

Village of Bismarck
Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2018

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** President Lewis opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30pm.

2. **Roll-**

Jane Cress- present
Terry Light- absent
Jack Luttrell- present
Mary Potter- present
Dave Switzer- present
Karel Volpert- present
Greg Lewis- absent
Eric Nesbitt- present
Eric Moss- present

3. **Approval of the Agenda for March 20, 2018-** On a motion by Jane Cress and a second by Karel Volpert, the agenda was approved.

4. **Public Comments—** The school thanked us for our donation of \$100 to the Bismarck Blessings food program.

5. **President's Comments—** Greg Lewis was unable to attend the meeting as he was admitted at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis once again

6. **Approval of the minutes for February 20, 2018-** On a motion by Jane Cress and a second by Mary Potter, the February minutes were approved with all voting yes.

7. **Treasurer's Report-** On a motion by Dave Switzer and a second by Karel Volpert, the treasurer's report was approved as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote:

Jane Cress- Yes
Terry Light- Absent
Jack Luttrell- Yes
Mary Potter- Yes
Dave Switzer- Yes
Karel Volpert- Yes

8. **Reports of Committees and Assignments-**

a. **Public Works-**

1. Some potholes have been filled with asphalt patch from Menards. More holes will be addressed when Ribbe has Bam available.

2. We may plan to have maintenance mow some chronically unkempt lots to avoid incurring any more debt as we do not believe the cost of a mowing service will be recovered.

3. Discussion of setting a time table for a property owner whose renovation efforts have stalled on an unsightly and unsafe dwelling.

b. **Budget and Finances-** none

c. **Health and Safety-** none

d. **KBB-** The winter greenery has been removed from most of the village pots and the remaining will be removed soon.

e. **TIF-**none

f. **Municipal Projects-**

1. MFT work- Sam Cole of C2 Engineers suggested we work on resurfacing Chicago Street this summer as a major part of our road work schedule this summer. C2 will work up a proposal for road work we should focus on.

2. Drainage-

a. The IEPA is supportive of our drainage project but needs to see the environmental benefits. Disconnecting improperly treated wastewater discharge from private properties as work progresses is a plus, and perhaps native grasses could be planted as work is performed. C2 will work with the IEPA to ensure their concerns are addressed.

b. The Village will need an ordinance defining proper hookups into the system from private wastewater discharges and the consequences for non-compliance. Discussion of the possibility of a door-to-door inventory of such hookups.

c. The Board needs to finalize an agreement with the water district for billing.

d. The Board would like to see a project plan from C2 that is sized down to meet the new lower target cost.

g. **Permits-** none

9. **Old Business-**

a. Budget- The budget was largely discussed at the February meeting and the Board is ready to vote on the new prepared budget in April.

b. Newsletter- Discussion of items to include on the newsletter being sent out in April.

10. **New Business-**

a. Leaf Vac- This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

11. **Executive Session/ Closed Session-** None.

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting-**

The next regular meeting of the Bismarck Village Board will be held at the Village Office in Bismarck, Illinois, at 6:30pm on April 17, 2018.

a. Items for the agenda may be submitted on or before Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

b. Bills to be considered for payment may be submitted on or before Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

13. **Adjournment-** With no further business to come before the Board at this time, on a motion by Dave Switzer and a second by Mary Potter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Moss, Clerk.