

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK
Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2018

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Lewis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll** –

Jane Cress	PRESENT
Terry Light	PRESENT
Jack Luttrell	PRESENT
Mary Potter	PRESENT
Dave Switzer	PRESENT
Karel Volpert	PRESENT
Greg Lewis	PRESENT
Eric Nesbitt	PRESENT
Valerie Moss	PRESENT

3. **Approval of the agenda for July 17, 2018** – On a motion by Dave Switzer and a second by Mary Potter, the agenda was approved.

4. **Public Comments** –

Susan Freedlund thanked Village Officials for their hard work and requested a progress update on the prosecution of abandoned vehicles around the Village. President Lewis responded that several nuisance notification letters had been mailed out since the previous regular meeting and that the Board will follow up with further action against violators as Village of Bismarck Ordinance No. 2002-2 directs.

Tom Matthews reported that the asphalt at the intersection of Wilson Lane and South Chicago Avenue is extremely bumpy and humped up in the center of the road where the lanes divide causing hazard when rounding the corner from either direction.

Carol Milner inquired about a future date for another community cleanup day in the Village since the first date went unpublicized. President Lewis hopes to schedule another for later this year.

Dan Wright expressed his concerns with drainage problems around the Village and more specifically lack of drainage at 103 W. South Street which has resulted in him losing a rental tenant and proposed purchaser of the real estate. He reports that there is always water standing in the yard, a flooded basement and that he is dealing with the Vermilion County Health Department on a raw sewage issue with a neighboring property.

Dan Wright reminded the Board that Election Day is November 6, 2018.

5. **President's Comments** – None.
6. **Approval of minutes for June 19, 2018** – On a motion by Karel Volpert and a second by Dave Switzer, the minutes were approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – The check written to Bismarck Blessings remains uncashed.

A check will be paid to Valerie Moss for her salary for the month of June in the amount \$87.40.

Time sheets were not received from Johnnie and Noreen Shults in order to process their checks for payment prior to the meeting.

Clarification was given for the Old National Bank payment in the amount of \$130.00 for the annual safe deposit box fee and the payment in the amount of \$122.27 for the monthly Kubota loan payment.

On a motion by Mary Potter and a second by Terry Light, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

8. **Reports of Committees and Assignments** –
 - a. **Public Works** – President Lewis reported that as of July 16, 2018, Johnnie and Noreen Shults have resigned as maintenance employees. The Board extensively reviewed duties for maintenance personnel and approximate amounts of time anticipated to complete the duties to be used for future guide and reference. An announcement for hire of new maintenance personnel will be posted.

- b. **Budget and Finance** – Terry Light provided a copy of his personal Conxxus monthly statement for the Board to see that the Metro Company collects a franchise fee for tv, internet and phone services. However, the Village is not in receipt of any fee collected by the company. Terry will attempt to contact the company about this issue, again.

- c. **Health and Safety** – Mary Potter reported that the Vermilion County Health Department has scheduled its Electronics Recycling event for October 27, 2018. Times will be announced at a later date. Recycling information will be posted soon on the Village website.

Roger Evans has been seen trying to cover broken windows on Don Evans' property following the nuisance letter recently sent by the Board.

President Lewis spoke with resident Bonnie Hollis with regard to the nuisance letter she received. The trash along the alleyway is not hers.

Don Mowers left a message for a callback due to the nuisance letter he received with regard to the trash along the alleyway. However, the phone number he left was unrecognizable.

It appears that John Brain has been cleaning up his properties after receipt of our recent nuisance letter.

J.D. Huffman has trash on his property that needs to be cleaned up.

CSX has verbally stated that the Village has a water leak near the railroad tracks.

The Board discussed the need to spray for mosquitos around the Village. There has been a challenge in finding a licensed sprayer. President Lewis will contact other municipalities for ideas and names of potential licensed sprayers for hire or someone willing to obtain the license at the Village's expense. The Village currently owns all of the necessary equipment needed for mosquito abatement.

- d. **Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB)** – Karel Volpert attended the Keep Vermilion County Beautiful meeting which focused on the recent Balloons over Vermilion event. Cans were collected for recycling.

Karel also reported that the grant was not received for the medicine collection bin by Medx Return.

- e. **Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** – None

- f. **Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements)** – Sam Cole with C2 Engineers was not present at the meeting but had reported to President Lewis prior to the meeting that he is still waiting to hear back from the State of Illinois on drainage. Lawyers are currently reviewing the agreement and dealing with the Bismarck Water District. After a brief discussion on collection of drainage fees from Village residents, it was decided that it is best to wait until the Village has a timeline for the final agreement.

- g. **Permits** – President Lewis has been working with a family who plans to build a new residence on Crystal Lane.

President Lewis reported that the neighbors of Jeff Beukelman verbally agreed to his yard barn addition that will be within 10' of his property line.

President Lewis reported that Michael Kruse left a message on the Village's answering machine acknowledging receipt of the letter from the Village with regard to his mobile home structure located at 27229 Shake Rag Road. The mobile home had been given approval for temporary parking while the Kruse's built a permanent residence on the property. Kruse reported that an agreement for sale of the mobile home and relocation of the structure to the Bismarck trailer park had fallen through within the last month due to the park having a length restriction. The Board has agreed to notify Michael Kruse by written correspondence that the mobile home must be removed within the next 30 days.

- 9. **Old Business** – Attorney Steve Miller needs to get on the Zaborsky issue.

10. **New Business** – A new audio recorder will be purchased for use at meetings to replace the older one that is malfunctioning. Clerk Valerie Moss is to shop for a recorder and President Lewis is to follow through with the purchase.

The door lock codes will be changed.

Derek Heidrick has requested permission to place six to eight head of cattle on pasture on Wilson Lane owned by himself and Ann Dicken during the summer months for grazing. Neighboring landowner, Scott Defenbaugh, has expressed opposition due to a potential invasion of flies. Derek has stated that he will improve and clean up the property to make it more presentable as well by removing some old trailers. On a motion by Terry Light and a second by Dave Switzer, the Village Board agrees to allow Ann Dicken and Derek Heidrick to place cattle on their pastures located on Wilson Lane. The Motion passed by roll call vote. Notification to Derek Heidrick will be given verbally by Terry Light.

Jane Cress -	Yes	Terry Light -	Yes	Jack Luttrell -	No
Mary Potter -	Yes	Dave Switzer -	Yes	Karel Volpert -	Yes

Terry Light left a message for the City of Danville Attorney, Dave Wesner, with regard to potential use of night court for nuisance violations.

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 6:30 p.m. on August 21, 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 Jane Cress, the meeting was adjourned by 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Moss, Clerk