

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: OCTOBER 7, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, October 7, 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 Tom Kuhn. **Absent:** Trustee Chris Locke. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Erika Kennett; Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Police Officer Dave Jordan; 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.

Guest: Jason Meentemeyer

Jason Meentemeyer of Carlyle was in attendance to invite the Village Board to an Economic Development Meeting at the Hidden Lake Winery on November 21 at 6pm. Mr. Meentemeyer has an interest in regards to Economic Development within Clinton County.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Casey Pierce provided the August and September Treasurer's Report for Board review.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices, and the minutes from September 3 and September 16, 2019 Regular Meetings.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Locke.

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

Resolution 2019-10-07-A: Determining to Levy an Additional Tax of 0.02% (Library Buildings & Maintenance)

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve Resolution 2019-10-07-A: Determining to Levy an Additional Tax of 0.02% of the Value of Taxable Land in the Village for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, for the Construction and Equipment of Buildings, for the Rental of Buildings Required for Library Purposes, and for Maintenance, Repairs and Alterations of Library Buildings and Equipment. This resolution is required pursuant to the Local Library Act in order for the Village Board to adopt the buildings and maintenance levy requested by the Library Board. The buildings and maintenance levy is included in the annual tax levy resolution submitted by the Library Board, which is adopted as part of the Village's Tax Levy Ordinance in December.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Locke.

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

Part-time EMT Basic: Brent Klingman

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Oster to approve the hire of Brent Klingman as a part-time EMT Basic for the Ambulance Service.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Locke.

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

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Clinton County  
Ambulance SSA  
Meeting

On August 20, 2019, Mayor Picard (in the absence of a Village Administrator) hosted a meeting with the Clinton County Special Service Area (SSA) districts. The districts were provided with updated budget details for the New Baden Ambulance Service and the projected amounts to be levied in the four (4) SSA's. The amounts were deemed acceptable and will be provided to Clinton County for approval by the County Board at an upcoming meeting. The Village Board will approve the official contracts at a later date. The proposed amounts are as follows: Clinton County Ambulance Special Service Area (SSA) Agreement for SSA #7 (Damiansville): \$16,758; Clinton County Ambulance SSA Agreement for SSA #8 (Albers): \$44,135; Clinton County Ambulance SSA Agreement for SSA #9 (New Baden): \$95,481; and Clinton County Ambulance SSA Agreement for SSA #10 (Unincorporated Areas of Lookingglass Township): \$56,856. These agreement amounts represent about a 2% increase for each.

All of the SSA districts are looking forward to the purchase of a new Ambulance. Administrator Kennett and EMS Director Gilbert stated cost options will be presented at the next meeting.

General Tax Levy  
Approach

Administrator Kennett addressed the Board in regards to their thoughts on how to proceed with the upcoming Tax Levy. The consensus of the Board was to have Ms. Kennett present several scenarios to review the best options. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Illinois Cannabis  
Regulation and Tax  
Act

Board members reviewed a memorandum prepared by Attorney Luke Behme of Bruckert Gruenke & Long, P.C., regarding the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. On June 25, 2019, the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act was enacted as Public Act 101-0027. The purpose of the Act is to legalize the recreational, adult use of cannabis and cannabis infused products by persons over the age of 21. The act provides for the licensing and oversight of businesses involved in the production, transportation and sale of cannabis and cannabis related products. This memo is intended to provide an overview of the provisions of the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act as well as identify specific provisions and considerations relevant to municipalities. Administrator Kennett is looking for direction on how the Village Board wishes to proceed, should the Village entertain an option to potentially allow a dispensary within the Village and in turn collect up to an additional 3% in sales tax. The Board was split as to how to proceed. A Community and Economic Development committee meeting will be held prior to the October 21 Board meeting.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Locke.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: October 21, 2019