

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

**Bethalto, IL
March 7, 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: Attorney Balsters, Fire Chief Nolte, Police Chief Hays, Public Works Director Ricci, Assistant Public Works Director Piening, and Zoning Administrator Friedel.

Motion by Withers, seconded by Oldendorph, to approve the village board minutes of February 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 February; there were no questions. Nolte reported the Technical Rescue Classes were started on February 28. There were twenty-five fireman, nineteen Public Work's employees and five policemen in attendance. The class covers structure collapse, confined space, vehicle and machinery, water rescue, wilderness search and rescue (includes walk-aways from senior citizen facilities, day care facilities, etc. - any missing person), trench and excavation rescue, and roof rescue (including high angle, i.e., water and airport towers). The team had been established and Standard Operating Guides had been reviewed. Nolte expected to be operational in the next month and would be the only team of this nature in the area. Nolte was especially pleased to have representatives from all of the village departments.

Police Chief Hays reviewed the police report for the month of February; there were no questions. Hays reported a grant had been applied for a new squad car. Due to the magnitude of proposals and the limited funds available only 10% were funded and the Village had been denied. Lieutenant Winslow was attending a police management training

class at the state management board in Bloomington. He will be conducting a survey as part of the class requirements and was seeking the board's input.

Public Works Director Ricci reported the vacuum truck was out and crews had been keeping up with requests for the pick up of leaves and gum balls. The chipper truck was also operating. Excavation work continued on Circle Drive (west side) and curb should have been in place by the end of the following week.

Mayor Bryant stated the following recommendations and ordinances were a result of the Plan Commission's meeting to review rezoning requests. The first recommendation was to approve rezoning of property on Ashbrook at Plegge Expressway known as Tract 1 (north parcel) of two separate tracts owned by Robert Lowrance from PS-Public/Semi-Public to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. The Plan Commission's found the property was just outside the 65-75 LDN airport flight pattern and even though there were some concerns with drainage, boundaries, and easements, basic requirements for rezoning were met. **Motion by Withers, seconded by Oldendorph to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission.** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2005-03 – Request of Robert Lowrance to rezone property (Tract 1, north parcel) located on Ashbrook Street from PS Public/Semi Public to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. **Motion by Bourland, seconded by DiPaolo to approve Ordinance 2005-03 "Robert Lowrance to rezone property (Tract 1, north parcel) located on Ashbrook Street from PS Public/Semi Public to RS-8 Single-Family Residential".** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bryant addressed the second tract of land (Tract 2, south parcel) of two separate tracts owned by Robert Lowrance from PS-Public/Semi-Public to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. The Plan Commission's found the property was inside the 65-75 LDN airport flight pattern. After a lengthy discussion, it was evident the Plan Commission felt there was a need for additional restrictions be put in place before rezoning could be approved. The Zoning Administrator was consulting with Code Enforcement Officers of other local communities with similar situations for additional guidance. It was the recommendation of the Plan Commission to deny the rezoning of the property from PS to RS-8 until further information could be reviewed. **Motion by Bourland, seconded by Withers to uphold the decision of the Plan Commission to deny the rezoning request.** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

The third recommendation of the Plan Commission addressed two tracts of land (40.13 acres more or less) belonging to Margie Aljets on north Moreland from AG-Agriculture to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. Having met all criteria for rezoning, it was the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve rezoning of this property from AG-Agriculture to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. **Motion by Wallace, seconded by Oldendorph to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission.** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2005-04 – Request of Margie Aljets to rezone property (2 tracts, 40.13 acres +/-) located on north Moreland from AG-Agriculture to RS-8 Single-Family Residential. **Motion by Withers, seconded by DiPaolo to approve Ordinance 2005-04 "Margie Aljets to rezone property (two tracts, 40.13 acres +/-) located on north Moreland from AG-Agriculture to RS-8 Single-Family Residential".** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS:

1. & 4. Sport's Complex/Road "A" Update. Mayor Bryant presented the architect's rendering of the complex. Discussions had taken place between FGM, the school district and Hoelscher Engineering. Sites had been visited in Springfield, Alton, and Triad and the recommendations presented by the school were being reviewed. The current layout would consist of two baseball fields, two softball fields, and two soccer fields as originally discussed. Each of the main playing fields would be lighted, irrigated, and drained. Fields originally planned to be "practice" field would become Junior Varsity field. \$1.3 million dollars was originally budgeted for the project, but actual costs have been estimated to be between \$1.5 and \$1.6. To stay within the budget, the mayor had requested that lighting on the JV fields be roughed in, covered seating reduced (from 150 to 100) with sports box area (reporters, announcers, etc.) located above, and restrooms be combined with storage facilities and a separate locker room area and team coach's area. The Mayor said Munie Outdoor Services would be doing the turf work. When testing the soil west of Wood River Creek, Munie crews found it to be very fertile and dry even though it lay in a flood plain area. The Mayor also met with the school board and shared much of this same information with them. Plans for this project may be let yet this summer so fields would be ready for play in the spring of 2006. The Mayor continued by saying this phase of the project is labeled Phase III. Road A, Phase I, which is the end of West Corbin up to the midway point of the road known as Stadium Drive had been let and was currently being staked and box culverts installed. Phase II, the end of Phase I to Culp Lane including the bridge over Rocky Branch and the remainder of West Corbin had been let for bid. Temporary easements were being obtained from property owners along West Corbin; no land acquisition or grade changes are necessary which would be a benefit to the property owner. Right-of-way had already been acquired. Bids would be in by the end of March and would be on the next board meeting agenda with the proposal in hand and a recommendation from Hoelscher Engineering as to whom the contract should be awarded. This project would start soon and finish in July 2006. The Mayor went on to

say he had received word from Congressman Costello's office that the transportation bill for 2006 died for lack of persistence from all parties involved and they suggested the Village resubmit its request for the extension of West Corbin which the Mayor had done. The assumption was that it would be put on the 2007-2008 program. Additionally, the Mayor stated there would be sidewalks on both sides of West Corbin with the exception of a short block at the end of Old Bethalto Road. They had opted not to move an existing large power pole which would be very costly. Their goal was to get a lot of the construction done this summer while school was not in session. The Mayor stated he also spoke with Cathy Nevels, owner of the West Drive Trailer Court, who will allow parking in her area while these residents have restricted access to their homes. Plans were currently written to have one lane access at all times.

2. Don Balsters - Cedar Creek. Covered in Water Board meeting.

3. Bethalto.com Web Page (domain name). Discussion had taken place with MTSI (Micro Technology Solutions, Incorporated), specifically Mike Hartweger, owner of the *Bethalto.com* domain name. The mayor had decided, with the assistance of Martha (Smith), Dianne (Isaak), Steve Campbell and Bob (DiPaolo), to redesign the web page. They felt it timely to change or own the name. The Mayor asked the board's approval to purchase the name *Bethalto.com* for \$1,200. The Village was currently paying \$100 per month for use of the name and maintenance of the site and MTSI had agreed to sell the name for the equivalent one year's fee. **Motion by DiPaolo, seconded by Wallace to purchase the web page domain name of bethalto.com for the price of \$1,200.** Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

The zoning administrator's report was reviewed. The number of permits issued for the month of February increased with a total of nineteen for a construction value of \$1.3 million dollars; nine of which were residential home permits.

Motion by Bourland, seconded by Wallace to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of December 2004 and January 2005. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None. A committee meeting was called to discuss the zoning issue on the airport overlay zoning area for Monday, March 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor announced that a new phone/recording system was being reviewed for the Public Works Department. A meeting for the Equipment Inspection & Acquisition Committee to discuss the proposed system was called for March 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

WATER DEPARTMENT BILLS:

Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by DiPaolo, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$157,430.66. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL FUND:

Clerk Smith added one bill to General Fund (originally shown under the General Obligation Fund) in the amount of \$261.25 from UMB Bank which represents the annual fee for monitoring the escrow account of the defeased bonds. Smith also announced the Meylan Enterprises bill in the \$4,050 was being withheld as discussed in the Water Board meeting.

Motion by Bourland, seconded by Withers, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$65,429.08. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

INSURANCE FUND:

Motion by Flack, seconded by Oldendorph, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,782.02. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

MFT FUND:

Motion by Withers, seconded by DiPaolo, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$6,571.31. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

GARBAGE ACCOUNT:

Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by Bourland, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$43,581.53. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL OBLIGATION FUND:

Clerk Smith removed bill for \$261.25 from UMB Bank. Added to General Fund Account.
Motion by Flack, seconded by Wallace, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$4,995.92. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

TIF FUND

Motion by Oldendorph, seconded by Bourland, authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$29,483.50. Trustees, Bourland, Oldendorph, Withers, Wallace, Flack, and DiPaolo voted aye, nays-none. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bryant said the next scheduled meeting would be **Monday, April 4, 2005** at 7:30 p.m.
The Water Board will meet prior to the board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Withers, seconded by Oldendorph, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All members present voted aye viva voce. Motion carried 6-0.

Martha L. Smith, Village Clerk

Steve A. Bryant, Mayor