

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: MARCH 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board met Monday, March 21, 2016, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. Mayor Picard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Telecommunications  
Tax Redistribution:  
Park Board  
Recommendation

The Park Board met on March 16, 2016 and discussed the Telecommunications Tax distribution of funds based on information provided in a memo from Administrator Hemmer. Ordinance 2012-07-02-A established the Telecommunications Tax and Ordinance 2015-08-03-B increased the tax from 3% to 6%. These ordinances dedicated this tax revenue to the Village of New Baden "recreation" funds, consisting of the Park Fund, Legion Memorial Pool Fund, and Billhartz Civic Center Fund. Per the ordinance, the Park Board determines the split of the revenue among these funds. Since this revenue source was established in 2012, the distribution has been: Park Fund, 50%; Legion Memorial Pool Fund, 25%; and Billhartz Civic Center Fund, 25%. With the additional revenues from the increased tax, relatively stable activity in the Park and Billhartz Civic Center Funds and in an attempt to improve the soundness of the Legion Memorial Pool Fund, Mr. Hemmer requests that the Park Board adjust the distribution to: Park Fund, 35%; Legion Memorial Pool Fund, 40%; and Billhartz Civic Center Fund, 25%. While the final budget for 2017 is not complete, Mr. Hemmer estimates that with these adjustments, these three funds will operate at a surplus. No action required, but the consensus of the Board agreed with the recommendation of 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 February 1 and March 7, 2016, Regular Meetings and authorization of payment of current invoices.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Ordinance 2016-03-  
21-A: Adding Stop  
Signs at Intersections  
Located within White  
Oaks Subdivision

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to pass Ordinance 2016-03-21-A: Adding Stop Signs at Intersections Located within White Oaks Subdivision. Stop signs will be placed in the east bound directions at White Oaks Drive at Angela Court, Della Court, Lila Court, and Margaret Court and north bound on Weatherholt Drive at Lila Court.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

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Village Hall  
Accessibility Ramp  
Update

Administrator Hemmer has negotiated, with advice from Public Works Commissioner Renth, a solution that includes corrections to the concrete pads and the Village Hall front landing and steps with Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc., engineer for the project, and Handi-Ramp. The Village will only pay for an additional railing material change cost of \$725 and provide Public Works employees for installation as originally planned; Hurst-Rosche and Handi-Ramp will cover the remaining costs of \$5,150 for work required, including concrete work and redelivery of the ramp. Hurst-Rosche has poured the concrete pads and the ramp should be delivered soon, potentially the week of March 21.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Gunn to authorize the change order to Handi-Ramp for \$725.00 for the additional railing material for the accessibility ramp at Village Hall.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Village Hall Masonry  
Update:

Administrator Hemmer reported that he is looking into the repointing of Village Hall in phases. A short-term fix has been proposed by Jim Keleman, of Toenjes Brick Contracting, Inc., to prevent leakage is being determined and this could buy some time to continue to seek funding sources. Mr. Hemmer hopes to have some action for the Board soon; however, the antennae tower issue has to be resolved first.

Village Hall Antennae  
Tower Update

Administrator Hemmer has been in contact with Warner Communications and is still determining the use of all towers/antennae at Village Hall and the Fire/Emergency Services building. The Village Hall tower must be removed for repointing to occur. Warner Communications does not believe the tower at the EMS building will work; there is not enough room between the buildings, especially if guy wires will be needed. Mr Hemmer will continue to keep the Board updated on the situation.

Illinois Street Tree  
Removal Project:  
Request for Bids

A motion was made by Trustee Gunn and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to authorize the Request for Bids for the Illinois Street Tree Removal Project. Sealed bids will be due on April 14, 2016, by 10:00 a.m. This project is for three (3) large trees located at 106 East Illinois Street; these trees are located partially on Rick Sinkler's property and partially on the Illinois Street right-of-way. The trees are dying and dropping significant branches onto the street and property.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

YMCA Proposal for  
Legion Memorial  
Swimming Pool

Administrator Hemmer reported that he and Village Staff met with the YMCA to negotiate a contract for the 2016 Pool season. Along with the adjustment of the Telecommunications Tax distribution, the contract for the 2016 season will have some rate increases (daily admission, pool parties and swim lessons), adjustments to the management fee and asking the YMCA to consider splitting the cost of pool chemicals (the YMCA is able to purchase pool chemicals much cheaper). There may be a need to change the pool's chemical system, but the

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YMCA Proposal,  
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cost savings with the YMCA splitting costs will be significant. Mr. Hemmer feels with these changes, the Pool Fund will begin to have a lesser impact on the overall General Fund budget. Mr. Hemmer anticipates a contract for the Board to consider in April. Also discussed was the possibility of establishing a senior citizen/ grandparent rate for those that do not swim, but still have to pay to access the pool area.

Fiscal Year 2016-  
2017 Budget Update

Administrator Hemmer provided information for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. A Tentative Budget will be available for public inspection on Monday, March 28, 2016 after 8:30 a.m. The Public Hearing on the budget will be on Monday April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the next regular Board meeting). Trustee Malina announced that a Finance Committee Meeting would be on Monday March 28 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the budget in detail.

Water/Sewer Deposit  
Increase for New  
Accounts

Clerk Crane explained a need for a higher water/sewer deposit. Currently the \$75.00 deposit does not always cover the final bill for a resident when they move from New Baden, especially with the latest sewer rate increase. Clerk Crane suggested the deposit amount be \$100.00. The consensus of the Board agreed to this amount. The ordinance will be prepared for the April 4 regular meeting.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: April 4, 2016