

## COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 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; Police Chief Riley; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

### Announcements

- The Plan Commission will hold a meeting on November 20 to consider Planned Use application for Casey's and text amendment to the zoning code regarding dog boarding/kennels. Loves Travel Stop was to be discussed with a re-zoning petition and Planned Use application, but will be scheduled in December due to timing issues.
- December 9 is the next Regular Meeting, rescheduled from December 2.
- Scott Air Force Base Task Force: Mayor Picard and Administrator Morani were invited to participate in a Scott Air Force Base Task Force meeting initiated by the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Task Force to the consulting team and discuss the efforts ahead, communications strategy and development of the broader Coalition. The Leadership Council has hired a consulting firm to assist with lobbying efforts to retain and grow Scott Air Force Base.

### Walking Trail Update

Trustee Bob Oster reported that the dirt work around the asphalt walking trail is complete. In the next week, the dirt will be seeded.

### Public Safety Committee Meeting

Trustee Mavrogeorge stated he will be having a Public Safety Committee meeting on December 17 to discuss FY 2014/15 budget and calendar year-end report.

### Liability Insurance Proposals

Board Members reviewed proposals for liability insurance for upcoming year.

Line of Coverage	IMLRMA	ICRMT	ICRMT IPRF	OneBeacon <sup>1</sup> IPRF
Property/Casualty	94,750	51,349	51,349	75,003
Workers' Compensation		49,998	33,063	33,063
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,750</b>	<b>101,347</b>	<b>84,412</b>	<b>108,066</b>

<sup>1</sup>OneBeacon has \$5,000 deductible for wind and hail.

Currently, the Village has OneBeacon for property/casualty and Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for workers' compensation. Originally, OneBeacon notified the Village that their coverage would exclude for wind and hail damage; they have since revised their proposal to include wind and hail coverage with a \$5,000 deductible. Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) is not able to separate their property/casualty and workers' compensation coverage. Brian Kreisler of Warma Witter Kreisler Gregov, who issues policies for Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT), was present to discuss their proposal; he explained that all Village properties will have an independent appraisal conducted to determine replacement costs; he also stated that their coverage includes boiler and machinery insurance. Clerk Crane stated currently boiler insurance is obtained from a different carrier. Administrator Morani recommends the Village consider switching to ICRMT for property/casualty and stay with IPRF for workers' compensation. These proposals will be considered at the December meeting.

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### Tax Levy

Board members reviewed a worksheet for the proposed tax levy ordinance. Since the proposed increase is below 5%, a truth in taxation hearing is not required. The figure for the library is based on assumption as the Village will not receive their levy request until after their November 18 meeting. The tax levy ordinance will be considered at the December 9 meeting.

### Ambulance SSA Agreements with Clinton County

Board members reviewed the amounts, approved by the Finance Committee that will be included in the SSA agreements with Clinton County. They are as follows: Damiansville (#7), \$11,036.00; Albers (#8), \$28,859.00; New Baden (#9), \$67,066.00; and Lookingglass (#10), \$50,268.00. The four agreements will be considered at the December 9 meeting.

### Spending Authority of Village Officials

As a follow up to the October 21 committee-at-large meeting, Board members reviewed a list of area municipalities with a mayor-council-administrator form of government with their respective spending authority of the administrator and department heads. Administrator Morani recommends the authority of the Village Administrator not exceed \$5,000 and department heads not exceed \$500. Additionally, he recommends the board consider granting the Mayor the authority to approve a change order up to \$10,000 on public works projects that have already been approved by the Village Board as long as said increase is within budget. This will prevent delays on projects in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Attorney Gruenke stated that there is no state law regarding spending authority for Village officials, it is up to the individual communities to set their own policies. Mayor Picard is in favor of this, as long as rules and guidelines are put in place.

### Employee Health Insurance Plan

On Wednesday, the Village was informed that United Healthcare (UHC) has reached an agreement with Memorial Hospital and Memorial Medical Group effective December 1, 2013. Administrator Morani immediately consulted with Mayor Picard and they both agreed that it was in the best interest of the Village and its employees to terminate the transition to Cigna and stay with UHC. Mr. Morani immediately informed Gallagher Benefit Services of our intentions. Since the switch to Cigna was not effective until January 1, 2014 and minimal work had been performed in preparation of the change, there was nothing that prevented the Village from reversing our course of action.

### Part-time Police Officers

Trustee Linthicum inquired on the hiring of the part-time police officers. Chief Riley has informed Administrator Morani that Jason Cronk has withdrawn from consideration for the part-time police academy. Mr. Cronk is currently pursuing paramedic certification and is concerned he will be unable to put in the required time for both efforts simultaneously. He may be considered for the academy at a later date. Charlie Bair, the Village's former pool manager, has put himself through the full-time academy and has applied for a position as a part-time police officer. Chief Riley will ask the board to approve Mr. Bair at the December 9 meeting.

### American Legion Baseball Field Fence

Trustee Linthicum asked for an update regarding the fence at the American Legion Ball diamond. Mayor Picard reported that she is obtaining additional information and that it will be a topic for discussion at January committee-at-large meeting.

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### Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Probable Litigation.

**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 to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Picard announced that the Village Post-holiday Party will be on Saturday, January 18, 2014 for all Village employees and Village officials. More details to be provided at a later date.

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 8:00 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: December 9, 2013