

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: AUGUST 20, 2012

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held Monday, August 20, 2012, at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Brandmeyer, it was motioned and approved to allow Trustee Malina to chair the meeting.

Present: Trustees Malina, Oster, Picard, Nielsen, and Gunn. **Board Members Absent:** Mayor Brandmeyer, Trustee Linthicum. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani, Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building and Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineers, Inc., and Attorneys Gruenke and Palen of Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC.

Citizen Comments

Tom Hull, New Baden resident, addressed questions to the Board regarding the budget for the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax and the installation of an asphalt parking lot at 807 East Hanover Street for a restaurant that has been renovating the building. Administrator Morani reported that, pursuant to the Ordinance, the telecommunications tax will be for the Recreation Funds; the funds will be budgeted for Fiscal year 2013/14, since the funds will not be received by the Village until April, 2013. In regards to the asphalt parking lot, Chief Building & Zoning Officer Green stated that those renovating the building for a restaurant were aware from the beginning of the application process that a solid-surface parking lot was required pursuant to the development code.

Maintenance Shed Fence

Discussion on the installation of a fence around the maintenance shed property. Proceeds from the sale of the frontage of that property will be used to finance the project. Public Works Commissioner Renth would like the entire property fenced. Chief Building & Zoning Officer Green reported that the only restriction was in regards to height, can be no more than 8 feet high. Village Administrator Morani and Mr. Renth will work together on a plan; the Board will consider going out for bids at the next regular meeting. Trustee Oster addressed the issue of adding a lean-to on the main building for additional outdoor coverage. This will also be addressed.

Maintenance Shed Driveway

Jerry Kunz, who purchased the frontage portion of the Maintenance Shed property, addressed the usage of the driveway along his property. Mr. Kunz is in the process of determining the best layout of the property, when taking into consideration the sewer main that bisects his property. It would be most advantageous for him to use the existing driveway that leads to the Village's maintenance shed. Attorney Gruenke suggested either a license to use the driveway or granting an easement. The road would need to be widened and the culvert at the entrance on East Illinois Street as well as the utility pole would need to be relocated. Trustee Oster will schedule a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss this matter.

Traffic Control Signs

Katie Florio, from RoadSafe Traffic Systems, presented a traffic control sign the Police Department has considered purchasing. This sign would indicate to a passing car the speed at which it was traveling. The sign has monitoring software to track the data that it obtains. The sign costs approximately \$2,000, plus an additional \$2,600 for the software. Ms. Florio will coordinate with the Police Department to allow the Village to test them for a week.

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Capital Improvements
Bond Issue/Debt
Certificate

Attorney Gruenke and Administrator Morani provided an update on the bond issue. Bond counsel has been retained, Gilmore & Bell, P.C. approved at the August 6 Regular meeting. Bond compliance procedures are being prepared; they will be considered at a future meeting. This bond issue will provide funding for several capital improvement projects.

Intergovernmental
Personnel Benefit
Cooperative

The Personnel Committee met on August 13, 2012, to discuss the Village's participation in a health insurance pool called the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative. It was the recommendation of the committee to move forward with the plan. By joining the cooperative, the Village will achieve greater savings and have more flexibility with their plan designs.

210 West Birch Street
Demolition

Attorney Gruenke provided an update in regards to the demolition of the property located at 210 West Birch Street. A Court Order allowing the Village to demolish the property has been received. The Village will be assigning the demolition rights to an immediate family member of the current owner. Mr. Gruenke is working on the assignment agreement, which will require an escrow account be established to guarantee demolition. Once demolition is complete, the assignee will file a demolition lien on the property and foreclose on said lien. The property will go to foreclosure sale with the highest bidder obtaining the property.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: September 4, 2012