

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street.

Prior to the meeting, a public hearing was held for the annexation agreements for Jon & Lisa Gunn, Gerald & Sharon Schulte and Matthew & Jennifer Schulte. These annexation agreements will allow their respective properties to have access to the New Baden water service lines.

Present and answering to roll call: Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Mavrogeorge, Gunn, and Pettibone. **Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Crane; Village Administrator Joost; Assistant Village Administrator Mike Hemmer; Attorney Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief Building & Zoning Official Green; Treasurer Pollmann; EMS Director Gilbert; and Public Works Commissioner Renth.

Announcements

Mayor Picard announced that this is Administrator Joost's last meeting, with Friday, February 19 being his last day. He will be missed and the Village of New Baden wishes him the best of luck at the Village of Swansea.

KMOV-TV will be in New Baden at the American Legion on Thursday, February 25, 2016 to present their 4Warn Storm Mode Tour: Getting you ready for severe weather season. The tour is completely free and open to the public.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the authorization of payment of current invoices; minutes from the February 1, 2016, Regular Meeting will be presented at the March 7, 2016, regular meeting for approval.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Ordinance 2016-02-16-A: Execution of Annexation Agreement, Gerald & Sharon Schulte

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve Ordinance 2016-02-16-A: Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with Gerald L. and Sharon A. Schulte. The Schulte's, who own property at 6922 State Route 160, have executed an annexation agreement in order to obtain a water service connection for said property.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Ordinance 2016-02-16-B: Execution of Annexation Agreement, Matthew & Jennifer Schulte

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve Ordinance 2016-02-16-B: Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with Matthew L. and Jennifer N. Schulte. The Schulte's, who own property at 1003 Haselhorst Road, have executed an annexation agreement in order to obtain a water service connection for said property.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

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Ordinance 2016-02-16-C: Execution of Annexation Agreement, Jonathan & Lisa Gunn

A motion was made by Trustee Mavrogeorge and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve Ordinance 2016-02-16-C: Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with Jonathan L. and Lisa A. Gunn. The Gunn's, who own property at 1028 Haselhorst Road, have executed an annexation agreement in order to obtain a water service connection for said property.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Gunn.

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

Ordinance 2016-02-16-D: Amend Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation & Governance

Attorney Gruenke stated that the bid date for the electric aggregation program is scheduled for February 24. Mr. Gruenke explained that with the new bidding process for the municipal aggregation rate, electrical suppliers are no longer offering to "price match". This past provision allowed the municipality to terminate the contract if the Ameren rate were to drop below the aggregation rate. Because our current Plan of Operation and Governance contains a provision that requires the supplier to offer the price match, the Board needs to amend the provision of the original plan or we would not be able to sign a new supplier contract. Mr. Gruenke stated that GoodEnergy (the Broker) recommends signing a 3-year contract with the winning bidder. Mr. Gruenke is also concerned that the rates being offered could be on the high side, so there is the possibility that no contract will be signed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve Ordinance 2016-02-16-D: Amending the Village of New Baden Electricity Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. This amendment removes the "price match" provision.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Peach Lane Drainage Issues

Administrator Joost and Assistant Village Administrator Hemmer met with Mike Rehkemper of Rehkemper Development, Inc. on February 8 to discuss the drainage issues at the end of Peach Lane on his property; the Village Board discussed this at the February 1 meeting. Mr. Rehkemper has agreed to address the culvert issue on his property, weather permitting and when he is able to do so. He also said he may simply remove the existing culvert for now and then replace it with a different structure at some point in the future. If he removes the existing culvert, the Village should review the resulting effects during the next storm event. No action taken by the Board.

Antennae Tower at Village Hall

Administrator Joost reports that American Signal recommends that the antennae broadcasting the signal to the tornado/warning sirens be 25 to 30 feet high. Mr. Joost estimates that the EMS Building tower is 30 feet high and topped by a 20-foot mast antennae; it should be possible to attach the antennae for the sirens at a point near the top of that tower and thus meet their recommendation. By relocating the antennae to that building, a coax cable connection can directly run between the antennae and the radio for the siren system, thereby eliminating the need for it to run through the repeater as it does now. With a repeater not being used, the TX (transmit) frequency of the CSC-960 radio should be 154.0400 and the RX (receiving) frequency should be 155.9850 with a PL tone of 186.2.

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Antennae Tower at Village Hall; cont.

Warner Communications can advise if the Public Works Department will still be able to transmit on its current frequency through the repeater without interfering with the siren signal. Mr. Joost stated that the Village will need to clearly identify each of the antennae to be abandoned on the Village Hall tower as a final check; Warner Communications would be able to do this. It would seem that if the PW radio and repeater can be moved to the fire station tower, then the Village Hall tower could be removed and detached from the anchor points on the building.

Masonry Issues at Village Hall

At the February 1, 2016 regular meeting, the Board approved a proposal from FGM Architects Inc. of O'Fallon to provide a building analysis of Village Hall. They will be onsite in the coming week and will produce a written report for the March 7 regular meeting.

Crop Damage due to I-64 Water/Sewer Extension Project: Ruth School Road, Kenny Von Bokel

Administrator Joost contacted Ken Von Bokel extending the counter offer of the Board as decided at the February 1, 2016 regular meeting and he has accepted that offer. The check will be sent out this week and HMG Engineers, Inc. was notified to have the contractor, Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., do the same for the crop damage owed by them. Mr. Von Bokel asked that the Village probe a 100 foot x 100 foot area around the pit on his farmed ground to attempt to locate any large rocks/boulders left by the excavation process; Administrator Joost agreed to this concession.

Budget Officer Appointment

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Gunn to appoint Village Administrator Mike Hemmer as the Budget Officer, effective February 19, 2016.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Executive Session Review Committee

An Executive Session Review Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Rodeo: Eric Hull

Eric Hull was present to discuss holding his rodeo again on September 16 & 17, 2016, at the New Baden Park; it will be held at the same location as the one in 2015. There was discussion regarding the amount of Police protection required; which can be addressed as the contract is revised, with input from the Police Department. Mr. Hull also stated the need for volunteers to help with the event.

Village Hall Accessibility Ramp

The accessibility ramp is scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, February 17 and construction will begin with the help of the Public Works Department.

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, Pettibone.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: March 7, 2016