

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES: MAY 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the New Baden Village Board was held remotely via Zoom Meetings on Monday, May 18, 2020. The meeting was allowed to be held telephonically by Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 dated March 16, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mayor Picard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present and answering to roll call via audio and video conference:** 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; Village Administrator Erika Kennett; Attorney Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.; Chief of Police Chuck Mackin; EMS Director Allen Gilbert; and Chief Building & Zoning Official Jerry Green. **Staff Members Absent:** Treasurer Casey Pierce; and Public Works Employee Tim Deien (Public Works Commissioner Ron Renth is on medical leave).

Proclamation:  
Wesclin High School  
Senior Recognition  
Day

Mayor Picard does hereby recognize the high achievement of the graduating students of the Wesclin High School Class of 2020 and on behalf of the Village of New Baden offer a heartfelt congratulations, and; be it further resolved, the Village of New Baden Board of Trustees does hereby proclaim May 17, 2020, as Wesclin High School Senior Recognition Day, Class of 2020 – GO WARRIORS!

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Zurliene to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the of payment of current invoices and Minutes from the Regular Meetings on May 4, 2020.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Ordinance: 2020-05-  
18-A: Authorizing the  
Borrowing of Funds  
for the Purchase of a  
Municipal Ambulance

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve Ordinance 2020-05-18-A: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for the Purchase of a Municipal Ambulance. This ordinance provides for the funding of a 2019 E-450 McCoy Miller Ambulance from Alexis Fire Equipment Co. The term of the loan from the Bank of Belleville is five (5) years at an interest rate of 2.25% on \$141,252.00. Payments begin on August 20, 2020, and are \$7,495 per quarter. The loan will mature on May 20, 2025. This was previously discussed at the April 6, 2020, meeting; where it was decided to verify with other lending agencies to make sure the best interest rate for the Ambulance is secured.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Kuhn.

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

Resolution 2020-05-  
18-A: Authorizing  
Execution of a  
Service Agreement  
with the Lowest  
Responsible Bidder  
for the Supply of  
Electricity

A motion was made by Trustee Linthicum and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve Resolution 2020-05-18-A: Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Electric Aggregation). This resolution provides authority for the Village Administrator to participate in the Electric Aggregation bid process and make decisions and commitments on behalf of the Village Board. Attorney Gruenke stated that it is anticipated to go out for bids in June 2020. Current Ameren rates are below the current contract rate; unless bids come in very low, this could spell the end of Electric Aggregation. The current electric aggregation agreement will expire in December 2020.

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Resolution 2020-05-18-A: Supply of Electricity, cont.

**Ayes:** Oster, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Absent:** Kuhn.  
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Part-time Police Officer: Cole Allen Kruep

A motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Locke to authorize the hiring of Part-Time Police Officer Cole Allen Kruep.

**Ayes:** Oster, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Absent:** Kuhn.  
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Plan Commission Appointment: Dawn Ahner

A motion was made by Trustee Zurliene and seconded by Trustee Pederson to approve the appointment of Dawn Ahner to the Plan Commission. Mrs. Ahner will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Bill Koentz. Dr. Koentz resigned effective March 31, 2020, after serving on the Plan Commission for 32 years.

**Ayes:** Oster, Zurliene, Linthicum, Pederson, Locke.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Absent:** Kuhn.  
A majority of the Board voting aye, the motion carried.

Clinton County Board

Attorney Gruenke stated that New Baden resident Rafael Him will be resigning from his Clinton County Board position and New Baden resident James White will be his replacement.

Re-opening of the Village Park

Discussion on re-opening of the Village Park. The Village is currently following the guidelines as issued by the State of Illinois. At the time of the meeting, the Summer Ball program had not yet made a determination on the 2020 season.

Memorial Day Service

It was stated that the New Baden American Legion Post 321 was given permission to hang flags along Hanover Street and in the Park, as has been done in the past. They were informed to keep the group to a limit of ten (10) volunteers, with masks and social distancing required, per the State order. The annual Memorial Day Service has been canceled at the Park; they will have the Service in the parking lot at the American Legion on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

There being no further business to be brought before the Village Board, a motion was made by Trustee Oster and seconded by Trustee Linthicum 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 7:22 pm.

Teri L Crane, Village Clerk  
Approved: June 1, 2020