

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: JUNE 17, 2013

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Picard, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani, Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building and Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Chief Riley; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

Open Meetings Act & Freedom of Information Act Presentation

Attorney Gruenke presented information to the Board and Staff members present concerning the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Electric Supply Contract for Public Facilities

The Village's current three-year contract with Constellation Energy for electric supply will expire July 22. Board members reviewed recent market trend data from Good Energy. According to Good Energy (broker), the market has slightly improved since this was distributed. During the last week of June, Administrator Morani will receive updated quotes from several electric suppliers. A service agreement from the vendor with lowest price will be considered at the July 1 meeting.

Discharging of BB Guns

Trustee Linthicum asked that the Board reconsider the code that prohibits the discharge of any firearms within the Village limits to allow for the use of BB guns. The consensus of the Board was to not change the code and still prohibit the discharge of all firearms.

FY 2013/14 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

Board Members reviewed the draft Appropriations Ordinance, which is based on the operating budget. A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 1, prior to the regular meeting at which it will be considered.

Flowers in the Park

Due to recent inquiries about planting flowers at the park, the Mayor and Village Administrator would to implement a formal process to address these matters. The Park Board will discuss this topic at their next meeting. The recommended policy is as follows:

- Park Board designates areas in the park where flowers can be planted.
- Requests to plant flowers will be submitted to the Park and Recreation Coordinator.
- Park and Recreation Coordinator will discuss the request with an ad hoc committee comprised of the Park and Recreation Coordinator, designated member of the Park Board, and Public Works Commissioner. The involvement of the public works department will help address any concerns regarding the maintenance of the grounds.
- Any special requests (i.e. trees) will be brought to the Park Board as needed.

Commuters at Park

Vehicles at the park continue to present a problem, specifically regarding maintenance of the grounds. Administrator Morani discussed the having all commuters park on the lot behind the soccer field, and post signs stating "Parking at own risk".

Pool Admissions

Trustee Mavrogeorge opened discussion on pool admittance in regards to family passes and who is allowed to be on the pass, namely allowing grandparents. Guidelines state that the family pool pass is for immediate family ONLY; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandparents are not considered immediate family, and would not qualify. A few years ago, the Park Board implemented the 20-

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visit punch pass; this pass is not name specific, and is valid for 20 entries into the pool. Trustee Nielsen, president of the Park Board, stressed that these guidelines were put in place for a reason; making it easier for the guards to determine who is and who is not eligible. The consensus of the Board was to continue with the current policy.

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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: July 1, 2013