

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: MARCH 16, 2015

The Committee-at-Large Meeting was held on Monday, March 16, 2015, 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, Mavrogeorge, and Gunn. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Clerk Crane; Administrator Joost; Public Works Commissioner Renth; Police Chief Riley; Treasurer Pollmann; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; and Attorney Gruenke.

Cable Franchise Agreement

Administrator Joost stated that a letter was received from Charter Communications requesting that the Village initiate the renewal of Charter's franchise agreement; which is set to expire January 15, 2018. Charter has requested the Village consider the informal approach for franchise renewal and would like to meet with Village representatives. It was inquired on other services such as AT&T U-Verse coming into New Baden; it was stated that AT&T currently does not have lines run out this way. Attorney Gruenke stated that the franchise agreement negotiates compensation for use of right-of-ways and easements. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the franchise agreement with Charter Communications.

Mosquito Spraying Services

The Village has received an updated agreement from Greg Sessions of Egyptian Outdoor Spraying (whom has been used since 2002) for \$4,900 for 10 sprayings in 2015. Discussion on the use of mosquito spraying services within New Baden; pros and cons over the years was a topic. Administrator Joost's research indicates that the company currently does not have a State of Illinois licensed sprayer; he is awaiting updated information at this time. Mayor Picard has asked that other options be looked into.

Recodification of Village Ordinances: Request for Proposals

The Village set aside funds in the current budget to have a codification company review and recodify the Code of Ordinances. The Request for Proposal (RFP) reviewed by Board members will allow for solicitation of competitive bids for this work. The suggested timeline calls for proposals to be submitted by April 20, 2015, with bid award as early as May 4. The funds allocated will carry over into the new fiscal year budget. Clerk Crane stated this has been something needed for many years; this allows the entire Code of Ordinances to be reviewed and edited.

Police Chief Position upon Retirement of Chief Riley

Tabled.

Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Public Works Department's Collective Bargaining Agreement is set to expire on April 30, 2015. Administrator Joost has initiated informal discussions and hope to develop a more formal proposal in the near future.

Committee-at-Large Meeting Change

Administrator Joost has proposed that the Village Board consider eliminating the Committee-at-Large meeting held the 3rd Monday of each month, and change that date to a second Regular Board Meeting. The Board would then be free to take votes and final action twice a month, instead of only once. This change will also have a slight impact on compensation for elected officials. Per Village ordinances, Trustees receive \$110.00 per month, and it stipulates that even if there is more than one regular meeting per month, each Trustee still only receive the \$110.00. Elected officials are paid \$60.00 per special meeting, and \$35.00 for all other meetings, including committee meetings. If the Committee at Large meeting is no longer held each month, Board members would obviously not receive \$35.00 in compensation, unless an individual committee meeting would be held. The consensus of the Board agreed to

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to this change. An ordinance will be drawn up to be considered at the next regular meeting with an effective date of May 1, 2015.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to recess the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss by the Village Board, a motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Gunn to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Nielsen, Mavrogeorge, Gunn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2015