

**VILLAGE OF BISMARCK**  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 21, 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 August 21, 2018** – On a motion by Terry Light and a second by Jack Luttrell, the agenda was approved.
  
4. **Public Comments** – Village resident, Tom Matthews, advised that he collected two and one-half gallons of loose gravel around the corner of Wilson Lane and South Chicago Avenue.
  
5. **President’s Comments** – President Lewis thanked the Board for their support throughout the terms he has served. He does not anticipate running for another term in the April 2019 election.
  
6. **Approval of minutes for July 17, 2018** – On a motion by Karel Volpert and a second by Jane Cress, the minutes were approved.
  
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – A bill from the Bismarck Water District was not received in June so three months’ worth of payments were made in August. \$2,670.00 was paid to Drennan Septic Service for riprap.

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

Jane Cress – Yes  
Mary Potter – Yes

Terry Light – Yes  
Dave Switzer – Yes

Jack Luttrell – Yes  
Karel Volpert – Yes

## 8. Reports of Committees and Assignments –

- a. **Public Works** – The doors at the Village office have been switched and the locks will be changed. The exterior face of the doors will be painted “Bismarck” blue by maintenance personnel in the near future.

October 13, 2018 will be the next Village Cleanup Day with times tentatively set for 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The event will be advertised via newsletter.

Danville Area Community College is holding a free TV and computer monitor collection event on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at DACC. This event is free to all Vermilion County residents and participation is encouraged. Additional information can be viewed on the Village website at <http://villageofbismarck.org/community/recycling/>.

The Village is in need of new American flags measuring 3' x 5'.

Jack Luttrell stated that the ditch needs maintained at Crystal Lane and Holloway. There are trees and brush growing up. Terry Light will assess the situation and advise the best source of remedy.

Jack Luttrell also advised that a large tree branch is down near the park and must be cut up for removal. The landowner west of the park also wants a tree limb removed however the Lions Club is responsible for that tree.

Dave Switzer informed the Board that there is brush blocking the view around the corner of Center Street and Maiden Lane. Mary Potter offered to take a look and attempt cleanup.

- b. Budget and Finance** – A check, in the amount of \$679.00, was received from Conxxus for a franchise fee collected from Village residents. This fee will no longer be charged.

The Board discussed charging franchise fees to Village residents for any other outside services provided. This topic will not be pursued any further at this time.

- c. Health and Safety** – Homeowner of 106 W. South Street, Gary Vecellio, has weeds grown up all over his property along with an abandoned vehicle(s) with expired license plates. The Board will enforce the Nuisance Ordinance for this matter.

The mobile home owned by Michael Kruse, which was allowed to be parked temporarily at 27229 Shake Rag Road and used as a residence while the property owners constructed a new home, has been removed.

Mary Potter has requested help in cleaning out the two sprayers that are used to spray weeds around the Village.

Jim Potter has mowed the “lawyer’s place” twice for the Village. Mary Potter recommended that the Village offer to pay him a total of \$25.00 for his efforts.

The land near the railroad is unable to be mowed by a lawn tractor because the ground is too rough. Mary Potter has pulled the weeds.

Suggestions were shared to improve the appearance of the flower bed near the front door of the Village office.

One of the abandoned vehicles owned by John and Anne Kessler has been removed. The Nuisance Ordinance will be enforced for the remainder of the abandoned vehicles.

Terry Light talked to the City of Danville Attorney, David Wesner, with regard to procedures to utilize night court procedures for Village nuisance violations. Attorney Wesner also indicated that Night Court is

also an option to pursue the “Chicago Attorney” for costs accrued over the last three years. Jim Potter needs to provide the Village with an invoice for his mowing services.

There are abandoned vehicle(s) on the property owned by Mike Pundt, 300 Maiden Lane. The Nuisance Ordinance will be enforced.

Nuisance letters had been sent to Village residents, Huffman, Hollis and Mowers regarding garbage that has since been cleaned up.

President Lewis will contact the railroad in hopes to get their mess cleaned up. Question was raised as to the current ownership of the strip of land next to the railroad tracks.

Village resident, Don Evans, has not performed any cleanup on his properties since the July nuisance letter had been sent. The Nuisance Ordinance will be enforced. The Health Department may be of some assistance as well.

It has been mentioned that the upcoming Newsletter needs to remind Village residents to mow regularly.

The City of Danville is available to sell the Village bam, rock and other supplies from their Voorhees Street location.

- d. Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB)** – Suggestions were discussed for the flower bed by the elevator. The flower bed near the entrance of the park is maintained by John and Bonnie Bodensteiner.

Jane Cress expressed her appreciation for the beautiful flower pots around the Village that resident, Mary Alice Stonecipher, designed.

- e. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** – Ed Ryan is working on the TIF report.

The Board discussed potential construction of a new grain bin at the elevator property.

- f. Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements)** – Contact needs made with Sam Claypool regarding the corner of Wilson Lane and Center Street to cut the ditch edge. If Sam is unavailable, contact can be made with Derek Heidrick.

The excess water on Dan Wright's rental property is being pumped out of the basement and is now flooding the crawlspace of neighboring resident, Rhonda Royce. Sam Cole of C2 Engineers indicated that he has surveyed the property and is looking into possible solutions.

Sam Cole recommended that the Village stay on top of filling the potholes with bam or rock on Wilson Lane.

The Bismarck Water District attorney and the Village attorney are still working on the drainage agreement.

- g. Permits** – President Lewis said that a permit was filled out for new home construction on Crystal Lane but a payment for the application fee has not been received.

Possible legal representation may be needed with regard to the cattle that have been allowed to be placed on Ann Dickens' pasture.

9. **Old Business** – New phones and answering machine have been installed in the Village office. Valerie Moss is still shopping for a new audio recorder.
10. **New Business** – A Newsletter will be prepared and distributed to Village residents. The Village will enter into the Bismarck-Henning Rossville Alvin High School Homecoming Parade on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jane Cress has offered to continue watering the flowers around the Village for another week.

An application for the maintenance personnel position was received from Village resident, Dan Wright. On a motion by Jane Cress and a second by Mary Potter, the motion passed by roll call vote to offer Dan Wright the position of maintenance personnel.

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

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 September 18, 2018.
13. **Adjournment** – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, on a motion by Terry Light and a second by Dave Switzer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Moss, Clerk