

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: OCTOBER 19, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Monday, October 19, 2015, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street.

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

Announcements:

A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 6 p.m. for a Variance request from Howard Boston. On November 4 at 7 p.m., Xaivore Adcock will become an Honorary New Baden Police Officer at a special ceremony at the Wesclin Middle School. Xaivore is a middle school student who has been battling cancer for the last several years. On November 11 at 5 p.m., there will be a dedication of the Veteran's Memorial at the New Baden City Cemetery. Marvin Spaeth of Spaeth Welding has built a new monument dedicated to the Veterans of New Baden.

Reports & Communications

Tim Hintz, who has been serving as Park Board President, has stated that he does not intend to remain on the Park Board when his term expires in November. Mayor Picard stated that three new Park Board members would be needed to replace those with expiring terms; and the Village Board needs to decide how to move forward in regards to the Park Board.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from the October 5, 2015, Regular Meeting and authorization of payment of current invoices.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pettibone.

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

Ordinance 2015-10-19-A: Modifying Sewer Rates

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Gunn to approve Ordinance 2015-10-19-A: Modifying Sewer Rates. The new sewer rate will become effective on bills payable in January 2016 and will have an additional rate increase with bills payable in May 2023.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pettibone.

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

Haselhorst Road Possible Water Extension Update

Trustee Gunn provided an update from the meeting with the New Memphis Water District. New Memphis stated that they do not have the funds to extend the water line, and currently no grants are available. New Memphis did not supply a cost at the meeting, but indicated it would be too high for them to proceed. Mr. Gunn stated that Matt Schulte, who is building a home on Haselhorst Road, is ready to move forward with the easement from his parents and to proceed with receiving water from the Village of New Baden.

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Tax Levy Approach
and Ambulance
Special Service Area
Levies

As requested at the previous meeting, Administrator Joost developed multiple scenarios for considering an approach to this year's tax levy. Scenario #1 caps all levies near the maximum percentage allowed; Scenario #2 attempts to keep the increase below 5%; and Scenario #3 would result in a net increase of about 10%. These estimates would generate an additional \$113,100, \$14,600, or \$30,000 respectively from the regular levy categories. Board members discussed options and which would be the most favorable. Most Board members were in favor of attempting to recoup the actual costs for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the Municipal Auditing Tax, Insurance and Tort Judgement Tax and Social Security Tax that the Village pays; and if not covering entirely, at least a levying a larger portion than has been levied in the past. There was also discussion regarding the possible property tax freeze that the State of Illinois could impose on municipalities. Mr. Joost was asked to prepare scenarios in a higher percentage rate for review at the November 2 meeting.

Mr. Joost also prepared similar scenarios for the ambulance Special Service Area (SSA) districts. Scenario #1 increases all to their maximum cap, #2 keeps the projected tax increase below 5%; and #3 attempts about a 10% increase. These would generate an estimated increase of \$54,225, \$5,805, or \$12,625 respectively. The consensus of the Board was to change all to 0.21% (closer to the maximum rate) with the exception of Lookingglass Township, which is already at its maximum of 0.15%. Attorney Gruenke recommended confirming the St. Clair County SSA rate in the ordinance that was passed; he believed there was a maximum amount stated.

Because the Clinton County Board must enact the Ambulance SSA levies on the Village's behalf, the Village Board must make a decision on those specific levies at the October 19 meeting.

D.E. Martin Roofing
Co., Inc.: Change
Order #1: Roof
Replacement &
Repairs

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to authorize Change Order #1 from D.E. Martin Roofing Co., Inc. for the Roof Replacement and Repairs of Municipal Buildings. This change order authorizes an additional \$460.00 for the Civic Center lower roof to provide temporary EPDM wall flashing and accessories at deteriorated masonry parapet construction as necessary to protect the building interior from water infiltration and removing temporary flashing upon completion of masonry repairs.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pettibone.

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

Part-time Police
Officer: Brett Wiebler

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Oster to authorize the hiring of part-time police officer Brett Wiebler. Mr. Wiebler currently works as a part-time officer in Albers and Trenton.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pettibone.

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

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Bailey Plaza
Subdivision Plat and
Variance Requests

At the previous Board meeting, Board members discussed the draft ordinance and its stipulations for the Bailey Plaza Subdivision Plat and variance requests from James Osborne. Mr. Osborne offered that his attorney had a modified approach to the issue of a Special Service Area or a Lot Owners Association and a private street that might be less costly to him. Mr. Osborne's attorney suggested establishing an irrevocable letter of credit, which would not apply to a long-term need like guaranteeing the future replacement of the street, if ever needed. Mr. Osborne is now proceeding with developing covenant restrictions, converting the roadway to a separate parcel as common ground, and establishing a lot owner's association, as required by the ordinance. Mr. Osborne is unable to complete these tasks by the October 19 meeting but will do so for a future meeting.

Fiscal Year 2014/15
Audit Report

Tabled until future meeting.

Audrey Lane
Drainage Project:
Construction
Approach

In preparing drainage calculations for the Audrey Lane Drainage Project, engineers from TWM determined that in order to effectively drain the cul-de-sac and solve the ponding problem, the pipe required would need to be 18 inches in diameter. The previous engineering firm was using an 8" pipe in their design, which would have continued to backup water on the street. TWM has proposed using an open swale instead since there is not enough elevation change to provide cover over the required size. Administrator Joost has communicated this information to Wesclin Superintendent Filyaw and the School Board is set to consider at their meeting. The Village may want to delay construction until spring because so much of the project involves regrading and shaping ditches and the approaching winter weather will not be conducive to growing grass and keeping the ditches from eroding.

Accessible Ramp to
Village Hall:
Construction
Approach

Hurst-Roche, Inc. architects have prepared separate site work plans for the groundwork and preparation for the new accessibility ramp to the front door of Village Hall. Administrator Joost sent preliminary information to nine contractors to determine if any were potentially interested in the project and only one responded affirmatively. It is a small, diverse project and thus might not be of interest to most. Mr. Joost has since talked with our Public Works staff and they believe the Village can self-perform this work. Doing so would also allow us to address any issues that might be encountered once we excavate adjacent to the building foundation. The architects were able to get initial pricing information from one ramp manufacturer. Options available to the Village include staff helping to install the ramp under the guidance of a supervisor provided by the manufacturer. This would be similar to the way the hockey rink was completed. A suggestion was to see if any local companies would be able to build the ramp. Mr. Joost felt this was too specialized of a project to seek local bids for the ramp design and construction. Chief Building & Zoning Officer Green agreed with Mr. Joost; a local company would have to make sure the product they were using for the ramp met all standards and would have engineer approval. Board members were in consensus to have the architects get firm prices for approval at the November 2 meeting. Normal manufacturing takes 4-5 weeks; it will be mid-December before installation occurs.

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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 Gunn to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pettibone.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: November 2, 2015

Administrator Joost recently spoke with Steve Kehrer the Commissioner for the New Memphis Water District and sent him information on customers New Baden would not be able to economically