

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: APRIL 6, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board was held remotely via Zoom Meetings on Monday, April 6, 2020. The meeting was allowed to be held telephonically by Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 dated March 16, 2020.

In the absence of Mayor Picard, Village Clerk Crane took roll call. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Prior to the meeting, a Public Hearing was held for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The Public Hearing was held remotely via Zoom Meetings.

**Present and answering to roll call:** Trustees Bob Oster, Randy Joe Linthicum, Nicole Pederson, Chris Locke, and Tom Kuhn. **Absent:** Mayor Christy Picard and Trustee Taylor Zurliene. **Staff Members Present:** Village Clerk Teri Crane; Village Administrator Erika Kennett; and Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C. **Staff Members Absent:** Treasurer Casey Pierce, Chief of Police Chuck Mackin; Public Works Laborer Tim Deien (Public Works Commissioner Ron Renth is still on medical leave); EMS Director Allen Gilbert; and Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green.

Guests

Also recognized on the Zoom Meeting was Kelly Ross from the Breese Journal and Randy Pierce from the Clinton County News.

Mayor Pro Tem

A motion was made by Trustee Locke and seconded by Trustee Pederson to appoint Trustee Bob Oster as Mayor Pro Tem from Monday, April 6, 2020, through Sunday, April 19, 2020. Per Attorney Gruenke, Mayor Pro Tem Oster will not vote as a Trustee, he will only vote to break a tie.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Zurliene.

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices and Minutes from the Regular Meetings on March 2 and March 16, 2020, and the Special Meeting on March 26, 2020

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Zurliene.

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

Ordinance:  
Authorizing Borrowing  
of Funds for the  
Purchase of an  
Ambulance

Ordinance was tabled. It was decided to check with other Lending Agencies to make sure the best interest rate for the new Ambulance is secured.

Wage Adjustments  
for Non-Union  
Employees

A motion was made by Trustee Locke and seconded by Trustee Linthicum to authorize wage adjustments per the Wage Adjustments Memo prepared by Administrator Kennett, effective May 1, 2020. A base salary increase of 3.0% to the following non-union employees: Village Administrator, Chief of Police, Commissioner of Public Works, Village Collector, Accounting Manager, Director of EMS with AMS Certification, Full-Time Paramedic, and Custodian Contractor.

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Wage Adjustments,  
cont.

In order to comply with the forthcoming State of Illinois \$15 per hour minimum wage, the Finance Committee recommends a gradual increase to meet the deadline of January 2025 as follows: 5% Increase for Paramedic Part Time and PRN Paramedic; and 6% Increase for Part-Time EMT Basic and PRN EMT Basic. Other increases due to adherence to the Village's 2003 longevity schedule are in addition to the above adjustments. The Mayor, Trustees, Treasurer, Clerk positions were previously set by ordinance and will remain.

The following positions are compensated by bargaining unit contracts and are not set by action on this memo: Full-time Police Officers and Full-time Public Works Personnel

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Zurliene.

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

Draft Fiscal Year  
2020-2021 Budget

At the previous Board meeting, Key Points and the draft Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget were presented to Board members. The tentative Budget has been available for public inspection since March 30. The Public Hearing for the Budget was held prior to this meeting. The 2020-2021 Budget will be considered at the April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Zurliene.

A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: April 20, 2020