

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: AUGUST 26, 2019

The Special Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, August 26, 2019, at New Baden Village Hall, 1 East Hanover Street. Mayor Picard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Notices for this Special Meeting were delivered by the New Baden Police Department on Friday, August 23, to all Trustees.

Present and answering to roll call: Mayor Christy Picard; Trustees Bob Oster (via telephone), Taylor Zurliene, Nicole Pederson, Tom Kuhn, and Chris Locke. **Absent:** Trustee Randy Joe Linthicum. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Attorney Terry Bruckert of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief of Police Chuck Mackin; Commissioner of Public Works Ronald V. Renth; EMS Director Allen Gilbert; Treasurer Casey Pierce; and Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green. **Staff Members Absent:** None.

Removal of Village Administrator Mike Bolt

Mayor Picard informed the Board that she terminated the Employment Contract with Mike Bolt as Village Administrator on Monday, August 19, effective immediately. Per 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-10, the mayor may remove any officer appointed by the mayor under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the mayor is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The mayor shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than 5 nor more than 10 days after the removal. If the mayor fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a two-thirds vote of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. Due to lack of motion, the removal of Mike Bolt by Mayor Picard holds true.

Appointment: Erika Kennett, Village Administrator

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve the appointment of Erika Kennett as Village Administrator, effective September 10, 2019, through April 30, 2021.

Ayes: Oster, Zurliene, Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

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

Employment Agreement for Village Administrator, Erika Kennett

The Resolution for this employment agreement was not available for this meeting. It will be approved at the September 3, 2019, Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to authorize an Employment Agreement with Erika Kennett as the Village Administrator. Summary of Employment Agreement: Agreement effective August 23, 2019; beginning employment on September 10; employment agreement ends April 30, 2021; base salary of \$80,000 per year with annual compensation review; Employee is granted 80 hours of vacation leave on November 1, 2019, and shall then accrue 120 hours of vacation leave on each subsequent November 1; severance shall be paid only upon completion of a six (6) month probationary period; and Employer shall provide a four (4) months of severance if employee is terminated per the agreement.

Ayes: Oster, Zurliene, Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

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

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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 Kuhn to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Oster, Zurliene, Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

Nays: None.

Absent: Linthicum.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

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