

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: AUGUST 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Monday, August 3, 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, Linthicum, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, and Pettibone. **Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Joost; Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Police Chief Meinhardt; EMS Director Gilbert; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; and Park & Recreation Director Meinhardt.

Announcements

Trustee Mavrogeorge commended the New Baden EMS Service for the positive feedback received from St. Elizabeth's Hospital for a recent ambulance call that resulted in a Cardiac Save.

Citizen Comments

Resident Allen Spaur, 9 West Ash Street, attended to discuss a leaf vacuum truck. He stated that he puts together several bags/cans of leaves a season and it can be difficult at times with a busy work schedule. He feels that residents might be more apt to rake leaves out of their yards and ditches if they know they would be vacuumed up on a certain day, causing less drainage problems throughout the community. Mayor Picard directed Administrator Joost to reach out to surrounding communities to see how this is handled and report his findings to the Board.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from the July 20, 2015, Regular Meeting and authorization of payment of current invoices.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Ordinance 2015-08-03-A: Declaring Firearm as Surplus Property & Providing Firearm as a Gift to Chief Riley

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve Ordinance 2015-08-03-A: Declaring Chief of Police Mike Riley's Active Duty Firearm as Surplus Property and Providing the Firearm as a Gift to Chief Riley in Recognition of his Outstanding Dedication to Service and Longtime Commitment to Safety in the Village of New Baden. This action was delayed in the attempt to keep the gift of his service weapon as a surprise to Chief Riley.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Wastewater Rate Strategy: Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

Board members reviewed a Proposal to Provide Peer Review and Assistance for Wastewater Rate Strategy from Horner & Shifrin, Inc. The Village is projecting sewer fund expenses to exceed revenues in the near future. The current fund balances will be exhausted in 2018 and the current wastewater rate structure does not provide sufficient funds for debt service and operational costs. The Village is not in a position to undertake a comprehensive rate study at this time; however, more information is needed to make a decision on a prudent course of action to address the budget shortfall. It was asked if Administrator Joost could prepare a wastewater rate study; Mr. Joost stated he was not confident in

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Wastewater Rate Strategy, cont.

preparing the information for the Board to take action upon regarding a modified wastewater rate structure; Horner & Shifrin, Inc. has more experience.

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Malina to authorize the Proposal to Provide Peer Review and Assistance for Wastewater Strategy with Horner & Shifrin, Inc., not to exceed \$4,700. This will allow for the preparation of a Task Order to proceed with the rate study.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Pettibone.

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

Kehrer Brothers Construction, Inc.: Change Order #2: Roof Replacement & Repairs

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize Change Order #2 from Kehrer Brothers Construction, Inc. for the Roof Replacement and Repairs of Municipal Buildings. This change order authorizes an additional \$277.42 for plywood roof decking at the EMS Building to replace deteriorated wood roof decking that was discovered during the roof replacement; and extends the substantial completion date to August 17, 2015, due to inclement weather.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Class "E" Liquor License: New Baden Chamber of Commerce, Chili & Soup Cook-off

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve a Class "E" Liquor License – Civic Organization for the New Baden Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Chili & Soup Cook-off to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the New Baden Community Park.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

9 North 2nd Street Property Discussion

Discussion on the the possible sale of 9 North 2nd Street. This is Village property that was obtained through the court system by abandonment. The demolition of the home was completed in July. The Village has incurred a total cost of \$14,378.98 in the property. There are two (2) options available when selling municipal real estate: sale by bid or sale by appraisal. With sale by bid, sealed bids are submitted and opened at a regular meeting. The corporate authority may accept the high bid, or such bid that is determined to be in the best interest of the Village, by a vote of 3/4 of the corporate authorities holding office. All bids may be rejected by a majority vote. With sale by appraisal, the corporate authorities of the Village by resolution may authorize the sale of surplus public real estate and obtains a written MAI certified appraisal. The appraisal shall be available for public inspection. The resolution may direct the sale to be conducted by the staff of the Village, a local realtor, or by public auction. The resolution shall be published in a newspaper. The Village may accept any contract proposal by a vote of 2/3 of the corporate authorities then holding office, but in no event at a price less than 80% of the appraised value.

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9 North 2nd Street
Property Discussion,
cont.

Administrator Joost stated that there was an interested party for the property. The consensus of the Board was to obtain an appraisal of the property and sell 9 North 2nd Street by that method.

Ordinance 2015-08-
03-B: Increasing
Telecommunications
Tax

Board members reviewed a draft ordinance that would increase the telecommunications tax rate in New Baden to 5% (currently the rate is 3%). Board members also reviewed a listing of area municipalities and their telecommunications tax rate, if they have one. This list represents nearby municipalities of similar population size, as compiled by Trustee Pettibone, plus rates in municipalities that are part of the Southwestern Illinois City Managers and Administrators group. Administrator Joost also provided a report of revenue from specific state taxes to date, including the telecommunications tax and how it compares to what was collected at the same time last year and to this year's budget. It was the consensus of the Board to change the rate to 6% instead of the proposed 5%.

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve Ordinance 2015-08-03-B: Increasing the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax to an amended 6% instead of the 5% presented in the draft ordinance.

Ayes: Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, Pettibone.

Nays: Malina, Linthicum.

Absent: None.

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

Village Hall
Wheelchair Lift
Replacement/ Ramp
Options

At the end of April, the wheelchair lift at the rear of Village Hall became inoperable and needs to be replaced. Administrator Joost attempted to collect quotes for the replacement of the lift. St. Louis Elevator Company, the current lift vendor, failed to supply a quote as they stated they would. Personal Mobility of St. Louis failed to meet the deadline of 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31. Phoenix Modular Elevator of Mt. Vernon submitted a quote of \$18,200 for a rear lift and \$28,390 (\$17,640 for lift and \$10,750 estimated construction cost) for a front door lift. Mr. Joost had Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. prepare a cost projection (without survey or actual design) for ramps (concrete and aluminum) to the front and rear doors. 1) Concrete ramp to front door with modifications to steps, landing and railing, \$39,900-\$43,890; 2) Concrete ramp to rear door, \$27,100-\$29,810; 3) Aluminum ramp to front door with modifications to steps, landing and railing, \$16,740-18,414; and 4) Aluminum ramp to rear door, \$13,240-\$14,564.

The consensus of the Board was the aluminum ramp to the front door of Village Hall. Mr. Joost will start the task order process with Hurst-Rosche Engineers to develop a plan and specifications so the Village can obtain bid or quotes.

New Member
Workshop

Attorney Gruenke presented information on the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (formerly known as the Gift Ban Act).

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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: August 17, 2015