

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: JULY 20, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Monday, July 20, 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, Gunn, and Pettibone. **Absent:** Trustee Linthicum, Oster, Mavrogeorge. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Joost; Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief Meinhardt; EMS Director Gilbert; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from the July 6, 2015, Regular Meeting and authorization of payment of current invoices.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

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

Ordinance Declaring
Firearm as Surplus
Property and
providing Firearm as
a Gift to Chief Riley

Ordinance tabled due to lack of quorum of Board members. Will be considered at the August 3 Regular Meeting.

Resolution 2015-07-
20-A: Amendment to
Contract with Eric T.
Hull

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve Resolution 2015-07-20-A: Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the Village of New Baden and Eric T. Hull for the Thomas G. Hull Memorial Rodeo to now be held on September 18 and 19, 2015. Weather conditions rendered the Village Park unusable to host the event on June 26 and 27, 2015, as the the previous agreement stated. This amendment also includes the sale of alcoholic beverages at the event.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

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

Walking Trail
Resealing Price
Quotes

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize the price quote of \$3,720.000 from A1 Professional Asphalt Sealing of Mascoutah for resealing the walking trail. An additional quote was received from Rooters Asphalt of Beckemeyer for \$4,515.00. The Village budgeted \$5,800.00 for this project, so the quote is \$2,080 under budget. Once approved, A1 Professional Asphalt Sealing plans to perform the work on August 5; the walking trail will be closed for 24 hours afterwards. Administrator Joost will work with the lawn maintenance company to ensure the walking trail is prepared for the resealing project.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

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

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Class "E" Liquor License – Civic Organization: New Baden Jaycees for the Thomas G. Hull Rodeo

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve a Class "E" Liquor License – Civic Organization for the New Baden Jaycees for the Thomas G. Hull Memorial Rodeo to be held on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

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

Police Dept. Vehicle Purchase

Discussion on purchase of a new Police Department vehicle, a budgeted item. The vehicle currently driven by Officer Wagner has developed issues that have prompted Chief Meinhardt to revise price quotes he has received. Mr. Meinhardt reported that the former Chief's car is being refitted to become Officer Berry's car, with \$1,000 worth of lights donated by the Maryville Police Dept.

- 2016 Ford Interceptor AWD SUV, Morrow Bros Ford, State Contract, Base Price: \$26,580, Police Equipment: \$6,750, Striping: \$1,000; Final Price: \$34,330.00. Vehicle in stock, delivery within days.
- 2016 Ford Interceptor AWD SUV, Breese Motors Ford, No State Contract, Base Price: \$28,510, Police Equipment: \$4,700, Striping: \$1,000; Final Price: \$34,210.00. Delivery in 3-4 months.
- 2015 Dodge Durango 4WD SUV, Bergheger Dodge, No State Contract, Base Price: \$28,429, Police Equipment: \$6,250, Striping: \$1,000; Final Price: \$35,679.00. Purchase cut-off date approaching.
- 2014 Chevy Tahoe 4WD SUV, Kansas Hwy Patrol, No State Contract, Base Price: \$20,500, Police Equipment: \$3,700, Striping: \$1,000; Final Price: \$25,200.00. Used vehicle, 2 weeks to pick up when removed from service.

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Gunn to authorize the purchase of the 2016 Ford Explorer Interceptor from Morrow Bros. Ford in Greenfield, not to exceed \$34,330.00.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

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

Legion Memorial Pool Operations

Discussion on Legion Memorial Pool Operations with the YMCA as of June 30, 2015. Currently, the pool is operating in the black, but because the membership revenue comes at the beginning of the year, while the expenses continue over 3 or 4 months, the expenses will probably begin to catch up, and the negative number reported on their statement will decrease. If this number becomes a positive number, then it will be the money the Village will owe the YMCA. The YMCA has begun to sell half-price memberships that could generate some additional revenue midyear and help the bottom line. Village staff will meet with the YMCA on August 10. Administrator Joost has been tracking weather conditions (daytime temperatures and rainfall) to compare with pool attendance.

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Shortfalls

Administrator Joost addressed the board concerning budget shortfalls, especially in the Sewer Fund, Pool Fund and Civic Center Fund. Board members reviewed a memo and spreadsheets prepared by Mr. Joost.

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Sewer Fund
Shortfalls

In reference to the the Sewer Fund, assuming that the Village's operation expenses cannot be significantly reduced, that debt payments are fixed and that capital expenditures can be kept low, the Village will still need more revenue to be able to remain operational. As an enterprise fund, the sewer services provided should be funded by the users of the system. Therefore, a rate increase seems inevitable. Mr. Joost provided a couple scenarios on rate increases and recommends that if the Board agrees that sewer rates need to be raised, that one of the preferred engineering firms with experience in wastewater systems review these numbers and the models proposed in order to evaluate and provide the Village with some guidance.

Pool Fund/ Civic
Center Fund
Shortfalls

In reference to the Pool Fund and Civic Center Funds, the general fund loaned the Pool Fund \$2,000 at the start of the year to allow it to begin with a positive fund balance, that loan will need to be repaid. However, the pool is projected to lose a net of \$12,000 over this year and the Civic Center is projected to lose a net of \$7,500 this year. An estimated additional \$21,500 will be needed this year for these two funds. Three options were presented: 1) increase user fees (not practical, will not generate enough revenue); 2) property tax increase for parks and recreation (the Village is under the levy cap for Parks, but there is expected to be a freeze on local property tax issued by the State); 3) increase the telecommunications tax that is used to fund these accounts (most feasible). The consensus of the Board was to increase the telecommunications tax to 5%, it is currently 3%. Mayor Picard stated that she does not like to raise taxes, but something must be done to assist these funds. Attorney Gruenke will prepare an ordinance for the telecommunications tax increase for the next meeting.

Illinois Municipal
League Conference
Sept. 17-19, 2015

There are funds budgeted for Board members to attend the annual Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago, September 17-19, 2015. At this time, Mayor Picard, Clerk Crane, and Administrator Joost plan to attend. Interested Board members need to state their interest in attending.

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 Gunn and seconded by Trustee Malina to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Malina, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Linthicum, Mavrogeorge.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: August 3, 2015