

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK
Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2018

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Lewis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Roll Call** –
 - Jane Cress - ABSENT (ARRIVED LATER AT 6:45 P.M.)
 - Terry Light - PRESENT
 - Jack Luttrell - PRESENT
 - Mary Potter - PRESENT
 - Dave Switzer - ABSENT
 - Karel Volpert - PRESENT
 - Greg Lewis - PRESENT
 - Eric Nesbitt - ABSENT
 - Valerie Moss - PRESENT

3. **Approval of the Agenda for November 20, 2018** – Mary Potter made the motion to amend the agenda to include the Water District Agreement in Old Business with a second by Karel Volpert. The motion passed by acclamation.

4. **Public Comments** – There were no public questions or comments.

5. **President’s Comments** – President Lewis reported that Dave Switzer submitted his resignation as Trustee.

6. **Approval of minutes for October 16, 2018** – Karel Volpert made the motion to approve the October 18, 2018 minutes as amended to include the following vote with a second by Terry Light. The motion passed by acclamation.

8. Reports of Committees and Assignments –

f. Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements) –

i. – Jane Cress made the motion to accept the lowest bid for the South Street drainage project from Heidrick Septic Service in the amount of \$22,984.50 with a second by Mary Potter.

Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - Yea, Terry Light - Yea, Jack Luttrell - Absent, Mary Potter - Yea, Dave Switzer – Absent, Karel Volpert - Yea

The motion passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 2 absent.

7. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by President Lewis. Karel Volpert made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills with a second by Mary Potter. Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - absent, Terry Light - Yea, Jack Luttrell - Yea, Mary Potter - Yea, Karel Volpert - Yea.
The motion passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent and 1 vacancy.

8. Reports of Committees and Assignments –

a. Public Works –

- i. There has been some interest expressed in the purchase of the 1982 Chevy C10 pickup truck and snow plow. After some discussion it was decided to sell the pickup truck and snow plow by accepting bids with a minimum set for the pickup in the amount of \$1,500 or \$1,800 with the plow.
- ii. After some discussion, it should be reminded that Village vehicles and equipment are not to be used for personal use.
- iii. New street lights have been placed on High Drive, Wilson Lane and Chicago Avenue.
- iv. There is an orange utility cable laying across Center Street creating a hazard near the Mullins and Chrisman residences. Jane Cress will contact utility companies to track down who it belongs to and request it to be buried or removed.

b. Budget and Finance – Franchise agreement checks in the amount of \$450 and \$750 were received from Ameren.

c. Health and Safety –

- i. Jane Cress updated that John and Anne Kessler have been making improvements regarding their nuisance violation. Terry Light reported that the City of Danville Attorney Dave Wesner has been provided with the information to prosecute the Kesslers in night court.
- ii. Jane Cress reported that it appears the back yard at 12 S. Chicago Avenue has been mowed and cleaned up.

d. Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB) –

- i. Karel Volpert reported that the flower pots around town have been redecorated for the holidays with greens purchased from Berry's Garden Center.
- ii. Posters will be hung for the Holiday Lighting Contest around the Village. Judges will be selected, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Judging will take place December 10 - 14th and the winners will be recognized at the next Village meeting.
- iii. After some discussion, Jane Cress made the motion to approve Keep Vermilion County Beautiful annual membership in the amount of \$150 with a second by Terry Light.
Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - Yea, Terry Light - Yea,
Jack Luttrell - Yea, Mary Potter - Yea, Karel Volpert - Yea
The motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 1 vacancy.
- iv. The holiday lights have been cleaned up, sand blasted, powder coated, and bulbs replaced. After some negotiation, Evans Electric has agreed to hang the holiday lights on poles around the Village for \$350. Jane Cress made the motion to pay Evans Electric \$350 to hang the holiday lights with a second by Mary Potter.
Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - Yea, Terry Light - Yea,
Jack Luttrell - Yea, Mary Potter - Yea, Karel Volpert - Yea
The motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 1 vacancy.
- v. Jane Cress made the motion to donate approximately 300 candy canes with a maximum expenditure of \$50 to Bismarck Blessings to be delivered by Santa on the Firetruck around the Village on December 15, 2018 at 12 noon. Terry Light seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - Yea, Terry Light - Yea,
Jack Luttrell - Yea, Mary Potter - Yea, Karel Volpert - Yea
The motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 1 vacancy.

e. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – No report.

f. Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements) –

- i. Sam Cole with C2 Engineers reported that Heidrick Septic Service anticipates beginning the South Street drainage project on Monday, November 26, 2018.
- ii. Sam Cole with C2 Engineers is putting together a drainage proposal and has reached out to IDOT for guidance and clarification.
- iii. President Lewis reported that he has been working with Logan Cronk on loan stipulations and information was provided to Co Bank. Loan terms were discussed.
- iv. President Lewis reported that he received a call from Illinois State Representative Tom Bennett's secretary sharing a complaint they received about Bismarck roads. There is an option available regarding financing road improvements which is not something that the Village would be interested in at this time.

g. Permits – No report.

9. Old Business – Jack Luttrell made a motion to temporarily accept the terms of the Water District Agreement with a final agreement by ordinance to be passed at the next regular meeting. Terry Light seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

10. New Business – No report.

11. Executive Session/Closed Session – No report.

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 December 18, 2018.

13. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Terry Light, seconded by Jack Luttrell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Moss, Clerk