

## COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Picard.

**Present:** Mayor Picard, Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Nielsen and Him. **Board Members Absent:** Trustee Mavrogeorge. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Police Chief Riley; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineers; Treasurer Pollmann; Park Board President Tim Hintz; Park & Rec Coordinator Meinhardt; Public Works Commissioner Renth; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

Mayor Picard expressed her thanks to the Board members that were present for the public information meeting held at 5:30 p.m. in regards to the Non-home Rule Sales Tax Referendum which will be on the General Election Ballot on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

### Park Pavilions #1, #3 & #4 Renovations

Trustee Oster led discussion on proposed improvements to Park Pavilions #1, #3, and #4. TIF Funds have already been obligated for this project pursuant to Resolution 2014-01-07-A. The improvements would be similar to those done on the #2 Lions Club Pavilion during 2013: installing ribbed metal in the eaves, soffit on the overhangs; vandal-proof lights; and possible gable work. Mr. Oster is waiting on additional quote before any action is taken.

### Park Storage Building Exterior Renovations

Trustee Oster led discussion on proposed exterior renovations to the park storage building. TIF Funds have already been obligated for this project pursuant to Resolution 2014-01-07-A. Trustee Oster is obtaining bids and is expected to present these at the March 3 regular meeting.

### SIUE Intern for Public Works Dept.

The Environmental Resources Training Center (ERTC) at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville has asked the Village to hire C.J. Fochtmann of New Baden as a summer intern for the Public Works Department so he can gain experience in the water and wastewater field to earn his degree. There is no obligation for the Village to compensate the intern but we are permitted to do so, either in the form of wages or a stipend. Discussion on compensation with an hourly wage or a stipend. Public Works Commissioner Renth stated that SLM (Summerfield, Lebanon, Mascoutah) Water District typically pays their interns. Mr. Fochtmann will work with the Village in regards wastewater and will be working with SLM in the water field. ERTC has trained Village Public Works employees through their programs. Village Attorney Gruenke has reviewed the agreement from SIUE and Mr. Morani responded with a few comments. If the requested revisions are accepted by SIUE, the agreement will be placed on the March 3 regular meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Morani will contact other municipalities in the region to inquire about their compensation practices for interns.

### Love's Travel Stops Project Update

Updates were provided on the status of the TIF and Business District Redevelopment Agreements and the water/sewer project. HMG Task Order #9 will be amended to include additional services being provided by the Engineer at the March regular meeting. Attorney Gruenke reported that Love's offered a first counter proposal to the redevelopment agreement. Love's has asked for reimbursement of 60% of the total construction costs vs. the 39% that was in the original proposal. The consensus of the Board was in favor of this change. Love's will also be dedicating right of way along Richter School Road to the Village. If the Village and Love's can agree on the final terms of the redevelopment agreements, the Board will consider these, as well as an amended project funding agreement, at the March 3 regular meeting.

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### Enterprise Zone

Mayor Picard and Administrator Morani have been working with the City of Trenton and the City of Carlyle to explore the possibility of establishing an Enterprise Zone in Clinton County. Board members were provided a presentation from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) on new state guidelines for Enterprise Zones. Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development will be submitting a proposal for professional services necessary to complete a feasibility study and application. Any fees associated with the Enterprise Zone will be split among the participating communities. Enterprise zones are areas which are economically disadvantaged and have been 'zoned-off' by government in order to receive economic aid or incentives. These incentives are aimed at firms and include efforts to reduce the cost of doing business, like lower tax concessions, and are offered to encourage job creation and investment.

### Video Gaming License Renewal Date

Village Clerk Crane has requested the time period for the issuance of video gaming licenses to coincide with liquor licenses. Ordinance 2013-09-03-B adopted by the Village for the video game licenses provided for a fiscal year (renew by April 30) as opposed to a calendar year for liquor licenses. Ms. Crane state that having identical time periods for both licenses will achieve administrative efficiencies since they can be issued at the same time. Since no video gaming licenses have been issued to date, it makes sense to consider this change immediately. This ordinance will be considered at the March 3 regular meeting.

### PARC Grant

The Park and Recreation Board have expressed interest in developing a park on the Village property located between North Franklin and North Adams. There is an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Program provides grants to eligible local governments for acquisition, development, construction, rehabilitation, or other capital improvements to park and recreational facilities. The deadline for the application is March 10. The Village applied for this grant in 2010 for Civic Center renovations but was denied. The program has a 25% match requirement so the Village would be required to obligate funds in the FY 2014-2015 fiscal year for this project in anticipation of receiving the grant. Tim Hintz, president of the Park Board, was present to discuss scope of the project as discussed by the Park Board at their February 12 meeting. Board members reviewed a preliminary drawing which included parking, small children's playground, a basketball half-court, future play areas, a gazebo and sidewalk. The main emphasis would be on the parking and the small children's playground. The Board will consider the PARC Grant Project Authorization at the March regular meeting. The Park Board will finalize the grant application at their March 5 meeting. Administrator Morani is also looking into funding available through the Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD). Businesses in the St. Clair County portion of the New Baden corporate limits charge an additional sales tax to help fund MEPRD, including grants to municipalities for capital projects. The Village has been told they are not eligible for grant funds since they have no park space in St. Clair County. Administrator Morani will further his research on this issue and plans approach MEPRD and St. Clair County regarding potential funding for the Village.

### Swimming Pool Operations

Maria Zagorski, pool manager for the last few years, will not be returning for the 2014 season. Village staff has been working with the YMCA of Southwestern Illinois about the possibility of hiring their organization to manage the Legion Memorial Swimming Pool. The Village has provided financial and operational information to the YMCA in order for them to prepare a proposal. The YMCA would just be managing the pool and concessions. Lifeguards and staff will still be hired from the local communities.

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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, Him.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: March 3, 2014