

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

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, November 6, 2017, 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: Mayor Christy Picard; Trustees Bill Malina, Jerry Linthicum, Jordan Pettibone, Taylor Zurliene, and Randy Joe Linthicum. **Absent:** Trustee Oster. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Mike Hemmer; Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Police Chief Scott Meinhardt; Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green; Public Works Commissioner Ronald V. Renth; and EMS Director Allen Gilbert.

Announcements

*Public Safety Committee Meeting on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. *Village Hall closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. *TIF Joint Review Board Meeting on November 13 and 6:00 p.m.

EMS Department Report

EMS Director Allen Gilbert provided the department report.

IDOT Traffic Signal: Eastbound Ramps at I-64

Administrator Hemmer reported that he recently received an email from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding bid specifications and plans for a traffic signal on State Route 161 at the Eastbound Ramps of Interstate 64. The bid letting is on November 17, 2017, and the project is scheduled to be completed in 35 working days.

Good Energy/ Homefield Energy Extension Letter

The Village, along with other nearby communities, received communications from Good Energy regarding a Homefield Energy price drop and an extension to the electric aggregation contract. The existing contract was to be in place through June 2019 and was for \$0.0595 per kilowatt hour (kWh). Earlier in 2017, Ameren's rate dropped below the aggregation rate and this is the response to that decrease from Homefield and Good Energy. The contract would be extended through December 2020 with a rate of \$0.05700 / kWh (effective February 2018), and a drop in June 2019 to \$0.05596 / kWh. Further discussed later in this meeting.

Finance Committee Meeting Notes

Finance Committee recommendations from the October 30 committee meeting. Further discussed later in this meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee R. Linthicum to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from the October 2 and 16, 2017, Regular Meetings and authorization of payment of current invoices.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Ordinance 2017-11-06-A: Regulating Liquor Licenses

Administrator Hemmer reported on a modification to the Village's Liquor License Code. This ordinance amends our liquor code in two respects: 1) The ordinance amendment will require that an establishment that obtains a liquor license is not to derive more than 50% of its gross monthly revenue from licensed video gaming under the Illinois Video Gaming Act. An applicant will be required to state that this is the case on our application and will produce accounting records each year to determine if they are eligible; 2) The ordinance amendment will

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Ordinance 2017-11-06-A: Regulating Liquor Licenses, cont.

change our definition of a Class "A" Tavern license slightly to restrict the sale of liquor under this license class for on-premise consumption only. The current code could be interpreted that off-premise consumption is allowed as the phrasing "other retail sales of such liquor" is used. This change will not hurt any of the existing liquor license holders in New Baden. Similar ordinances are being adopted by communities in an effort to control the pop-up mini casinos and gaming parlors that have become popular. These changes will require an update to the Village's existing liquor license application. Additionally, Village Clerk Crane and Mr. Hemmer have settled on a plan to inform all liquor license holders with their renewal this year that they are required, by State law and Village ordinance, to have a manager that resides in New Baden; this has not been enforced in the past.

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve Ordinance 2017-11-06-A: Regulating Liquor Licenses.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Part-time Office Assistant at Village Hall and Police Department Hire: Becky Gill

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve the hire of Becky Gill as the part-time office assistant at Village Hall and the Police Department. The Village received 21 applications for this position and interviewed seven (7) of them. Ms. Gill has accepted an employment offer of \$12.50 per hour for up to 1,000 hours annually. This position is at-will and includes a 90-day probationary period. She will work approximately 20 hours per week, split between Village Hall and the Police Department.

Ayes: Malina, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: J. Linthicum.

Absent: Oster.

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

Part-time Police Officer: Brett Wiebler

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Malina to approve the hire of Brett Wiebler as a part-time Police Officer.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Good Energy/Homefield Energy Contract Extension Amendment

A motion was made by Trustee J. Linthicum and seconded by Trustee R. Linthicum to approve the contract amendment with Good Energy for Homefield Energy. As discussed earlier in this meeting, Good Energy wants to amend the existing contract with Homefield Energy. The existing contract will be extended through December 2020 with a rate of \$0.05700/kwh (effective February 2018), and a rate drop in June 2019 to \$0.05596/kwh.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

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2009 Ford E-450
Ambulance Repair

Administrator Hemmer reported the condition of Ambulance 4D12, the 2009 Ford E-450 diesel vehicle. It recently had repairs due to leaking fuel. The fuel filter was determined to be the cause and cost about \$1,100 for the repair due to the amount of labor involved in accessing the filter. This ambulance, although newer and with an engine replacement, continues to have issues. No action taken.

Finance Committee
Meeting
Recommendations

The Finance Committee met on October 30 to review the 2016 final property tax extensions and consider scenarios for the 2017 Tax Levy. The scenarios included: a levy to keep the extension dollar amount the same, max out the caps and pay all allowed costs from the extension, consider a 10% increase in the overall extension, and consider an increase of less than 5%. The St. Clair County Ambulance Special Service Area (SSA), the Caylin Ridge Estates SSA and the Library levy were also reviewed. The Committee and Administrator Hemmer recommend an overall increase of a 4.99522%. The Committee also discussed various other topics regarding the Villages revenues and budget.

2017 Tax Levy
Estimates

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee J. Linthicum to authorize the 2017 Tax Levy Estimates. The next step is to approve an ordinance setting these amounts at least 20 days after the announcement approval, but in time to have the levy filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. The recommended levy does not exceed the 5% increase over the prior year's extension and will not require a Truth in Taxation notice or hearing.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Clinton County
Contracts for
Ambulance Service:
SSA 7

A motion was made by Trustee J. Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve the Contract for Ambulance Service with Clinton County in Special Service Area (SSA) 7, the Village of Damiansville, for \$15,800.00.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Clinton County
Contracts for
Ambulance Service:
SSA 8

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee J. Linthicum to approve the Contract for Ambulance Service with Clinton County in Special Service Area (SSA) 8, the Village of Albers, for \$41,600.00.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

Clinton County
Contracts for
Ambulance Service:
SSA 9

A motion was made by Trustee Malina and seconded by Trustee R. Linthicum to approve the Contract for Ambulance Service with Clinton County in Special Service Area (SSA) 9, the Village of New Baden, for \$90,000.00.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

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Clinton County
Contracts for
Ambulance Service:
SSA 10

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve the Contract for Ambulance Service with Clinton County in Special Service Area (SSA) 10, the Un-incorporated Areas of Lookingglass Township, for \$53,600.00.

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

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

2017 Legion
Memorial Pool
Season Final Review

Administrator Hemmer has received the final report from the Gateway Region YMCA regarding the 2017 New Baden Legion Memorial Pool financials. Overall, revenue for the pool was down about \$2,285 from the 2016 season. On the expense side, salaries were up about \$2,950 from 2016, and that was the single largest increase. Overall expenses ended up higher than 2016 by about \$427. In the Pool Funds budget, it was expected to pay an extra \$8,006 to meet the YMCA's management fee of \$12,000; the Village will only need to pay the YMCA \$1,620.43. The Pool Fund was estimated to end the fiscal year with a balance of \$304 and is now estimated to end the fiscal year at \$6,690. No action is required,

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

Ayes: Malina, J. Linthicum, Pettibone, Zurliene, R. Linthicum.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: November 20, 2017