

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

County of Vermilion, State of Illinois

Minutes of Special Board Meeting, September 26, 2019

1. At 6:32 p.m. in the Village office located at 106 E. Holloway, Bismarck, Illinois, President Brown opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Board members present were Trustees Terry Light, Karel Volpert, Jane Cress, Sheila Switzer, Mary Potter, Kris Kizer, President Mike Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Moss. A quorum was established. Tracey Fullen of Donohue, Village engineer, was the only guest present.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Mary Potter made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Sheila Switzer. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. **Appointment of Clerk:** The Board reviewed the resumes of two applicants, Brandon Curry Varner and Brandye Kizer, for the Clerk's position. After discussion and consideration of both applicants, Terry Light made a motion to appoint Brandye Kizer as the Clerk of the Village of Bismarck, with a second by Sheila Switzer.

Jane Cress - Yea Terry Light - Yea Kris Kizer - Abstain

Mary Potter Yea Karel Volpert - Yea Sheila Switzer - Yea

The motion passed with 5 Yeas, 0 Nays and 1 Abstention.

5. **General Discussion regarding the stormwater drainage project:** Tracey Fullen informed the Board that to push the SSA forward, the ordinance was passed 8/27/19, the next step is to have a public hearing which can come 60 days after the ordinance was passed. At the hearing, the public gets a chance to voice their opinion or file a petition to ... which must be signed by 51% of the Village to oppose the SSA. Possible hearing dates could be November 6th or 7th which would be 60 days from when the ordinance was passed. Prior to the hearing, a notice must be published in the paper, a Notice of Public Hearing, must be published no less than 15 days before. The Notice gives the legal description of the city limits as well as the tax parcels of everyone within the district. Publication will cost approximately \$2,000 and must be mailed to every tax payer within the Village within 10 days of the hearing. The publication would need to be in the paper by October 15th – 17th. The notification via mail would need to be out by then as well. At the public hearing, technical assistance would be provided as well as answers to financial questions and also inform taxpayers as to why we are wanting to do the project. After the meeting, if 51% of the taxpayer's sign and file the petition the SSA is dead. If 51% does not file a petition opposing, the Village would then continue on. The tax levy would be annually \$80,000 which would cover a \$1 million loan of annual revenue. The stormwater utility fee would still be collected from nonprofits to be used towards operations and maintenance but cannot be used for loan repayment. Once the SSA is in place, the \$35 monthly utility fee will cease. The nonprofit will continue to pay a utility fee. An annual billing could be sent to the

not-for-profits rather than a monthly bill in order to eliminate the \$7500 annual fee from Danville Sanitary District. In order to collect \$80,000 annually, we have to charge \$2/\$100 of equalized assessed value which is an increase of over 5% which means we have to have a truth in taxation hearing as well. November 19th, at the regular monthly board meeting, we could also hold the Truth in Taxation. Tax levy could be passed in November. After January our time limit is up for the petition. We could see money coming in June/July 2020 if everything stays on track. The public hearing will hopefully take place at the Bismarck Grade School.

The Board needs to decide on the maximum number of years the taxes will be held or if there will be no maximum number of years that taxes will be levied.

The notification mailed to taxpayers should also include a letter from the President regarding the project.

6. **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 October 23, 2019.
7. **Adjournment** – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Terry Light, with a second by Jane Cress, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Moss, Clerk

APPROVED 10/23/2019