012-04-16-A: Approving the Village of New Baden Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance and Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers. This ordinance also provides for Village Administrator Morani to be authorized to execute and deliver a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder. Information regarding this Ordinance was provided at the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

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

Ordinance 2012-04-16-B: Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve Ordinance 2012-04-16-B: Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the New Baden Public Works Department. This will be effective May 1, 2012, to April 30, 2015.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

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

Subdivision Code Revisions

The final version of the revision to the Subdivision Code was distributed to Board members for review. An ordinance adopting the new subdivision code will be considered at the May 7 regular meeting. Administrator Morani handed out a final piece of the update, Municipal Standard Details that will also need to be reviewed prior to approval.

210 West Birch Street Demolition

Attorney Gruenke reported that a demolition complaint has been filed with the courts. Due to an issue with the bank that has the loan for the current property owners, new papers need to be served to the appropriate out of state bank. It will be at least 60-90 days before the property can be demolished. It was discussed to have any open windows boarded up. Administrator Morani stated the the Public Works Dept. can have that taken care of.

American Legion Generator

Trustee Linthicum reported that the American Legion Post 321 maintains a generator at its premises. The Legion is used as the main storm center for the Village. They have reported that whenever the tornado sirens are activated, many residents seek shelter. This generator is only used when there are power outages to keep the building operable for those it is sheltering. Every year it requires maintenance. Trustee Linthicum asked the Board to consider paying the \$800 fee to have it serviced, as this is a benefit for the community. It was also discussed to have a "storm shelter" sign placed at the Legion and to further discuss a phone system warning and sirens at the May committee-at-large meeting.

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American Legion Generator cont.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Oster to authorize paying \$800 for the yearly maintenance of the American Legion Post 321 generator.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

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

Telecommunications Tax

Administrator Morani reported that he contacted the State of Illinois to retrieve an estimate for the proposed telecommunications tax; unfortunately the State is not able to provide these types of figures prior to the implementation of the tax. The City of Trenton currently collects approximately \$50,000 a year, at a 3% rate. This will be considered again at the May meeting. The majority of the Board is in favor of this tax, with it being dedicated to a specific purpose (i.e. Civic Center).

Steeple View Estates Lighting

Mayor Brandmeyer brought to the Boards attention issues with the street lights installed in the Steeple View Estates Subdivision. These street lights have had issues since they were installed. The developer of the subdivision requested special lights be installed that Ameren IP did not support; with the intention that the Home Owner's Association would maintain. Some lights do not work at all; some are on during the day; others never turn off. Additional research will be done to see how the Village can rectify this situation.

Comfort Corner Demolition

Mayor Brandmeyer, Chief Building & Zoning Official Green and Attorney Gruenke have concurred that all requirements have been met in regards to the demolition of the Comfort Corner Buildings located at 1210/1212 East Hanover Street by Prairie State Securities, LLC.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Gunn to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss the Sale of Village Property.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Picard.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: May 7, 2012