

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: JULY 21, 2014

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, July 21, 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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him. **Board Members Absent:** Trustees Linthicum and Oster. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; Police Chief Riley; Treasurer Pollmann; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Public Works Commissioner Renth; and Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.

IEPA Compliance Commitment Agreement (WWTF)

Board members were updated on an issue at the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF). Per the Administrator Morani's report, below is a summary from Brian Buchheit (HMG Engineers) of the incident that resulted in an IEPA Violation Notice dated May 14 as well as the proposed terms of the compliance agreement.

- The plant experienced some isolated effluent limit violations during the winter months. This was the coldest winter in quite some time, and certainly the coldest winter since the plant was built. During the winter, the bugs are less active. Typically, more air is applied (i.e., another blower is turned on).
- The phosphorus reduction is also trickier during cold weather, as certain chemicals do not work well when it gets colder. This leads to increasing feed rates, which then can make Total Suspended Solids levels higher.
- When these things occur, adjustments should be made to keep the effluent concentrations below the limits. The personnel had never experienced this before, and consequently were unsure of what adjustments needed to be made, if any. This is partially because the Village does have a full-time plant manager so these types of situations are not monitored as closely.
- HMG and Commissioner or Public Works Ron Renth agreed that when effluent concentrations reach 75% of the permit limits, village staff will consult with HMG so they can assist with the necessary adjustments. These terms are acceptable to IEPA.

This compliance commitment agreement will be considered at the August regular meeting.

State Route 160 Sewer Lift Station Easement (Roger Gildig)

Board members reviewed an easement exhibit for the Roger Gildig property, which was obtained for the Wesclin sewer project. Because of the proximity of the natural gas line to the proposed lift station, the sewer utilities were relocated to the east, which will require a minimum of 10 feet along a portion of this easement. Administrator Morani will work with Mr. Gildig to negotiate the terms of the easement; Mr. Gildig needs to replace a fence in that area.

Statement of Intent for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning

Clinton County Emergency Management Agency has requested participation from the Village of New Baden in the multi-jurisdictional five-year plan update. Trustee Mavrogeorge explained that this program helps reduce the effect of disasters.

Part-time Police Officer Wages

Board members reviewed a survey of wages of part-time police officers in surrounding jurisdictions. The wage ranges from \$14.50/hour for the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. to \$17.50/hour for Carlyle Police Dept. Currently, New Baden part-time police officers are paid \$16.00/hour. Administrator Morani and Chief Riley have proposed a part-time police officer wage scale based on the number of hours the part-timer works for the Village of New Baden. Work hours are retroactive to July 1, 2006 (the oldest hire date of a current part-time police officer). The Board will consider this proposal at the August regular meeting.

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Wages/Stipend for Positions of Village Collector, Village Clerk & Deputy Clerk

Board members reviewed a salary survey of municipal clerks in the area. The clerk pay is in addition to the salary Teri Crane receives for serving as the Village Collector. Trustee Nielsen proposed to increase clerk pay to \$250 per month (due to State statute this will not become effective until May 2017 when Clerk Crane's term expires). The Board also considered a 3% step increase (10 years in July) for Teri Crane as Collector and Deputy Clerk Barb Wilken (25 years in February 2015).

Employee Health & Life Insurance Policies

Board members reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the public works collective bargaining agreement (CBA) regarding health and life insurance. The purpose of this MOU is to clean up language with respect to vision and life insurance benefits as well as include a policy similar to what was incorporated in the recently approved police CBA that provides employees a reimbursement of they do not participate in the health, dental, or vision plan. Administrator Morani recommends this policy be offered to all village employees. If an employee declines participation in the Village health, dental, and vision insurance plan, the employee shall receive a monthly stipend equal to 75% of the premium cost for the employee's individual coverage. This policy will be considered at a later regular meeting.

Enterprise Zone

Board members reviewed a proposed Enterprise Zone map for the New Baden area. Administrator Morani explained the justification for the areas included in the zone was based on the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted. The Board agreed with this concept map and Mr. Morani will present this to the other Clinton County communities working on this project. This map may change slightly based on the proposals of the other participants. The enterprise zone group will reconvene on July 31 for a progress meeting. Mr. Morani stated he has already reached out to the St. Clair County Enterprise Zone group on behalf of the Village of New Baden; which could allow for additional development to be brought to the I-64 interchange.

Library Lease Agreement

Mayor Picard provided an update on discussions with the Library about a lease agreement. Ms. Picard recently met with Library Board members and the Head Librarian. The previous library lease expired in 2008 despite attempts of Bob Nielsen (then Village Administrator), previous Mayor Dave Brandmeyer and Village Administrator Morani. Ms. Picard felt that things are moving positively forward and will provide updates as needed.

Concession Stand Agreement

Board members reviewed the recently expired agreement for use of the concession stand by the American Legion Baseball Club. The Board discussed an extension of this agreement, which would authorize the American Legion baseball club the right to continue using the facility. It was suggested to separate the restroom and the concession stand in the agreement; the Village maintains the restroom portion. The agreement will be considered at a later meeting.

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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum, Oster.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: August 4, 2014