

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

Regular Board Meeting

December 18, 2018

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Lewis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** –
 - Jane Cress - PRESENT
 - Terry Light - PRESENT
 - Jack Luttrell - ABSENT
 - Mary Potter - PRESENT
 - Sheila Switzer - PRESENT
 - Karel Volpert - PRESENT
 - Greg Lewis - PRESENT
 - Eric Nesbitt - PRESENT
 - Valerie Moss - PRESENT
3. **Approval of the Agenda for December 18, 2018** – Mary Potter made the motion to amend the agenda to rearrange items 10 a. *Trustee Vacancy Appointment* and 8 d. i. *Keep Bismarck Beautiful Holiday Lighting Contest Winners* to take place as a part of 5. President's Comments 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** – Former Trustee Dave Switzer resigned in November due to health reasons. His term ran to April 2019. President Lewis recommended appointment of Dave's wife, Sheila Switzer, to fulfill the remainder of his term. Karel Volpert made the motion to appoint Sheila Switzer as Trustee to carryout a term until April 2019 with a second by Jane Cress. The motion passed by acclamation. Sheila Switzer was sworn into office by Mary Potter.

Karel Volpert announced the winners of the Keep Bismarck Beautiful Holiday Lighting Contest: 1st Place goes to Kris and Brandye Kizer, 2nd Place goes to Steve and Sherrie Edwards and 3rd Place goes to Jerel and Karen Jackson. There were several residents with continued excellence.

6. Approval of minutes for November 20, 2018 – Karel Volpert made the motion to approve the November 20, 2018 minutes with a second by Terry Light. The motion passed by acclamation.

7. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Eric Nesbitt. Terry Light made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills with a second by Sheila Switzer. Roll Call Vote: Jane Cress - Yea, Terry Light - Yea, Jack Luttrell - Absent, Mary Potter - Yea, Karel Volpert – Yea, Sheila Switzer – Yea. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent.

8. Reports of Committees and Assignments –

a. Public Works –

- i. President Lewis opened sealed bids for the purchase of the 1982 Chevy C10 pickup truck and snow plow. Mike Garfield submitted the highest bid of \$3,024.73.
- ii. Holiday street lights were hung onto utility poles by Evans Electric and look good. Dan Wright worked hard and put in a lot of time to redecorate the ornaments with new lights.
- iii. Discussion took place regarding rotted light poles on the north little league ball field diamond in the Bismarck Lions Park. It has been estimated that new poles will cost around \$2,500. A fundraiser may be held in the near future for the purchase of new poles.
- iv. Derek Heidrick reported that everything is flowing good and moving appropriately on the South Street drainage project. Derek was able to help the Water District find some curb stops also. A partial payment will be made to Heidrick Septic Services in January 2019 for the work completed.

b. Budget and Finance –

- i. President Lewis will prepare a budget proposal for Board review which will need passed in April 2019.
- ii. Accountant Ed Ryan has filed the State report.

c. Health and Safety –

- i. Mike Pundt submitted a rebuttal to his nuisance ordinance violation. He has agreed to update the Board monthly.
- ii. President Lewis reported that Steve and Debbie Stimac's Attorney, Kelly Freed, submitted a letter to the Village on behalf of his clients, the landowners of 106 S. Chicago Avenue, asking for the Village to revoke any charges directed towards the Stimacs who are the owners of the property. President Lewis will discuss the Kessler/Stimac Nuisance Ordinance violation with the Village Attorney, Steve Miller. This violation was turned over to the City of Danville to be prosecuted through Night Court procedures. However, Attorney David Wesner is no longer employed by the City of Danville and correspondence to the Kesslers and Stimacs has been unattainable.
- iii. After discussion regarding 205 Maiden Lane, it was decided that a letter will be sent residents Eric and Melissa Richards regarding dogs running loose and yard cleanup.
- iv. It was reported that Don Evans has not done any work on his South Street or Bowman Avenue properties, as promised, within the past two months. There is still some debris at the former Messner residence that needs to be hauled off.
- v. After discussion regarding 111 E. Holloway Avenue now owned by John Brain to be used as a rental residence, a letter will be submitted requesting cleanup around the garage.
- vi. It was reported that Josh Edwards, owner of 4 W. Holloway Avenue, will put the truck inside of the garage.

d. Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB) –

- i. Karel Volpert thanked the Board for the monetary donation to purchase candy canes and elf hats for Bismarck Blessings which supported Santa riding on a firetruck around the Village and trailer court along with special guest, State Representative Tom Bennett.

- ii. Jane Cress reported that the Village pots look splendid after they were decorated with greens, bushes and bows by Mary Potter, Mary Stonecipher and Jane Cress.

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

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

- i. President Lewis reported on correspondence obtained from the Bismarck Water District's accountant who raised concerns over the agreement with the Water District to obtain a sanitary sewer fee on behalf of the Village causing the Water District to potentially forfeit their not for profit status. The Water District is no longer interested in pursuing the agreement to collect fees for the Village. The loan for the project is ready, just waiting on revenue to support the project. The Village needs to think of other ideas on how to collect the fees from residents. Some ideas were shared with more possibilities to be discussed in the future.

g. Permits – No report.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business –

- a. 2019 regular board meeting dates have been set.
- b. 2019 election candidates include: Kris Kizer for Trustee, Sheila Switzer for Trustee, Karel Volpert for Trustee and Michael Brown for President.

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 January 15, 2019.

13. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Terry Light, seconded by Jane Cress, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Moss, Clerk