

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: JULY 6, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Monday, July 6, 2015, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. President Picard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present and answering to roll call: Mayor Picard, Trustees Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, and Pettibone. **Absent:** Trustee Linthicum. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Joost; Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Retired Police Chief Riley; Police Sergeant Meinhardt; EMS Director Gilbert; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

Announcements

Trustee Pettibone stated that he attended the Newly Elected Officials Workshop sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League in Mt. Vernon on Thursday, June 25. He found the seminar to be very worthwhile.

Trustee Mavrogeorge stated he would be unavailable July 18 through August 3.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Mavrogeorge to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from the June 15, 2015, Regular Meeting and authorization of payment of current invoices.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appoint Scott
Meinhardt Chief of
Police & Oath of
Office

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Mavrogeorge to approve the appointment of Scott Meinhardt as Chief of Police of New Baden. As of July 1, Mr. Meinhardt has technically been serving as Acting Chief. He was then sworn in by Village Clerk Crane. Mayor Picard expressed her happiness in the fact that Mr. Meinhardt was taking the Chief's position, while it being sad to see Chief Riley leave after his years of service.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Kehrer Bros
Construction, Inc.:
Pay Request #1: Hail
Damaged Roof
Repairs

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Malina to authorize Pay Request #1 for \$81,810.00 from Kehrer Bros. Construction, Inc. for the hail damaged roof repairs. The repairs to date are for the Civic Center, Pump House and EMS Building (all 100% completed), this leaves retention of \$9,090.00.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

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Korte & Luitjohan
Contractors, Inc.: Pay
Request #3 & Final:
One Stop Drive
Pavement Repairs

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize Pay Request #3 and Final for \$542.50 from Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for the One Stop Drive Pavement Repairs.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Korte & Luitjohan
Contractors, Inc.: Pay
Request #3 & Final:
Hillside Drive
Pavement Repairs

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Malina to authorize Pay Request #3 and Final for \$3,592.00 from Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for the Hillside Drive Pavement Repairs.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Dedication of Bench
at Village Park

Present were Jenny Bassler and Monica Bernreuter who have received approval from the New Baden Park Board who met on June 17 for the placement of a park bench to be dedicated in the memory of Lauana Wicks, a New Baden resident and a long time child day care provider. Ms. Wicks passed away on August 8, 2014 and they would like to have the bench dedicated on the one-year anniversary of her death. They are raising the approximate \$2,300 in costs through an on-line fundraiser. Lager Monument will be providing the granite bench engraved with a photo of Ms. Wicks and an inscription. Ideally, they would like the bench placed near the playground equipment. Village Clerk Crane stated she will confirm with the Public Works Dept. to determine location and will be in touch with them.

Part-time Paramedic:
Brad Parry

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve the hiring of Brad Parry as a part-time paramedic with the New Baden Ambulance Service. Mr. Parry is the EMS Coordinator and Educator for Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Part-time Police
Officer: Keith Mumper

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Gunn to authorize the hiring of part-time police officer Keith Mumper. Mr. Mumper is currently a full-time officer with Southwestern Illinois College.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

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Part-time Police
Officer: George
Emmerich

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Gunn to authorize the hiring of part-time police officer George Emmerich. Mr. Emmerich is currently a full-time officer with the Village of Smithton.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Amendment to Rodeo
Agreement with Eric
Hull

The Thomas G. Hull Rodeo was rescheduled because of wet conditions at the park and the forecast for more rain at the original date of June 26 and 27. It will now be held September 18 and 19. The change in dates and the separation of the event from the June Jamboree requires modifications to the agreement between the Village and Eric Hull for the use of the park property. This includes Mr. Hull's desire to now sell alcohol at the event. The Village Attorney has reviewed the previous agreement and made suggested modifications to incorporate the necessary changes. Board members reviewed the draft. No action taken since this was only a draft and Mr. Hull has not returned an executed copy.

Haselhorst Road
Water Line Extension

Trustee Gunn opened by stating he has a viable interest in this project and will abstain from all votes.

On June 19, 2015, a questionnaire was mailed to 17 property owners around the intersection of IL Route 160 and Haselhorst Road. Owners were asked to respond to the three questions and return the survey by July 2. Board members reviewed a spreadsheet and map illustrating the responses, or lack thereof. As noted, four (4) owners expressed interest in water service for their property and would grant easements and sign the required pre-annexation agreement and four (4) did not respond, which could be interpreted as opposition. The remaining have a mixture of interest. They may want water, for example, but are not willing to grant an easement or sign a pre-annexation agreement. Others might not have an interest in water, but would grant an easement if their neighbors were. Some are uncertain – they are possibly interested or may be in the future. The Village needs to decide if based upon this information there is a desire to proceed with issuing a task order to one of our engineering firms to develop concepts and cost estimates. Mayor Picard wants a definitive answer since this has been an ongoing topic. Engineering for this project could cost a couple thousand dollars. It was decided that a town hall meeting would be held with the property owners in question before any further action would take place. Trustee Oster stated that a policy was established with the extension of water and sewer lines to the Wesclin High School and that the Village should adhere to that policy; no exceptions should be made.

Water Quality Issues

Trustee Mavrogeorge wanted this issue addressed. The Village has received sporadic requests/ complaints about water quality over the last month, but they were not widespread. Some residents apparently voiced concerns on Facebook but never contacted Village Hall. Public Works Commissioner Renth has been working on the issue. SLM Water District was having issues with their system and switched on June 25 to a new chemical to more effectively remove manganese, and as those levels drop, the discoloration should be eliminated. This has been the contributing factor to the most recent issue. The Village also had its own issues a month ago with inadequate flows from our pumps at IL Route 4. Once that was resolved, it stirred up sediment in the system, which

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Water Quality Issues, cont.

was addressed by flushing numerous lines at the hydrant. This issue appeared to only affect some areas of town. The last water sample submitted for testing showed the water was safe to drink and has continued to be safe to drink.

Elevated Water Tower & Wisper ISP, Inc.

Wisper ISP, Inc. has delayed installing any antennae on the water tower as they have debated how best to do so and remain within the restrictions of their agreement with the Village. In the agreement, the Village specified that Wisper could not drill any holes into the structure. They have determined the need to create one hole, approximately 3/4" in diameter, to pass their cabling through. They propose to do that in the vertical collar that forms the hatch access at the top of the tank. This would be in violation of the strict reading of the agreement. The Board was in consensus to allow Wisper to amend that restriction of the agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize Wisper ISP, Inc, to drill a 3/4" diameter hole in the hatch of the elevated tower. This allows Wisper to amend that restriction in the agreement.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Hockey Rink Improvements: Dasher Boards and Concrete Resurfacing & Painting

Administrator Joost requested price quotes from two companies that manufacture the dasher board systems for Hockey Rinks. Rink Systems, Inc. of Albert Lean MN quoted \$44,500 for 5" aluminum; additional Fence Material, \$4,000, and construction supervisor on site for installation, \$2,500; total cost \$51,000. Sport Systems Unlimited Corp of Minneapolis MN quoted \$45,950.00 for 5" aluminum. Mr. Joost also secured a quote for resurfacing the concrete pad, painting it and striping it for hockey: All Weather Courts, Inc., \$16,780.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to waive the competitive bidding requirement and authorize the proposal of \$51,000 from Rink Systems, Inc. for dasher boards at the hockey rink.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Mavrogeorge to authorize the proposal of \$16,780 from All Weather Courts, Inc. for the concrete resurfacing and painting of the hockey rink.

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Tennis Courts Update

The newly completed tennis courts look great. St Clair Tennis will be providing 6-weeks of lessons to all ages. A \$250 equipment grant has been received to purchase kid equipment. Options are still being looked at for the unused portion (driving range, batting cages, etc.).

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Audrey Lane
Drainage Project
Update

Administrator Joost has been meeting with Mark Rujawitz from Rhutasel Associates in an attempt to get the Audrey Lane Drainage project moving forward. Construction easements are needed for the two property owners on the cul-de-sac to allow us to transition the gutter into their driveways. Construction and permanent easements are also needed from the Wesclin School District. Some of the School Board members are asking for clarification on how the drainage will be handled across school property. The School Board has indicated their plan to include it on their July 20 agenda. It is possible that this project will cost less than \$20,000; so the Village might want to ask for competitive price quotes as opposed to closed bids to help speed up the timeline.

Zoning Hearing
Officer Decision: 109
East Hanover Street
Sign Variance

Clerk Crane discussed the decision issued by the Zoning Hearing Officer for a Sign Variance for 109 East Hanover Street from the Edward Jones storefront. Please let her know if an Administrative Review is required.

Attorney Gruenke postponed information on his New Member Workshop until the next meeting.

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

Ayes: Malina, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: July 20, 2015