

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: JULY 15, 2013

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, July 15, 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, Mavrogeorge and Him. **Board Members Absent:** Trustees Oster and Nielsen. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani, Public Works Commissioner Renth; Chief Building and Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; Police Officer Wagner; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

Gift Ban Act/ Conflicts of Interest Presentation

Attorney Gruenke presented information to the Board and Staff members present concerning the Gift Ban Act and Conflicts of Interest.

State Fire Marshal

Attorney Gruenke provided information that the State Fire Marshall wants it to be mandatory that sprinkler systems are installed in all new homes, assembly halls (New Baden Churches, American Legion, etc.) and homes that have a 50% or more remodel.

Illinois Street Sidewalks/ ITEP Grant Application

Administrator Morani and Mark Rujawitz of Rhutasel & Associates have been preparing to reapply for the Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Funds (ITEP) grant project for a sidewalk from Village Hall to the Park on East Illinois Street. The application submission deadline is August 20. Last April, the board adopted a resolution in support of the project, which can be used for this grant application. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the grant process. More than likely this will be the Village's final attempt for this grant.

Flat Roof Repairs/ Insurance Claim

As a follow up to the discussion at the July 1 regular meeting, Chief Building & Zoning Officer Jerry Green has visually inspected the roofs with Tony McDonald of Kehrer Bros. Roofing. Mr. Green states there is not only surface damage, but damage beneath the roofing material which was noted when a section was cut back and exposed. Mr. Green says that insulation needs replaced per the 2012 Energy Code. The consensus of the Board was to hire our own engineer to inspect the roofs. If the engineer deems there is extensive damage, then it will be provided to the Village's insurance carrier.

Local Firearms Ordinance/ State Concealed-Carry Law

Board members were provided copies of Section 27-2-19, "Concealed Weapons", of the village code. Village Attorney Doug Gruenke discussed what needs to be changed to comply with the state's new concealed-carry law that became effective July 9, 2013. Mr. Gruenke will revise the ordinance at it will be considered at the August regular meeting.

Zoning Code Update

Consultant Lisa Koerkenmeier has delivered a final draft of the revised zoning code to the Village. Administrator Morani has reviewed with Attorney Gruenke and Chief Building & Zoning Official Green. The Plan Commission is expected to meet in the near future to consider the revised code. A copy will be distributed to the Board prior to the Plan Commission meeting.

Scott AFB Marketing

Trustee Him requested the Board consider developing additional marketing materials for Scott AFB outreach. A proposal for a brochure (approx. cost \$2,050 for 5,000 brochures) was discussed as well as the Village's current marketing efforts via the Scott AFB Newcomer's Guide (approx. \$6,000 per year). Mayor Picard and Clerk Crane will reach out to the New Baden Chamber of Commerce to possibly cost share. Mr. Him states that the Newcomer's Guide is only provided to those who request a copy, the brochure would be in a sponsor package that is given to all transferring to Scott AFB.

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Video Gaming

Trustee Linthicum would like the Village Board to reconsider its policy on video gaming. He would like to repeal the ordinance so every establishment that is allowed by state statute can install video gaming machines; he does not want it just for Veterans organizations, as the Village proposed by resolution in July 2012. Jaime Dieters of Grand River Jackpot and Wayne Madsen of the American Legion were present in favor of video gaming throughout the community. The Legion does not want to be the only business with the machines. Mr. Madsen says that the Legion Board will be discussing at their next meeting to determine if they want video gaming machines. Mayor Picard was not comfortable taking a consensus of the Board with two (2) trustees absent. Attorney Gruenke said that state statute allows for a referendum on video gaming, which includes both non-binding and binding methods. But this could not take place until the March 2014 election. Mr. Gruenke will provide more information on the ballot questions at the next committee-at-large meeting.

Commuters at Park

Administrator Morani presented two (2) options for Board members to consider for the parking of commuters at the Village Park. Both options show commuters parking on the lot south of the soccer field, the exception would be where the bus picks up the commuters, either at the lot or at the entrance to the lot on East Illinois Street. Mr. Morani states that on a given day, there can be 40-50 commuter vehicles in the park. After discussion, it was the consensus to explore other options, such as place "Pool Parking Only" signs on the north side of East Illinois Street.

Produce in the Park/ Sales Tax

Trustee Linthicum inquired on the charging of sales tax at the Produce in the Park that is currently taking place every Wednesday at the Park. Administrator Morani stated that it is the responsibility of the individual selling the products to report and pay their sales tax to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

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

Ayes: Malina, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Nielsen.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: August 5, 2013