

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: AUGUST 19, 2013

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, August 19, 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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him.
Board Members Absent: Trustees Oster. **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.

Procurement & Competitive Bidding Presentation

Attorney Gruenke presented information to the Board and Staff members present concerning Procurement and Competitive Bidding.

Video Gaming

Open discussion surrounding Video Gaming. Jim Sheridan, representing the American Legion, presented survey results; he stated New Baden is the only community in Clinton County that does not allow video gaming. Discussion among Board members; both for and against video gaming; and whether to have the Board make the decision, or have a non-binding referendum on the March, 2014 Ballot. Mayor Picard questioned Chief Riley on the effects it would have on the Police Dept.; Chief Riley does not see a major impact, and that they would monitor by foot patrol and the checking of ID's at locations. Attorney Gruenke stated an additional way to control the number of machines in the Village would be to apply limits to the number of liquor licenses in each class. Attorney Gruenke will prepare all necessary documents for the September 3 meeting.

Flat Roof Repairs/ Insurance Claim

As previously distributed at the August 5 regular meeting, trustees reviewed a preliminary inspection report performed by Hurst-Rosche Engineers for the Village's flat roofs that were damaged by last year's hail storms. The report indicates that there is further damage beyond what the insurance carrier indicates. Administrator Morani has forwarded this information to the insurance adjuster and requested another site visit. Mr. Morani stated that Arthur J. Gallagher, the Village's insurance broker, can help mediate between the Village and insurance carrier. Mr. Morani will continue to keep the Board updated.

South 1st Street Change Order

Administrator Morani stated that he and Mayor Picard authorized a change order for approximately \$10,000 for lime modification to improve the sub-grade compaction rate on South 1st Street. This was based on a recommendation from HMG Engineers and Public Works Commissioner Renth. This change order will be formally approved at a later meeting.

Hanover Street Crosswalks

Discussion of placement of crosswalks on Hanover Street. A crosswalk was eliminated near North 2nd Street, with the closing of the entrance between 201 and 207 E Hanover Street, when South 3rd Street was asphalted. An option would be to relocate the crosswalk further west. Administrator Morani will look into the cost of installing a new crosswalk, meeting ADA requirements, and also how it would affect parking spots along Hanover Street.

Culverts in Park

Trustee Malina led discussion on the placement of culverts within the Park. One area of concern is near Ball Diamond #1 (located in the northeast corner of the park). There is an open ditch running to the south of this diamond to Route 160. He would like to see a culvert installed just in that portion, not necessarily the entire ditch. Trustee Nielsen and Public Works Commissioner Renth stated that this was looked into in the past, as was expensive. Mr. Renth will confirm with engineers the feasibility of placing the culvert. Trustee Malina will work with Mr. Renth.

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Police Vehicle Use Policy

Trustee Mavrogeorge recently met with Chief Riley and Sgt. Meinhardt to discuss the use of police vehicles when the officer is not on duty. He feels that the increased visibility of the officers will be better for the community. The vehicles could only be used within the Village limits. Administrator Morani feels this is a collective bargaining issue that should be negotiated with the union. An additional issue would be liability and workmens' comp if the off-duty officer is injured. Would the off-duty officer be required to carry their firearm and radio? Jordan Pettibone, a resident in attendance, stated as a citizen and taxpayer in this community, he is not in favor of off-duty officers driving their police vehicles.

Zoning Code Update

A preliminary copy of the proposed revised Zoning Code was distributed to Trustees prior to the meeting. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on September 10 at 7:00 p.m. to review the proposed revisions. A final version, as recommended by the Plan Commission, will be distributed at the September 16 committee-at-large meeting.

Code Enforcement: Prohibited Signs & Trailers

Chief Building & Zoning Officer Green addressed the Board in regards to non-compliant signs and improper parking of trailers, travel trailers and recreational vehicles throughout the Village. He will begin enforcement of the Village's Code of Ordinances by sending letters to those that are not in compliance.

Trustee Linthicum inquired on the closing of the Legion Memorial Pool. It closed for the season on August 19; Wesclin School District resumed classes on August 13. He stated that many pools in the surrounding communities stay open until Labor Day. Administrator Morani stated that Maria Zagorski, pool manager, did not have adequate personnel to stay open any later then the August 19 closing.

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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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: September 3, 2013