

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Tuesday, September 3, 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 Bob Oster, Taylor Zurliene, Randy Joe Linthicum, Nicole Pederson, and Chris Locke.

**Absent:** Trustee Tom Kuhn. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Attorney Luke Behme 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:** Village Administrator (position vacant).

Resignation: Police Officer Alex Carson

Police Officer Alex Carson has resigned from the Police Department effective August 20, 2019; Mr. Carson has accepted a position with the Fairview Heights Police Department.

Full-Time Police Officer: Dave Jordan

Trustee Linthicum voiced his concerns to the Village Board and audience members about hiring a new fifth police officer to replace Officer Carson.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve the hiring of Dave Jordan as a full-time Police Officer effective September 4, 2019. He was then sworn in by Village Clerk Crane.

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

**Nays:** Linthicum.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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 August 5, 2019; the meeting scheduled for August 19 was canceled, and the Special Meeting on August 26, 2019.

Trustee Zurliene questioned some of the invoices for repairs made to both of the Village's Ambulances; EMS Direct Allen Gilbert explained the charges.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Ordinance 2019-09-03-A: Amending the Structure of the Village of New Baden Park and Recreation Board

The Park Board has recommended increasing the Board from 5 members to 9 members. This was discussed by the Park Board, Mayor Picard and former Administrator Bolt at the July 10 Park Board meeting. The thought is more members would generate additional help and involvement at Park Board events. After discussion among the Village Board members at the August 5 Board meeting, the consensus was to increase to seven (7) members and to 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. The previously proposed ordinance needed to be amended to include all changes.

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Ordinance 2019-09-03-A: Amending the Structure of the Park and Recreation Board, cont.

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to pass Ordinance 2019-09-03-A: Amending the Structure of the Village of New Baden Park and Recreation Board. This ordinance increases the Park Board to seven (7) members and allows that two (2) members, at any given time, may reside outside of the corporate limits, but within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits;

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Resolution 2019-09-03-A: Employment Agreement for Village Administrator, Erika Kennett

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve Resolution 2019-09-03-A: Authorizing an Employment Agreement with Erika Kennett as the Village Administrator. Summary of the Employment Agreement: Employment agreement effective January 19, 2016; begins employment on September 10; employment agreement ends April 30, 2021; the probationary period will be the first six (6) months of employment; base salary of \$80,000 per year; Employee pays 10% of health, dental, and vision insurance premiums; Employee is granted 80 hours of vacation leave on November 1, 2019 and will accrue 120 hours on each subsequent November 1; Employee will earn 8 hours of sick leave per month commencing on September 10; and Employer shall provide minimum of 4 months of severance if employee is terminated without cause.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Class "E" Liquor License: St. George Catholic Church Event

A motion was made by Trustee Pederson and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve a Class "E" Liquor License – License by the Day to St. George Catholic Church for the "Taste & See" Event to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: October 7, 2019