

## COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MARCH 17, 2014

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, March 17, 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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him.  
**Board Members Absent:** Trustee Oster. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Police Chief Riley; Treasurer Pollmann; Park Board President Tim Hintz; Park & Rec Coordinator Meinhardt; Public Works Commissioner Renth; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

### Class "B" Restaurant Liquor License Request

Board members reviewed correspondence from Harold and Jeanie Schellenger regarding a liquor license request for a restaurant they plan to open at 7551 State Route 160, Unit E (formerly Margarita's Mexican Restaurant). Mr. & Mrs. Schellenger were present to answer any questions. They plan on opening a restaurant and bar, "The Woodshed", and intend to have video gaming terminals. They currently operate the "501 Blues Club" in Highland, which Administrator Morani confirmed that the City of Highland had no issues with this business. The Board will be required to increase the number of Class "B" liquor licenses in order to issue one for their business. This ordinance will be considered at the April 7 regular meeting.

### Tow Impoundment Ordinance/ Intergovernmental Agreement

Village staff has been discussing the possibility of implementing a tow impoundment program with the City of Trenton and the City of Lebanon. The idea of a tow impoundment program has been discussed internally in the past but without the participation from other municipalities, the program is too cost prohibitive for a community the size of New Baden. Village Attorney Gruenke, who also represents the City of Trenton, and whose partner, John Long, represents the City of Lebanon, has facilitated discussions between the respective elected officials and police departments. Mr. Gruenke also serves as the tow hearing officer for the Cities of O'Fallon and Columbia so he has been able to educate staff on how the program is administered. Certain violations of the State Statutes will cause the motor vehicle to seizure and impoundment by the Village, and the owner shall be liable to the Village an administrative fee, in addition to any towing and storage fees.

If the Board would like to implement this program, it will need to determine the administrative fee. The fee for other municipalities is as follows: Columbia, Level 1: \$500, Level 2: \$250; O'Fallon, Level 1: \$500, Level 2: \$250; Trenton, (Proposed Rates) Level 1: \$400, Level 2: \$250; Lebanon (Proposed) Level 1: \$250, Level 2: \$100.

The Board agreed with the concept of a tow impoundment ordinance, but was unsure of the amounts to charge for the administrative fee. Administrator Morani will do additional research on the fees local towing companies assess for towing and storing of an impounded vehicle. If the Board agrees to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Trenton and Lebanon, Trenton City Hall will host the administrative hearings once a month. These items will be considered at the April 7 regular meeting.

### SIUE Intern for Public Works Department

As a follow up to the February 18 committee-at-large meeting, Board members reviewed a memorandum prepared by Administrator Morani with information on compensation of SIUE interns for area employers (Breese, Carlyle, Lebanon, Mascoutah, and SLM Water District). The consensus of the Board was to neither provide an hourly wage nor a stipend.

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### Monitoring Wells at Kokomo Joes

Administrator Morani explained that the Village has been approached by an environmental consulting firm, on behalf of Kokomo Joe's (409 East Hanover Street), that is requesting to install monitoring wells in the Village right-of-way in order to close an incident related to an underground storage tank. The firm's remediation plan is being implemented under the supervision of IEPA. Jennifer Woolrich, a representative of Herlacher Angleton Associates, LLC, was in attendance at the board meeting to provide more information about the project and to answer any questions from the Board. She stated that monitoring wells were previously installed around this property; if any of the old wells are found, they will be abandoned properly. An Access Agreement with Herlacher Angleton Associates will be considered at the April 7 regular meeting.

### Clinton County Enterprise Zone Update

Administrator Morani provided an updated on the Clinton County Enterprise Zone. He recently met with the Mayors of Albers and Damiansville to address their possible participation. The project is moving forward with the communities that have already committed: Breese, Carlyle, Trenton and New Baden.

### Ball Field Reservation Fees

Park and Recreation Coordinator Renee Meinhardt requests an increase to the fees for ball field reservations, which is currently \$25 per field. The Village pays a seasonal employee \$25 per field for preparation so the Village actually loses money by charging the current rate since we have additional costs, such as payroll taxes, equipment, chalk, and electric utilities for the lighted field. The consensus of the Board was to charge a rate of \$40 for the lighted field and \$35 for the other fields. This will be considered at the next regular meeting.

### Rubber Roof Insurance Claim (Hail Damage)

Attorney Gruenke led discussion as Board members reviewed the Hail Damage Assessment report prepared by Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. in reference to the damaged rubber roofs from the hail storms in April and September 2012. Roof testing was done in February, 2014, to evaluate the roof substrate material for the presence and extent of physical damage resulting from hail impacts. Testing consisted of removing approximately two (2) square feet of EPDM roof covering at each location and conducting a visual inspection of the substrate conditions. The Library Building and the Civic Center (cafeteria portion) roofs showed depressions from the hail storm; these depressions are not expected to affect the service life of the roof systems. The pump house roof located at the ground storage tank shows shrinkage and deterioration from age but appeared to have no storm damage. Roofs previously reviewed, Village Hall, EMS Building and the gym roof of the Civic Center, were already listed in the supplemental settlement amount from October, 2013. Board members were in consensus with the recommendation by Attorney Gruenke to accept the assessment, move on with the required repairs and close out the claim.

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 8:07 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: April 7, 2014