

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 16, 2021

1. At 6:34 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 Clerk Brandye Kizer. Board members present were Trustees Karel Volpert, Mary Potter, Kris Kizer and Jeff Beukelman, President Mike Brown, and Treasurer Adam Muehl. Trustee Terry Light was absent. Trustee Sheila Switzer arrived late. A quorum was established. Guests in attendance was Resident Judy Pendleton.
3. Approval of agenda for November 16, 2021, was made on a motion by Trustee Kris Kizer and seconded by Trustee Karel Volpert. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. Approval of the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting held on October 19, 2021, and Special Meeting held on November 12, 2021, was made on a motion by Trustee Karel Volpert and seconded by Trustee Kris Kizer. Motion passed by acclamation.
5. Public Comments/Questions: Bismarck resident Mrs. Judy Pendleton raised concerns about the traffic and speeding along Holloway in front of the high school during the mornings and afternoons. She stated she felt that the speed limit is too high for children walking to and from school and felt it needed to be dropped to the school zone speed limit. She also asked if there was a way to investigate adding a sidewalk for the children walking from Crystal Lane area and farther so that they were not walking along the roadway. The Board discussed that they agree with Mrs. Pendleton's concerns and the road is a state road, so the Village Board has no control over the speed limit. Trustee Mary Potter stated that lowering the speed limit in front of the school was requested in the past and was unsuccessful. President Brown stated that residents need to contact local officials such as Rep. Tom Bennett and request lowering the speed limit. Clerk Brandye Kizer will post the contact information in the newsletter as well as the concerns brought to the attention of the board. The Village Board will also make calls to Rep. Bennett's office with the request. Discussed possibly having a school crossing guard at the entrance of the high school to allow children to cross safely and bringing the concerns up to the school board.

Discussed reaching out to the Vermilion County Sherriff's department and inquiring if they can patrol during school drop-off and pick-up hours to curb the speeding. A discussion was made to see if an officer would be willing to come to a village board meeting to get some questions and answers.

6. President's Comments: President Brown thanked everyone for being at the meeting tonight.
7. Correspondence: None
8. Treasurer Adam Muehl presented Treasurer's report. Most of the bills paid out this month are for regular and recurring bills. The Vermilion County Sheriff department has not returned a call regarding the high bill from last month for patrol. The Department of Animal Regulations was received for 2 months and had 2 cases the Village was charged for totaling \$92.00. The annual computer backup fee was also due this month for Premier Network Solutions for \$125.00.

Trustee Mary Potter made a motion to approve treasurer's report and bills as presented, except for the Vermilion County Sheriff's bill until clarification of charges are made, with a second by Trustee Sheila Switzer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Absent	Kris Kizer-Yea
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

Treasurer Adam Muehl reported that the account balances as of 10/31/2021 are as follows:

New General Fund \$269,220.02

Old General Fund	\$11,707.26
TIF	\$72,797.58
MFT	\$56,993.23

Treasurer Adam Muehl discussed that he needs approval to transfer \$11,607.26 from Old General Fund to the New General Fund. Trustee Karel Volpert made a motion to approve, with a second by Trustee Mary Potter, to approve the transfer of funds as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Absent	Kris Kizer-Yea
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

9. Reports of committees and assignments

a. Budget and Finance

- i. Presented Evans, Froelich, Beth and Chamley invoice for \$1200.00. Trustee Mary Potter made motion to approve the invoice as presented, with a second made by Trustee Kris Kizer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Absent	Kris Kizer-Yea
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

b. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)- None

c. Public Works/Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements)

i. MFT Funded Projects

- a. Village Basins (MFT Funds)- President Brown is keeping an eye on the basins. He stated the basins seem to be working well. Trustee Mary Potter commented that the basin by her home is draining well. The last rain had about 5 inches of rain and it drained the water right through. President Brown stated there are some areas of concern still and those areas need to be looked at for Chicago Ave and drainage south of Wilson where the culvert is not working.

d. Public Works (non-MFT Funds)

- i. President Brown discussed the Holloway Resurfacing Proposal and that he has not heard anything from the State. He has not been able to get a hold of Rutan to discuss the tile and drainage with them. He will try and get to that before the next meeting.
- ii. President Brown discussed Donohue Task Order Invoice that the board agreed to have Donohue complete at the October meeting. Trustee Kris Kizer made motion to approve the invoice as presented, with a second made by Trustee Sheila Switzer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Absent	Kris Kizer-Yea
Mary Potter- Yea	Karel Volpert- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

e. Health and Safety

i. New Health and Safety Ordinance Complaints

- a. President Brown discussed the increase in stray cats in the Village. If the cats are caught and sent to the Animal Shelter, then the Village will be charged for each pickup. Maintenance Dan Wright can pick them up and take to the Animal Shelter and the Village will not be charged. President Brown stated there is a \$10 charge for each trip. The Village agreed to have Mr. Wright continue to pick up the stray cats that do not have tags. They may need more cages and the Village Board agreed they may pick up a couple more. Trustee Jeff Beukelman stated he has one he can donate.

b. President Brown stated he is trying to get something set up with Mr. Biggerstaff from the Central Illinois Landbank to drive around town and look at areas of concern. He would like to get things started as the Village is having some really great things starting to happen.

f. Ordinance

- i. President Brown stated that Jay Bullock from Donohue has been working on the information for the Stormwater Special Service Area. He will have everything ready for us to be on schedule for the December 20th meeting. The location for the public hearing has been set at the Bismarck Henning Rossville Alvin High School Cafeteria for 6:00pm.
- ii. President Brown discussed that he created a Liquor license Procedure. He shared that he was reviewing the recommendations from the Trustees, especially Trustee Jeff Beukelman who made quite a few suggestions for him. He will get a copy to the Board once he has it updated. President Brown discussed that he may have several people interested in getting a liquor license when it is ready to go.

g. Permits

h. Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB)

- i. Trustee Karel Volpert discussed that the Holiday Trim and Lighting Contest will be held December 1st-December 10th. The winner will be announced at the December 21st Board Meeting. They have ordered 2 bundles of greenery from Berry's Garden Center and Mrs. Mary Stonecipher has donated large red pinecones to be placed in the Village. Trustee Karel Volpert also mentioned that the patriotic banners need to be removed and the Holiday banners put up along the roadway. It was nice to have kept the patriotic ones up for the Veteran's parade.

Trustees discussed that the benches made from the recycled caps are in the maintenance garage and they will be placed in the park in the spring. Trustee Karel Volpert mentioned that Keep Vermilion County Beautiful may be interested in providing grants out for the cost of the benches in the future. Trustee Karel Volpert and Trustee Jeff Beukelman discussed the progress on the signs. Trustee Jeff Beukelman stated he has spent \$300 on lumber, and they will need to turn in receipts to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting –The next regular meeting will be held at the Village Office in Bismarck, Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. on December 21st, 2021. Bills to be considered for payment and items for the agenda are to be submitted by December 14th, 2021, to Village Clerk and Village Treasurer.

13. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion by Trustee Kris Kizer, with a second by Trustee Mary Potter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED 12/21/2021

Brandye Kizer, Clerk