

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: JUNE 16, 2014

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, June 16, 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, Oster, Linthicum, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Police Chief Riley; Treasurer Pollmann; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Public Works Commissioner Renth; and Attorney Tim Palen of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

SB 3507

Administrator Morani explained that SB 3507, which is on the Governor's desk, would place a limit on the Village's water and sewer tap fees to no more than two (2) months of usage. The Illinois Municipal League is working with the bill's sponsor, Kyle McCarter to ask the Governor to issue an amendatory veto to except municipalities from the legislation, which affects both municipalities and townships.

Non-Union Employee Wage Adjustments

Non-union employees have not received a wage increase for the fiscal year starting on May 1. These employees received a 3.5% raise in 2013 and 3.0% raise in 2012. Mayor Picard and Administrator Morani recommend a 3.0% wage increase for non-union employees for FY 2014-2015 (retroactive to May 1). This would apply to the following positions: Chief of Police, Commissioner of Public Works, Village Clerk/Collector, Deputy Clerk, Clerk Support Staff, Treasurer, Director of EMS, Paramedic, EMT, Park & Rec Coordinator, Crossing Guard, and Custodian. Chief Riley stated that the part-time police officers are currently at \$16.00, it has been several years since they have had an increase. He will gather info for the next committee at large meeting.

Fiscal Year 2014- 2015 Budget

The Finance Committee reviewed a preliminary draft of the budget on May 27. The committee made several recommendations, which were incorporated into the proposed budget. Trustee Mavrogeorge questioned the removal of a police vehicle. The state of the General Fund was discussed (from which police department purchases are made). It was agreed to include the purchase of a police vehicle in the appropriation ordinance; with the understanding that it will only be purchased if revenues are available. Trustee Nielsen inquired on operations of the Legion Memorial Pool under the management of the YMCA of Southwest Illinois. Administrator Morani reported that due to poor record keeping in the past years, it is difficult to determine. The Village and the YMCA have been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss issues and concerns. The appropriation ordinance will be considered at the July 7 regular meeting. A public hearing is scheduled prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Liquor License Request: Casey's General Store

Board members reviewed a letter from Casey's General Stores requesting the Village open an additional Class C (liquor store) license. The ordinance to change the number of allowed liquor stores will be considered at the July meeting.

Boundary Agreement with the City of Mascoutah

In late April, Mayor Picard and Administrator Morani met with the Mascoutah Mayor and City Manager (at their request) to discuss a potential boundary agreement. The Mayor and Administrator updated the Board on this issue. Mascoutah seeks an agreement with the Village of New Baden to determine boundaries for future annexations. Attorney Palen explained this may be premature for the Village of New Baden considering the distances between the two communities. It would be in the best interest of the Village to wait and see what kind of development happens west of the I-64 Interchange before considering a boundary agreement.

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Mascoutah Township
Intergovernmental
Agreement

Mascoutah Township Highway Commissioner Rob Hund contacted Administrator Morani about the agreement with the Village for shared right-of-way maintenance of Richter School Road and Ruth School Road. The current agreement was approved in May 2010. Mascoutah Township's concern is the improvements being done to Richter Schoolhouse Road in conjunction with the construction of the Love's Travel Stop. Public Works Commissioner Renth stated that the Village does not have the equipment to mow the property surrounding the road. Administrator Morani will contact Mr. Hund to discuss the options.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to recess the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

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

Meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

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, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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