

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, September 16, 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.

Audit Report: FY 2013/14

Annette Hipkiss, of Allison, Knapp & Siekmann, Ltd., was present to review the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit Report.

SLM Water Rate Increase

SLM (Summerfield, Lebanon, Mascoutah) Water Commission will be increasing their water rates fifteen cents (\$0.15) per one thousand (1,000) gallons; from \$1.90 to \$2.05. Per Ordinance 850, passed February 7, 2011, this increase will be passed onto the end users. This rate will be effective on bills due November 15, 2013.

Check Valve for WWTF

Board members reviewed a proposal for the purchase and installation of a check valve at the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) from Mettler Development in the amount of \$14,799.00. This work is required to prevent the creek from backing up into the filter room via the 18" pipe during heavy rain storms. The Village also solicited a quote from Haier Plumbing and Heating, in the amount of \$17,400.00. HMG Engineers recommends we award the contract to Mettler Development, who is prepared to start the work immediately. This proposal will be considered at the October 7 meeting.

Vinyl Siding for Park Storage Building

The Recreation Board has recommended the Village consider installing vinyl siding on the park storage building to match the Lions Club Pavilion. Trustees Nielsen and Oster led discussion on this issue. Also mentioned was the placement of the vandal-proof lights under all of the pavilions in the park. This will be discussed at an upcoming Public Works Committee meeting.

Walking Trail

Trustee Oster reported that the asphalt walking trail has been completed. Christ Bros. will be coming back to spread dirt along the edges of the trail and the Public Works Dept. will be required to rake and seed the dirt.

Caylin Ridge Detention Basin

After consulting with Mayor Picard and Public Works Commissioner Ron Renth, Administrator Morani solicited a proposal for the clean-up of the Caylin Ridge detention basin. Due to the cost of this project, Mr. Morani updated the Board on this issue and recommends proposals that he is soliciting be considered at the October 7 meeting.

Renaming South 1st Street

Clerk Crane reported that Corie Gonser, Clinton County 911 Coordinator, said South 1st Street can be renamed or even provided with a secondary name. The only guidelines are that it not be named "Veterans" due to Veterans Memorial Drive already existing in the Park and to not duplicate any names already used within Clinton County (for which she provided a list). The consensus of the Board was to look into a secondary name. The street signs for the Park will be ordered. It was also stated that there is a marker for Vietnam Veterans located at the Park entrance; it should be made to be more noticeable. Trustee Linthicum will consult with the American Legion, which is having an upcoming meeting.

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Zoning Code Revisions

The Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on September 10 and has recommended the adoption of the Revised Zoning Code. Board members reviewed a final draft at the meeting. An ordinance adopting the Revised Zoning Code will be on the agenda for the October 7 meeting.

Building/Zoning Permit Fees

Board members reviewed the proposed revisions to building/zoning permit fees. The current fee structure has been in place since 2003. Chief Building and Zoning Official Jerry Green provided the reasons for the recommended changes.

Recreation Board: Structure & Responsibilities

Mayor Picard and Administrator Morani are recommending changes to the Recreation Board in order to better define its role and to enhance its relationship with the Village Board. Several proposed changes to the administration of the Recreation Board will be discussed, including going from 7 members to 5 members and staggering terms, possibly with a term beginning October 1.

Chamber of Commerce/ Historical Society Use of Village Hall

Scott Meinhardt, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to request assistance from the Village to preserve and improve access to local historical documents. The proposal from the Chamber would be to utilize a corner of the building to allow the set-up of a computer, scanner and printer. The Chamber is still in the early stages of determining what will work best to suit their needs. This would allow residents to scan their own photos and search other photos. The Chamber has already had volunteers willing to assist with the project/provide documents. The Village will provide the desk. The consensus of Board members was in favor of this project. It was stated that there would be minimal assistance required from Village Hall employees to assist anyone using the system.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Village Board, a motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum 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 8:30 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: October 7, 2013