

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, August 5, 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 Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, and Nicole Pederson. **Absent:** Trustees Bob Oster and Tom Kuhn. **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; EMS Director Allen Gilbert; and Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green. **Staff Members Absent:** Treasurer Casey Pierce.

Resignation: Trustee  
Jordan Pettibone

Mayor Picard stated that Trustee Jordan Pettibone has resigned from the Village Board effective August 1, 2019; Mr. Pettibone has moved to another community. Mayor Picard extended her thanks to Mr. Pettibone for his dedicated service to New Baden; from his time on the Park and Rec Board and then his election to the New Baden Village Board.

Appointment: Chris  
Locke to Village  
Board

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve the appointment of Chris Locke to the Village Board of Trustees. Mr. Locke will fill the vacancy left with the resignation of Jordan Pettibone. Mr. Locke will serve on the Board until May 2021 as an un-expired term.

**Ayes:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

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

Committee  
Assignments

With the resignation of Trustee Jordan Pettibone and the appointment of Chis Locke, Mayor Picard has made changes to the Committee assignments.

Part-Time Police  
Officer Training  
Reimbursement  
Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve the Part-Time Police Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement. Village Attorney Gruenke created this formal agreement with guidance from the Chief Mackin, Sgt. Mavrogeorge, the Village Board, and Village Administrator Bolt. The agreement states that the part-time officer will work for the Village for a minimum period of not less than 48 months after the official date of hire. During employment, they will work a minimum of 288 hours per 12 month period. If the employee does not meet the requirements of the agreement, the employee shall reimburse the Village of New Baden an amount equal to the costs paid for all training (including fees for course, travel time, mileage, meals, hotel, per diem or any other associated costs or expenses incurred by the Village), compensation paid to them for training at the police academy, and uniform costs (including all allowances) that have been provided to them.

**Ayes:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

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

Part-Time Police  
Officer: Hayden  
Rapien

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the hiring of Hayden Rapien as a part-time Police Officer, subject to his signing the "Part-Time Police Officer Training Agreement".

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Part-Time Police  
Officer: Hayden  
Rapien, cont.

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

Resident: Ken  
McLaughlin

Ken McLaughlin, 401 Marilyn Dr, was present to discuss drainage issues in his backyard. It was stated that his area is a known issue for problems, due to the fact of residents planting trees, erecting fences and placing sheds in the easements behind the homes that now disrupt the flow of drainage. Public Works Commission Renth stated that is why the Village verifies the placement of new sheds and fences in known drainage easements. Administrator Bolt stated he would review the issue.

Resident: Kim  
Kasperzick

Kim Kasperzick, 400 Roland Ave, was present to make a complaint to the Board regarding Jerry Green, Chief Building and Zoning Officer. She states that Mr. Green is harassing her family by citing them with violations to the Village code. Mayor Picard stated that she takes all complaints seriously, but she and the Village Board support Mr. Green and his actions. Mayor Picard also stated that Mr. Green has been working with Administrator Bolt and Chief of Police Mackin to help clean up the community.

Electric Aggregation  
Press Release

Attorney Gruenke provided information on the Electric Aggregation Press Release. Ameren Illinois has released its new residential electric rate for customers in the New Baden area. Effective June 2019, the new Ameren summer rate (June 2019-September 2019) is 4.56 cents/kilowatt-hour (¢/kwh) and the non-summer rate (October 2019-May 2020) is 4.83¢/kwh. These new rates are lower than the Village's current municipal electrical aggregation contract with Homefield Energy, which is 5.596¢/kwh. It is possible that Ameren could raise their rates after May 2020. The municipal aggregation rate is fixed through December 2020 and cannot fluctuate during that time. New Baden believes it is important to let residents know that they have a choice to opt out of the municipal aggregation program in order to take advantage of the lower Ameren electric rates. Each resident should do their own research to determine what is best for them. The Village feels it is important to educate residents and stress that they have the choice to opt out of the aggregation program at any time, at no charge. In order to opt out of the aggregation program, contact Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262. Residents that opt out will automatically be returned to the Ameren default rate.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices and the Minutes from the July 15, 2019, regular meeting. Consent Agenda also included approving the following: Approve Class "E" Civic Organization Liquor License: New Baden Zion United Church of Christ for a Wine Tasting in conjunction with the Festival of Trees on November 22, 2019, at St. George Community Life Center, 317 E Maple St; and a Sign Request by Zion UCC for placement of signs in the Park for Festival of Trees on November 21-24, 2019.

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

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Increase number of Park Board 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 the July 10 Park Board meeting. They believe more members would generate more help and involvement at Park Board events. After discussion among the Village Board members, the consensus was to allow an increase to seven (7) members. It was also decided to also allow that two (2) members, at any given time, may reside outside of the corporate limits, but within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits; currently, only one (1) can reside outside of the corporate limits.

Ordinance: Amending the Structure of the Village of New Baden Park and Recreation Board

Because the Village Board would like to add an additional member to reside outside of the Village limits, this ordinance was tabled until the next meeting. This will allow Attorney Gruenke to amend the ordinance properly. The ordinance will increase the membership to seven (7) and allow two (2) members to reside outside of the corporate limits of New Baden.

Resolution 2019-08-05-A: Approving Plans and Specifications Relative to FAP 805 Section 126-SW-14

A motion was made by Trustee Pettibone and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve Resolution 2019-08-05-A: Approving Plans and Specifications Relative to Federal Aid Primary (FAP) 805 (IL 161) Section 126-SW-14 in the Village of New Baden. This Letter of Understanding LU-820-001 is to facilitate access for pedestrian traffic. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires transition plans for state and local governments to plan and implement a process for removal of accessibility barriers. In following with this transition plan, the sidewalk curb ramps for crosswalks along IL 161 will be made ADA compliant. This work will include removing and replacing sidewalk curb ramps and performing all other work necessary to complete this improvement.

**Ayes:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

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

Electric Supplier for Village of New Baden Accounts

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to authorize the quote of \$0.04809 per kWh for a contract term of 36-months with Homefield Energy for the select Village electric accounts and authorize Mayor Picard to sign said contract. This rate will go into effect in immediately and will expire in August 2022.

**Ayes:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

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

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:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:38 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm.

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

**Ayes:** Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Oster, Kuhn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: September 3, 2019