

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK

County of Vermilion, State of Illinois

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 19, 2019

1. At 6:30 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, President Mike Brown, and Treasurer Valerie Moss. Absent were Trustee Kris Kizer and Clerk Brandye Kizer. A quorum was established. Guests present included: Tracey Fullen of Donohue & Associates, Amanda Potter and Phil McDonald, Brad and Carol McCubbin, Eric Siddens, Troy Wolfe, Chad Hearnley, Daniel Mullins, Lee High, Terry Corn, Frank Casey, Adam Wendell, Ray Hughes, Tyler Foley, Ken Phillips, TJ Ribbe, Amanda Anderson, Jim Steinbaugh, and Raquel Redenbaugh.
3. Approval of the Agenda for November 19th, 2019 – On a motion by Jane Cress, seconded by Terry Light. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. Public Comments/Questions
 - a. Chad Hearnley from Bismarck Blessings reminded the Board and residents that Santa on the firetruck and golf cart parade was coming up on December 8th, 2019 at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to meet at 1:30pm to join in the parade.
 - b. Resident Terry Corn informed the board that there is no 21 Crystal Lane but it is 21 Crystal Place. He also informed board that he has the same address number as another resident, Tommy Golden. He was inquiring if there was a way to change addresses. Village Board President Brown will investigate this concern.
 - c. Resident Lee High stated concerns about the real estate tax increase to fix the storm water issue. He stated he is not disagreeing that there is a storm water concern, but the concern is more for senior citizens and younger families who may not be able to afford the 2% increase. He stated that 2% seems a fair amount, but that there would be a wide array between property owners. He wants to make sure that all residents understand the ramifications on their tax bill. He is opposed to the way the fee is being established. Mr. High wanted clarification on who could sign the petition if opposed and who constituted the 51%. It was determined that it will need to be clarified by a lawyer. Several residents wanted a discussion on Utility Fee and how that would work vs. the real estate tax. Discussed Holloway St from Bowman to Route 1 being on the State of Illinois list for improvements, and how would that affect the storm drainage issues. Residents Phil McDonald and Amanda Potter encouraged Bismarck residents to come to the board meetings to assist in brainstorming ways to help the community. The current tax base gives the village roughly \$12,000 a year in

tax revenue. Resident Carol McCubbin had questions about current opportunities for grant funds and is the community tapping into all the resources available. Questions about whether the University of Illinois Extension would know about any funding options.

- d. Amanda Anderson and Raquel Redenbaugh introduced the Bismarck Junior Girl Scouts and how they are teaching the girls to be a part of their community and the importance of being involved. The board welcomed them to the Village of Bismarck board meeting.
5. Approval of the Minutes for Regular Meeting October 23rd, 2019 was made on a motion by Terry Light and seconded by Jane Cress. Motion passed by acclamation.
 6. Valerie gave the Treasurer’s Report and presented the bills for payment. Jane Cress made a motion to approve, with a second by Sheila Switzer, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills as presented with exception of Premier Solutions. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jane Cress- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Absent
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

Valerie discussed need to transfer funds from old general fund to new general fund. The State of Illinois deposits money from taxes into this account. Received four deposits in the last month. They deposit into the old general fund and then money is transferred into the new general fund. The motion passed by roll call vote. Karel Volpert made motion to approve, with a second by Terry Light, to approve transfer.

Jane Cress- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Absent
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

7. Correspondence: Thank you card from Clerk Brandye Kizer for planter sent by Board members for condolences of the loss of her mother.
8. Reports of committees and assignments:
 - a. Public Works
 - i. Christmas Light Installation Update: Discussion that the cost would be \$500 for Mr. Evans to put up Christmas lights and remove after the holiday, which is up \$150 from last year. Village resident TJ Ribbe who was attending the board meeting volunteered to put up lights for free for the Village.
 - ii. Winter Project Updates: Repair a couple of holes in the road. Organize the shop.
 - iii. Sam Claypool: Work completed for Culvert work. Motion made to approve culvert work by Mary Potter, and seconded by Jane Cress. Motion passed by roll call vote to pay \$1044.00.

Jane Cress- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Absent
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

b. Budget and Finance

c. Health and Safety

i. Ordinance Violation Updates

1. 21 Crystal Place- Send out copy of ordinance and letter of violation

ii. New Ordinance update–

1. 506 S. Chicago- in foreclosure- information for board members.

d. Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB) –

i. Keep Vermilion County Beautiful will receive a membership cost of \$150 for Village of Bismarck. Motion to approve \$150 membership payment made by Karel Volpert, seconded by Terry Light. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Jane Cress- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Absent
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

ii. Bismarck Blessings- Provide bags and ribbons out of the KBB budget.

iii. Holiday Light and Trim Contest: Judges have been decided and dates set for judging. Winners will be announced at next Board meeting in December. Prizes have been purchased. Evergreens will be placed in the village pots on next nice day.

e. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

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

i. Stormwater Drainage Project-

a. Correspondence from Village Resident- None

b. President Brown felt that the discussion was good today in public comments. He stated he thought more residents would have attended the village meeting and was surprised at the low attendance.

ii. DCEO grant: Will need to set a date to fill out monthly report and send into the grant funder. Submit receipts of what has been purchased and the village will be reimbursed.

g. Permits

9. Old Business – none.

10. New Business- none.

11. 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 17th, 2019.

12. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Jane Cress, with a second by Sheila Switzer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

APPROVED 12/17/2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandye Kizer, Clerk