

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: OCTOBER 21, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board met Monday, October 21, 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, and Randy Joe Linthicum. **Absent:** Trustees Nicole Pederson, Tom Kuhn, and Chris Locke. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Erika Kennett; 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 Treasurer Casey Pierce. **Staff Members Absent:** Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green.

Zoning Hearing Scheduled

The Zoning Hearing Officer has a Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 6:30pm.

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 the October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

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

Ambulance Purchase

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Oster to table authorization of the purchase of a new ambulance due to lack of Trustees in attendance.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

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

Ambulance Power Cot Purchase

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to table authorization of the purchase of a ambulance power cot due to lack of Trustees in attendance.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Pederson, Kuhn, Locke.

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

Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes of the Community and Economic Development Committee that met on October 16. The discussion topic was the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Luke Behme, attorney at Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C., explained the regulations and act that will begin January 1, 2020. Board members in attendance at the committee meeting voiced their views and concerns. The consensus of the committee was to refer the matter to the full Village Board for further consideration. Attorney Gruenke stated that more options need to be explored prior to the Village proceeding with an ordinance. Mr. Gruenke suggested a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting be held with all Board members attending to address all aspects of the regulation and act. This would then allow for possibly consideration at the December 2 meeting.

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Public Safety Building

Discussion regarding the Public Safety Building. Mayor Picard stated that the Police Department, Ambulance and Fire Protection District are growing out of the building and the Board needs to determine how to proceed. Administrator Kennett stated that the USDA has a loan program, and that the Village would not qualify for USDA grants.

Trustee Locke arrived at 7:20pm.

Public Safety Building, cont.

Mayor Picard stated that the next step is to determine who would move out, the Ambulance and Police Department or the Fire Protection District. The intention being to keep the Ambulance and Police Department together. Chief Mackin suggested finding an engineer with experience in designing Public Safety buildings. Trustee Linthicum asked about replacing Village Hall as well, or combine all three into one building. Mayor Picard agreed that could be an option.

Steeple View Estates Storm Drains

Trustee Linthicum addressed concerns regarding failing storm drains in the Steeple View Estates subdivision; large holes are forming where the ground is washing out at the joints of the concrete structures. Public Works Commissioner Renth stated that this is a topic that has been addressed by almost every Village Administrator; and each Administrator has had a different view on how to remedy the situation. The issue was just readdressed with Administrator Kennett and Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineers, Inc. The major factor is the expense, the Village will have to look into a phased approach and who is responsible to pay for the repairs.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Pederson, Kuhn.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: November 4, 2019