

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, September 15, 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, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him.
Board Members Absent: Trustee Linthicum. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Morani; and Attorney Gruenke.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Him to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Picard, Trustees Malina, Oster, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge and Him.
Board Members Absent: Trustee Linthicum. **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.

Wisper ISP Proposal

A Wisper ISP representative attended to discuss a proposal to install a satellite antenna for wireless internet on the elevated water tower. The Representative stated that the antenna would be mounted to a ring around the tower and it would allow Wisper to service the majority of New Baden. Public Works Commissioner Renth brought up his concerns: the elevated tower only has a hatchet at top of tower, there is no ring; concerned about issues when there is maintenance to be performed; and how much access to the tower would Wisper require. Wisper will provide additional information for communities that have the same type of tower. The consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Renth meet with Wisper to discuss his concerns prior to the Board making a decision.

Maintenance Agreement with Roger Gildig

Board members reviewed a proposed maintenance agreement with Roger and Wanda Gildig concerning maintenance of the area within the easement for the sewer lift station that was part of the Wesclin Sewer line. The Gildig's have agreed to the terms so this agreement will be considered at the October 6 regular meeting.

North 2nd Street Box Culvert Replacement: HMG Task Order

Board members reviewed a task order from HMG for engineering services associated with the North 2nd Street Box Culvert Replacement. Since the Village currently does not have funds in this year's budget to complete the design engineering, there are a few items that can be started this winter (e.g. field work) so the Village can be ready to move on this project if (1) there are adequate funds to start the project and/or (2) construction costs observed on other similar projects are lower than expected. Administrator Morani feels that the Village will not be able to start construction on this project until the end of FY 2015-2016, but it would be advisable to be prepared by getting started on the engineering and then move at our own pace as the budget permits. Doug Ratermann of HMG attended to answer any questions about the project. Mr. Ratermann stated that temporary repairs to the box culvert have been done and that temporary easements from property owners will need to be obtained.

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Police Fleet Services Fund

Discussion continued from the August committee-at-large meeting about the creation of a fund for police department vehicles. Administrator Morani and Village Staff state that the intention of this fund is to be utilized strictly for Police vehicles and revenue would come from fleet surplus and seized vehicles. Tow impoundment fees will not go into this fund; those fees are for administration of the program.

Emergency Notification System (CodeRED) Policy

Board members reviewed a draft policy for the Emergency Notification System using CodeRED that was previously recommended by the Public Safety Committee at an April 2014 committee meeting but has not yet been formally approved by the Board. The policy presented: "The New Baden Emergency Notification System will be utilized to alert residents and businesses of any conditions that may require action or awareness on their part, for example, a village-wide boil water order. The notification system will not be used for rapidly changing weather conditions, such as severe thunderstorms or tornadoes." Discussion centered on making phone calls when under a tornado warning. It was stated that it should be a resident's responsibility to be aware of rapidly changing weather conditions, through such use as an all-weather radio. Board members could not reach a consensus on this policy, Mayor Picard recommends having a Public Safety Committee meeting to further discuss.

Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Picard tabled until a later date.

Surplus Vehicles

An update was provided on the status of additional vehicles the Village has or will obtain that will need to be declared as surplus property. Because of recent activities by the police department, Administrator Morani has delayed the auction of the 2002 police cruiser and the public works truck (both were declared surplus in June 2014) so more vehicles can be auctioned at one time, which may increase buyer interest.

Reno Guthrie Chevrolet TIF/BD Agreements

Since the renovation/expansion of the former Reno Guthrie Chevrolet has not occurred, the TIF and Business District redevelopment agreements must be rescinded. Village Attorney Doug Gruenke lead discussion on this issue and explained why it is necessary and why this course of action does not prevent a future redevelopment agreement with the new owner. Attorney Gruenke will review the agreements for the procedure to terminate the agreements.

Health Insurance Plan: Rx Co-pays & Non-union Employee Premium Contribution

Administrator Morani presented recommended changes to the Board for the health insurance plan (effective July 1, 2015) regarding the co-pay for generic prescription drugs and premium contributions for non-union employees. He would like to reduce the co-pay for generic drugs to \$5.00 and have non-union employees begin to pay a portion of their premium, currently only union employees pay a portion of their premium (Police pay 5% and Public Works pay 10%). This will only require a motion of the Board for it to go into effect.

Crime Free Housing/ Non-Home Rule Status

Mayor Picard opened discussion on the possibility of establishing a crime-free housing program as well as the Village's status as a non-home rule municipality. The Village must be a home rule municipality to adopt crime-free housing; many communities to the west of New Baden are home rule and have crime-free housing programs. To become home rule, the question must be submitted to the voters, possibly at the April 2015 Consolidated Election. Sergeant Scott Meinhardt presented information on crime-free housing at a February 2013 meeting. Attorney Gruenke explained the differences between home rule and non-home rule.

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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, Oster, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Him.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: October 6, 2014