

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Bethalto, IL

December 5, 2005

The Village Board of Trustees met on the above date at village hall in a regular meeting called to order by Mayor Bryant at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Roll call by Clerk Smith. Present: Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo. Also present: Police Chief Winslow, Fire Chief Nolte, Public Works Director Ricci, Zoning Administrator Piening and Attorney Balsters.

Motion by Withers, seconded by Bourland, to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2005 as printed. All members present voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Fire Chief Nolte reviewed the statistical report for the month of November. Nolte reported the December training class had been cancelled. Ten individuals had tested on the Module B and C portion of the Firefighter II training. Additional training and testing for hazmat and terrorism will be conducted on-site at a later date. Applicants compiled a total of three hundred fifty training hours in order to be certified in this training. Nolte commended these individuals for their dedication. Nolte announced the annual firehouse clean-up would be taking place on Saturday, December 17. There were no questions for Nolte.

Chief Winslow called the board’s attention to the November report. Winslow had nothing further to report. There were no questions for Winslow.

Public Works Director Ricci stated crews were working on Christmas decorations and the annual Christmas Walk. Ricci recommended board members visit the old fire house to see the remodeling work which is now part of the museum. Leaf pick-up continued and should be complete by mid December: once complete, brush pick-up would then resume. There were no questions for Ricci.

Resolution 2005-22 – “Resolution For Road Improvement By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code – Roosevelt Street from Prairie Street to Moreland Road”. Mayor Bryant stated the resolution covered the engineering and design portion (Crawford, Murphy, Tilly) of the project in the amount of \$174,300.00. **Motion by DiPaolo, seconded by Wallace to approve Resolution 2005-22 - “Resolution For Road Improvement By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code – Roosevelt Street from Prairie Street to Moreland Road”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2005-23 – “Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Partial Termination of Easement (1901 Vaughn Road-Dollar General)”. Attorney Balsters stated the resolution was for a partial termination of easement at 1901 Vaughn Road (main feed line beneath the Dollar General Store property only). **Motion by Bourland, seconded by Oldendorph to approve Resolution 2005-23 - “Resolution Authorizing Execution of Partial Termination of Easement (1901 Vaughn Road-Dollar General)”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 2005-24 – “Release of Executive Session Minutes”. **Motion by Withers, seconded by Wallace to approve Resolution 2005-24 - “Release of Executive Session Minutes”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2005-27 – “Tax Levy”. Attorney Balsters stated all questions he had concerning the ordinance had been reviewed and answered by Treasurer, Joe Schoppet. Levied amounts were within the 105% of last year’s extension and a public hearing would not be required. **Motion by Bourland, seconded by Oldendorph to approve Ordinance 2005-27 – “Tax Levy”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2005-28 – “An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates, Series 2005, To Finance Municipal Facilities”. Attorney Balsters stated the Village was borrowing \$1.5 million additional monies (in addition to the \$4.5 million already borrowed for funding of the sports complex) from First National Bank in Staunton. Repayment was amortized over a period of seven (7) years. Mayor Bryant added a special board meeting would likely be called once bids were submitted so the contract could be awarded. **Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by Withers to approve Ordinance 2005-28 – “An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates, Series 2005, To Finance Municipal Facilities”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2005-29 – “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38-Utilities Division II – Water Rates and Division III – Sewer Rates”. Mayor Bryant stated a committee meeting was held and data forwarded to our engineers (Juneau and Associates). Based on the engineer’s recommendation, revisions to the rates and fees were necessary due in part to increased rates passed on to the Village by Alton. A rate comparison by the engineer showed the Village rates were well below most other municipalities. **Motion by Wallace, seconded by Bourland to approve Ordinance 2005-29 - “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38-Utilities Division II – Water Rates and Division III – Sewer Rates”**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bryant addressed the recommendation of the Zoning Board on the application of Bret Dixon for a twenty-one (21’) foot rear yard setback variance and a four (4’) foot side yard setback variance in order to erect a storage garage on property located at 403 S. Prairie Street stating:

1. Legal notice of Public Hearing appeared in *The Telegraph* on October 28, 2005.
2. Property owners abutting or fronting the property in question were notified by mail of the Public Hearing.
3. Bret Dixon was present in support of the request.
4. No one was present in opposition of the request.
5. Recommendation to approve request and consideration taken pertaining to:
 - hardship case in that there were no other properties in the district that were in compliance.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals that a variation permit be granted to Bret Dixon for a twenty-one (21') foot rear yard setback and a four (4') foot side yard setback variance in order to erect a storage garage. **Motion by Withers, seconded by Bourland, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the variation request of Bret Dixon for a twenty-one (21') foot rear yard setback variance and a four (4') foot side yard setback variance in order to erect a storage garage on property located at 403 S. Prairie Street.** Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2005-30 – “Variation Permit of Bret Dixon For Property Located at 403 S. Prairie Street” - **Motion by Withers, seconded by Flack, to approve Ordinance 2005-30 – “Variation request of Bret Dixon for a twenty-one (21') foot rear yard setback variance and a four (4') foot side yard setback variance in order to erect a storage garage on property located at 403 S. Prairie Street”.** Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bryant addressed the recommendation of the Plan Commission on the request of Sebastiano and Josephine Pizzo for the rezoning of property located at Chateau Des Fleurs, First Addition Outlot “B” from GC-General Commercial to RM-Multi-Family stating:

1. Sebastiano and Josephine Pizzo were present in support of the request.
2. There was no one present in opposition of the request.
3. The property is landlocked and does not lend itself well to commercial development due to poor visibility and limited access.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Plan Commission that the request of Sebastiano and Josephine Pizzo to rezone property located at Chateau Des Fleurs, First Addition being part of Outlot "B" from GC-General Commercial to RM- Multi-Family be approved. **Motion by DiPaolo, seconded by Wallace to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission for the rezoning of property located at Chateau Des Fleurs, First Addition being part of Outlot "B" from GC-General Commercial to RM- Multi-Family.** Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2005-31 – "Amend Chapter 40-Zoning Code of The Revised Code of Ordinances Official Zoning Map". **Motion by Flack, seconded by Oldendorph to approve Ordinance No. 2005-31 - "Amend Chapter 40-Zoning Code of The Revised Code of Ordinances Official Zoning Map"**. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS:

1. Mayor Bryant reminded the board of the upcoming Christmas Walk on Sunday, December 11 from 3:30 – 7 p.m.
2. The Mayor, as in years past, asked for board approval to present \$10 Christmas gift certificates (128) to employees, volunteer firemen, and committee members. Certificates will be purchased from local businesses, Park'n Shop and Meehan's. **Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by Withers, approving Christmas gift certificates for those**

individuals. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Holiday Office Hours: Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.
4. The Mayor announced a donation in the amount of \$4,500 from the Homecoming Association. The annual donation was previously earmarked to cover additional lighting expenses in the downtown area.
5. Mayor Bryant informed the board of changes in the handling of nuisance violations. As complaints are received, they are reviewed by Code Enforcement Officer Piening. If Piening is in agreement, an abatement notice is prepared and served to the non-complying resident by Patrolman Jeremy Crump. Crump has been sworn in as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and works in this capacity two partial days per week. A file is made in the Police Department as well as copies sent to Piening.

MONTHLY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The zoning administrator's report was reviewed showing eight permits issued for the month with a construction value of \$743,750.00.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Bourland, seconded by Withers, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2005. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Bryant stated a committee meeting to discuss the generator for the water plant would be called after the holidays.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS

Motion by Flack, seconded by Oldendorph, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$157,965.18. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL FUND

Motion by Wallace, seconded by DiPaolo, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$147,428.76. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

AUDIT FUND

Motion by Bourland, seconded by Oldendorph, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$2,450.00. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

MFT FUND

Motion by Flack, seconded by Bourland, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$40,548.34. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

LIABILITY FUND

Motion by Withers, seconded by DiPaolo, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$8,613.80. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Withers, seconded by Bourland, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$43,598.71. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Bourland, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$182,189.66. Trustees Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bryant reminded the board of the next meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 – Water Board at 7:00 p.m. and Village Board meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by Bourland, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. All members present voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Martha L. Smith, Village Clerk

Steve A. Bryant, Mayor