

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: May 6, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, May 6, 2019, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. Mayor Picard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present and answering to roll call: Mayor Christy Picard, Trustees Bill Malina, Bob Oster, Jordan Pettibone, Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, and Ricky Johnson. **Absent:** None. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Mike Hemmer; Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief of Police Scott Meinhardt; Commissioner of Public Works Ronald V. Renth; EMS Director Allen Gilbert; and Treasurer Casey Pierce. **Staff Members Absent:** Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green.

2019-2020 Annual Meeting Notices

2019-2020 Schedule of Annual Meeting notices were presented to the Board.

Committee Assignments

With the installation of newly elected Board members, Mayor Picard updated the Committee assignments for the Trustees for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Emergency Services/ Ambulance Report

EMS Director Allen Gilbert provided the department report which reflected statistics through April 2019.

Citizen Addressing the Board

** Resident John Peters, 308 N 8th St, was present to get an update on the sanitary sewer issues he presented to the Board at the April 15 Board meeting. Public Works Commissioner Renth stated the issue is being addressed.** Resident Rustin Smith, 1002 Peach Ln, addressed the Board in reference to speeding on the Village streets. He requested the Police do more monitoring, asked about the possibility of speed humps (not bumps) and placement of the portable speed limit sign and its capabilities. Chief Meinhardt stated that the sign has limited functions, it is about 8 years old; but the Police Dept. can monitor that area more.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices and the Minutes from the April 15, 2019, regular meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Ordinance 2019-05-06-A: Granting a Special Use Permit for 501 W Hanover St to be Used as an Automotive Repair Shop

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Johnson to pass Ordinance 2019-05-06-A: Granting a Special Use Permit for 501 W Hanover St to be Used as an Automotive Repair Shop. This Special Use permit was a recommendation from the Plan Commission from their April 9 meeting. The owners of Rush Hour Automotive were present to answer any questions.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

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Ordinance 2019-05-06-B: Granting a Special Use Permit for 9 & 11 N Railway St to be Used in Part as a Multiple-Family Dwelling

A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to pass Ordinance 2019-05-06-B: Granting a Special Use Permit for 9 and 11 N Railway St to be Used in Part as a Multiple-Family Dwelling. This Special Use permit was a recommendation from the Plan Commission at their April 9 meeting. This property has been belonged to Zion United Church of Christ, being used as the Church and Parsonage, since about 1895.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Thanks & Plaque Presentation

Mayor Picard extended her thanks to Ricky Johnson for serving as a Trustee these last several months filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Jerry Linthicum. Mayor Picard presented a Certificate of Service to Trustee Bill Malina. Mr. Malina was appointed to the Library Board on November 1, 1999, he was elected to the Library Board in April 2001; he was appointed to the Park Board in June 2001, and was elected to the Village Board in April 2003, where he has served for the last 16 years (4-terms). His dedicated service will be greatly missed.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Clerk Crane swore in newly elected officials: Taylor Zurliene (term expires 2023), Jordan Pettibone (term expires 2023), Nicole Pederson (term expires 2023), and Tom Kuhn (term expires 2021).

Clerk Crane will swear in newly elected Library Trustees at the Library Board meeting on Monday, May 20. Library Trustees: Diane Hoerchler (term expires 2025); Vincent Haun (term expires 2025), Sandy Billhartz (term expires 2023)

Plan Commission Appointment: Ricky Johnson

Present and answering to roll call: Mayor Christy Picard, Trustees Bob Oster, Jordan Pettibone, Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, Nicole Pederson, and Tom Kuhn. **Absent:** None.

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve the appointment of Ricky Johnson to the Plan Commission. He is returning to the Plan Commission to fill the vacancy left by his previous appointment to the Village Board.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Employment Agreement for Village Administrator, Michael Bolt

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to authorize an Employment Agreement with Michael Bolt as the Village Administrator. Summary of Employment Agreement: Agreement effective May 6, 2019; beginning employment on May 20, and acting as Assistant to the Village Administrator until May 28; employment agreement ends April 30, 2021; base salary of \$77,500 per year with annual compensation review; Employee is granted 80 hours of vacation leave on August 1, 2019, and shall then accrue 120 hours of vacation leave on each subsequent May 1; Employee will earn eight (8) hours of sick leave per month commencing on June 1; and Employer shall provide a four (4) months of severance if employee is terminated without cause.

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Employment Agreement, cont.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Casey Pierce, Treasurer

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve the appointment of Casey Pierce as Treasurer, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Mike Hemmer, Village Administrator

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the appointment of Mike Hemmer as Village Administrator.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Doug Gruenke, Village Attorney

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve the appointment of Doug Gruenke as Village Attorney, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Ronald V. Renth, Commissioner of Public Works

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Pettibone to approve the appointment of Ronald V. Renth as Commissioner of Public Works, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Jerry Green, Chief Building & Zoning Official

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the appointment of Jerry Green as Chief Building and Zoning Official, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Appointment: Mike Hemmer, Budget Officer

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the appointment of Mike Hemmer as Budget Officer.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

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Appointment: Teri Crane, Village Collector

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve the appointment of Teri Crane as Village Collector, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Appointment: Allen Gilbert, Director of Emergency Services

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve the appointment of Allen Gilbert as Director of Emergency Services, for the term of one year.

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Chief of Police Search Update

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Girl Scout Project at Gazebo in Park

The New Baden Girl Scout Troop has approached the Park Board with a project for a painted rock garden and a "take a book/leave a book" library. The Park Board recommends approval. The general location is in the vicinity of the gazebo. The girls will do all the work. The Scout leaders will also coordinate with the Public Works Department. Alternatively, the girls could move to place the garden and library near a bench if the gazebo area is not approved. Final placement will be confirmed with the Village Administrator. Thanks was also extended to the Girl Scouts. They spent March 23 cleaning the Civic Center for a service project and a thank you to the Village for the use of the building for their weekly meetings.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to recess the meeting to Closed Session to discuss employment of specific employees of the public body, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:33 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:03 pm.

Present and answering to roll call: Mayor Christy Picard, Trustees Bob Oster, Jordan Pettibone, Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, Nicole Pederson, and Tom Kuhn. **Absent:** None.

New Member Workshop

Attorney Gruenke stated that the new member workshop information that he presents every two years will be done all in one setting prior to the June 3 meeting.

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

Ayes: Oster, Pettibone, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk

Approved: May 20, 2019