

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: JULY 15, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, July 1, 2019, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street.

In the absence of Mayor Picard, it was motioned to have Trustee Taylor Zurliene chair the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present and answering to roll call: Trustees Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, Nicole Pederson; and Trustee Tom Kuhn. **Absent:** Mayor Christy Picard; Trustees Bob Oster, Jordan Pettibone. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Mike Bolt; Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief of Police Chuck Mackin; Commissioner of Public Works Ronald V. Renth; Treasurer Casey Pierce; and Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green. **Staff Members Absent:** EMS Director Allen Gilbert.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Casey Pierce provided the June Treasurer's Report for Board review.

Commissioner of Public Works Report

Commissioner of Public Works Ron Renth presented department report for review. Mr. Renth explained that Public Works employee Lonny Broeckling injured his shoulder while at work on April 4. He was off a few days while it was determined to be a torn rotator cuff. Mr. Broeckling is scheduled to have surgery on August 15; he could be off of work from 3 to 6 months. This is an approved workmen's compensation case.

Emergency Services/ Ambulance Report

EMS Director Allen Gilbert provided the department report.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices and the Minutes from the July 1, 2019, regular meeting. Consent Agenda also included approving the following: Closure of Hickory Street for the St. George Parish Picnic, on Sat., August 10, 2019; Class "E" Liquor License for the St. George Parish Picnic on August 10; Sign Request by St. George Parish for placement of signs for Picnic at Village Park; Class "E" Liquor License: New Baden Chamber of Commerce, Chili & Soup Cook- off, October 26, 2019; and Sign Request by New Baden Chamber of Commerce for placement of signs in Park for Annual Chili & Soup Cook-off.

Ayes: Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Pettibone.

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

Ordinance 2019-07-15-A: Amending the Notice Requirements for Certain Nuisances within the Village

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to pass Ordinance 2019-07-15-A: Amending the Notice Requirements for Certain Nuisances within the Village. This allows the Village to amend Chapter 25 to remove the requirement of providing a notice to abate a nuisance prior to the issuance of a citation for violation of the nuisance ordinances if such notice has been previously given. This ordinance specifically amends Section 25-1-5: Failure to Comply with Notice and Section 25-2-3: Notice. This amendment was discussed at the July 1 Board meeting.

Ayes: Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Pettibone.

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

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Part-time Police Officer: Michael Kuhl

A motion was made by Trustee Pederson and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the hire of Michael Kuhl as a part-time Police Officer. Mr. Kuhl was previously employed as a part-time police officer; he was removed from the part-time roster due to time constraints with a new employer.

Ayes: Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Pettibone.

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

Part-Time Police Academy for New Hires

Discussion on paying for the part-time police academy for new Police Officers. With the difficulty the Police Department currently has in filling the part-time officer roster, Chief Mackin believes this would alleviate some issues. Mr. Mackin has a potential candidate for this position. The Police Department would pay for the Southwestern Illinois College Part-time Officers Academy and any hours associated with training, which would include attending classes and riding with other police officers, but not time used for on-line course work. The academy is approximately 560 hours of course work (both on-line and one weekend class a month over 6 months). The potential candidate would be required to sign an agreement that they are willing to work a certain amount of time (either over several years or a specific amount of hours) for the Village. If that requirement is not met, the candidate would be required to pay back the Village all costs associated with training. Attorney Gruenke stated an agreement like this is possible for part-time officers. The consensus of the Board was in favor of moving forward with such an agreement to be considered at the next Board meeting.

Part-Time Police Officer Salary

Discussion on increasing the rate of pay for part-time police officers. Neighboring communities are currently in the \$21 to \$22 per hour; New Baden is at \$18.50. In an effort to attract additional part-time police officers, Administrator Bolt and Chief Mackin are recommending an increase in the base wage.

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to authorize a pay increase to the Part-Time Police officers, with a starting wage of \$20.00 per hour. The employees holding the following positions will receive increases, effective August 1, 2019:

- Part-Time Police Officer in Training:
 - no change (\$10.00 per hour)
- Part-Time Police Officer Base Wage (less than 120 hours with dept.):
 - (current rate \$18.50; increase to \$20.00)
- Part-Time Police Officer 120 – 239 hours with dept.:
 - (current rate \$18.75; increase to \$20.25)
- Part-Time Police Officer 240 – 479 hours with dept.:
 - (current rate \$19.00; increase to \$20.50)
- Part-Time Police Officer 480 – 959 hours with dept.:
 - (current rate \$19.25; increase to \$20.75)
- Part-Time Police Officer 960 and up hours with dept.:
 - (current rate \$19.50; increase to \$21.00)

Ayes: Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Pettibone.

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

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Park Board Members:
Increase the Number
of Members

The Park Board has recommended increasing the Board from 5 members to 9 members. This was discussed by the Park Board, Mayor Picard and Administrator Bolt at their July 10 meeting. They feel more members should generate more help and involvement at Park Board events. All are in favor of this change. It was the consensus of the Board to table further discussion until a meeting where the Mayor will be in attendance.

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

Ayes: Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Kuhn.

Nays: None.

Absent: Oster, Pettibone.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk
Approved: August 5, 2019