

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 15, 2011

The Special Meeting was held Monday, August 15, 2011 at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. The meeting was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to allow Mayor Brandmeyer, Administrator Morani and Attorney Gruenke to attend the Wesclin School Board meeting that started at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Picard, Nielsen, and Gunn.
Board Members Absent: Trustee Oster. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Morani; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Jerry Green, Code Enforcement; Renee Meinhardt, Park & Rec Coordinator; and Attorney Gruenke.

Notices of the Special Meeting were hand delivered by Police Sgt. Meinhardt to members of the Board on Friday, August 12, 2011. A notice was posted on August 12, 2011 at the front door to Village Hall and local newspaper contacts were emailed the agenda.

Plum Lane Drainage Improvements Project Easements

The Village has not yet received an executed easement with the Wesclin School District to be able to begin the work on the Plum Lane Drainage Improvements project. Mayor Brandmeyer, Administrator Morani and Attorney Gruenke attended the Wesclin School Board meeting this evening in an attempt to move the process along. Superintendent Daum informed the Mayor at the School Board meeting that he will do what he can to make this easement happen. Attorney Gruenke has been in contact with Wesclin's attorney (who is from Chicago) to discuss the Village's concerns over the proposed revisions to the easement

Plan Commission Appointment: Rafael Him

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Picard to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Rafael Him to the vacant position on the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission is to have five (5) members.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Archery Range: Eagle Scout Project

Cecil Burchett, an Eagle Scout candidate, presented to the Board his proposed Eagle Scout project, an Archery Range. He presented this project to the Park Board in July. The Park Board is in favor of the project and recommended it be presented to the Village Board. Cecil wants to have Village approval prior to submitting the Eagle Scout Board. Location for the range was a major part of the discussion; plans for enclosure; who would be able to use it; cost of the project (Cecil's father, Bruce, stated that part of the project also involves fundraising); additional pros and cons were discussed. Mayor Brandmeyer pointed out that the current code does not allow for discharging of bow and arrows within the Village limits; this is an additional item that would have to be addressed for this project to go through. Attorney Gruenke pointed out possible issues with the railroad if the range is put in the park facing the railroad tracks. Administrator Morani stated that currently the Village's insurance carrier has nothing in the policy prohibiting this. This could also be the start of an Archery Club, which then would limit who would be allowed to use the facility. It was suggested to

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Archery Range cont. have an enclosed structure built on the Village owned property at South 4th Street and East Illinois Street. Overall, Board members viewed this project favorably, just concerned with its feasibility. The Burchett's will get pricing for a pole-barn type structure and will present to the Village Board at a later time.

Westport Pools Pay Request #10 A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Picard to authorize Pay Request #10 from Westport Pools, \$21,850.37. It was stated that Westport di fix the problem with the flow-meter and they are currently working on problems with the splash pad, the water was not draining properly. After this payment, the Village will hold \$56,706.45 in retainage. Westport has submitted the permit to the state for the ADA accessibility into the pool and the slide.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Comfort Corner Update: 1210 East Hanover Street Attorney Gruenke provided an update on the Comfort Corner property located at 1210 East Hanover Street. The fifteen (15) day notices that were sent to Brian Harpstrite (owner of the property), lienholders and tax buyers in regards to this property will expire this week. The following week, Attorney Gruenke will file a lawsuit on behalf of the Village for the abandonment of the property and for the unsafe building. Prairie State Securities (who is the tax buyer) contacted Attorney Gruenke that they have an interest in the property, but are unable to do anything until December. If the Village is able to obtain the property, Prairie State Securities would be able to get the money they invested back due to "sale in error". The IEPA has not yet issued an NFR (No Further Remediation) letter to Dickerson Petroleum who owned the tanks on the property when it operated as a gas station. An NFR letter acknowledges that a site owner or operator has satisfied the respective BOL (Bureau of Land) laws and regulations. A site qualifies to receive an NFR letter once the owner or operator meets all program requirements and the applicable TACO (Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives) remediation objectives.

Police Dept. & Cost Sharing at Events At the February 22, 2011, Committee-at-Large meeting, the Board discussed the issue of Police Dept. staffing and cost sharing at community events. Police Chief Riley surveyed local Police Departments to see how they handled these events. In most cases, the city pays for the expenses, with a reimbursement from the event sponsor. Board members were in agreement that the New Baden organizations should reimburse the Village. Attorney Gruenke recommended a policy be drawn up. The policy will state that ground officers have to be hired at the Chief's discretion. The Village would be reimbursed at half (1/2) the time of the highest paid patrolman. This policy would be effective January 1, 2012.

Temporary Public Works Position Discussion of the hiring of a temporary public works employee. This position would be 40 hours a week, at \$12.00 per hour, with no benefits, for the next 90 days. The Mayor authorized the placement of an ad in the Trenton Sun after a discussion with Administrator Morani and Public Works Commissioner Renth. Renth stated that due to many projects needing to be done (training at the WWTF, closing of the pool, etc.) other items of lesser importance are being put to the side (i.e. culvert installation).

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Temporary Public Works Position cont.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Picard to authorize the hiring of a temporary public works employee for 90 days at the discretion of Administrator Morani and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

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 8:44 p.m.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: September 6, 2011