

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, February 6, 2017, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street.

In the absence of Mayor Picard, it was motioned and approved to allow Senior Trustee Malina to chair the meeting. Trustee Malina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present and answering to roll call:** Trustees Malina, Linthicum, Oster, Pettibone, and Zurliene. **Absent:** Mayor Picard and Trustee 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; and Treasurer Pollmann.

Announcements

\*\*Administrator Hemmer reported that he is hosting a meeting regarding the New Baden Ambulance Special Service Areas on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. The New Baden Ambulance provides service to New Baden, Albers, Damiansville and Lookingglass Township and all have been invited to attend said meeting. \*\*The next New Baden Village Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 21; President's Day is observed on Monday, February 20.

Guest

Thomas Meldrom, a Boy Scout in Pack 556, was present to observe a Board meeting as part of a patch requirement.

Public Works  
Commissioner Report

Public Works Commissioner Renth provided his quarterly report.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes from the January 17, 2017, Regular Meeting and authorization of payment of current invoices.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Ordinance: 2017-02-06-A: Dissolving the TIF #1 Special Tax Allocation Fund and Terminating the Redevelopment Area

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve Ordinance 2017-02-06-A: Dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Redevelopment Project Area #1 and Terminating the Designation of the Redevelopment Project Area #1 as a Redevelopment Project Area. This is the final requirement to closing TIF #1 now that surplus funds were distributed to the counties. Clinton County has redistributed the surplus funds back to the affected taxing bodies and St. Clair County anticipates doing so in the spring.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Police Vehicle  
Purchase

Administrator Hemmer, at the direction of the Village Board at the January 17 meeting, researched local financing options for the immediate purchase of a new police vehicle and a second new police vehicle at some point in the 2017-18 fiscal year. First Federal of Mascoutah and FCB Banks of New Baden offer an interest rate of 1.75%, based on a \$40,000 purchase price with \$10,000 down payment over a 3-year term; the monthly payment would be about \$856.

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Police Vehicle  
Purchase, cont.

The down payment will come from the \$9,000 budgeted for police vehicle replacement and the insurance settlement of \$4,450.

Board members reviewed bids as solicited by Chief Meinhardt from local vehicle dealerships and equipment shops. The lowest bid for a vehicle is Breese Motor Sales at \$28,613. However, the vehicle would have to be ordered and would take about 3 months to be road ready. For \$28,990, Morrow Brothers Ford has four (4) vehicles immediately available and meeting the required specifications; it would be road ready in 30-45 days. The low bid on the needed equipment is from Ed Roehr Safety Products Co. in St. Louis, \$10,805.

Staff recommends pursuing the financing as outlined from FCB Banks, simply because they are closer, approving the down payment of \$10,000, approving the purchase of the vehicle from Morrow Brothers Ford at \$28,990, and approving the equipment purchase from Ed Roehr Safety Products at \$10,805. Attorney Gruenke stated that an ordinance will be prepared to authorize the loan with FCB Banks and would be considered at the next Board meeting.

The question of the second police vehicle is driven by the next budget year. There is a possibility of getting a better price on a new 2017 model in late summer. There is a point where the option to buy a 2017 will become very limited and a 2018 model will have to be considered. Administrator Hemmer expects similar pricing for the next purchase and will budget accordingly in the 2017-18 budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD from Morrow Brothers Ford for \$28,990.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize the accessory purchases for the 2017 Ford Interceptor from Ed Roehr Safety Products Co. et al for \$10,805.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Interstate 64 & State  
Route 161  
Improvements

The traffic study has been completed by TWM Engineers, Inc. The key points from Jeff Reis of TWM from the study are:

- The eastbound I-64 on/off ramps intersection with State Route 161 has the most traffic.
- In the 2021 study, the intersection delay for a vehicle turning left from the I-64 off ramp to go west on State Route 161 (into New Baden) is expected to be 117.8 seconds per vehicle on average.
- A stoplight would reduce the delay to 19.8 seconds, and a roundabout to 17.9 seconds.
- The estimate for a stoplight is \$281,450. The estimate for a roundabout is a minimum of \$1.5 million.

Interstate 64 & State  
Route 161  
Improvements, cont.

Based on the study, the most economical option would be stoplights. However, IDOT has nine (9) warrants that apply when considering the signalization of an intersection: 1) 8-hour Vehicle Volume; 2) 4-hour Vehicle Volume; 3) Peak Hour; 4) Pedestrian Volume; 5) School Crossing; 6) Coordinated Signal System; 7) Crash Experience; 8) Roadway Network; and 9) Near a Grade RR Crossing. New Baden's IDOT region only considers warrants #1 and #7 as justification for signals. New Baden meets #2 and #3; IDOT would not support the installation of a light at this time. Even if the Village would pay for the entire light, IDOT would not approve. If there was pending development, that amount of traffic could be included in the modelling and could change the outcome.

Regarding the grant funding and improvements, options are:

- A. Push ahead and attempt to convince IDOT, through political means, that they should support the signalization of this intersection. This will require proceeding with the grant and sending numerous letters and making phone calls to anyone who will listen. Administrator Hemmer would obtain letters of support from surrounding property and business owners. However, IDOT needs to be convinced. This is a long shot.
- B. Apply for the Roundabout. More likely to meet with approval by IDOT, but less likely to get grant funding due to the expense / impact ratio and limited grant funding available. Mr. Hemmer thinks the Village could swing a roundabout with grant funding. Mr. Hemmer and Mr. Reis of TWM talked about expanding the project; possibly resurfacing State Route 161, adding a light and a roundabout, something along those lines. While that might be attractive to IDOT and still qualify for grant funding for various phases, it still does not fix the Village's ability to fund such a large project.
- C. Do nothing. The Village now has a traffic study. Activity at the intersection can continue to be monitored. More development can be looked into and allow the TIF and Business District funds continue to build. When the Condition Rating System for State Route 161 drops below fair in a year or so, then the resurfacing can be completely on IDOT. After the resurfacing, the Village can then refresh the study data and reconsider options.

The consensus of the Board, based on Mr. Hemmer's recommendation and lack of available funds, is to do nothing at this time. Since Mayor Picard was not in attendance, Mr. Reis of TWM will be invited to attend the February 21 meeting for one more discussion.

Lawn Maintenance  
Contracts (2017  
Season): Request for  
Bids

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to authorize the Request for Bids for the 2017 Lawn Maintenance Contracts for Village properties. Sealed bids will be due on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. Contracts would be considered at the March 6 meeting. Minor modifications have been made to individual locations as necessary and alternate bids have been added for extra cutting of athletic fields in the park and grouping the cemeteries together.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

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North Clinton Street  
Improvements at  
North Ridge Estates  
Subdivision

At the June 14, 2016, Plan Commission Public Hearing a variance was approved for the road surface for Ron Kalmer, developer of North Ridge Estates Phase 2. A section of North Clinton Street, between Deborah Court and the new curb line, will require construction. Also, with the installation of curbing in Phase 2 for the houses that face North Clinton Street, there is 125 feet of curbing needed to the north along Lot 15 in Phase 1 (no curbing was required because the home will face Deborah Court. Administrator Hemmer requested estimates for the project from the developer's contractor, Straeter Excavating; since they will be on-site, it is more economical to have them do the work. Mr. Hemmer has verified that the rock in the Village stockpile can be used, which lowers the estimated cost by about \$4,500. The roadwork estimate is \$12,050 and the curbing estimate is \$4,060, for a total estimate of \$16,110. Since the cost is under \$20,000, the Village does not have to have to request bids; Straeter can do the proposed work. Administrator Hemmer stated he does not normally recommend the Village assist private developers in fulfilling the Village ordinance requirements; this project represents a compromise, especially since the curb work was not a Subdivision Code requirement at the time of construction of Phase 1.

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to authorize Straeter Excavating to complete road work and curbing on North Clinton Street at North Ridge Estates Subdivision for \$16,110.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

Gelly Excavating &  
Construction: Pay  
Request #3 – North  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street Box Culvert  
Project

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Malina to authorize Pay Request #3 for \$15,271.29 from Gelly Excavating & Construction for the North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Box Culvert Project. This pay request is primarily for the recently constructed sidewalk. The remaining amount on the project is for the retainage of \$24,885.29 and perhaps some minor work after the final inspection.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

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

2017-2018 Budget  
Process

Administrator Hemmer presented the Board with his proposed schedule for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. Mr. Hemmer asked the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting towards the end of February or the beginning of March.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Mavrogeorge.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: February 21, 2017