

VILLAGE OF BISMARCK
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, January 21, 2025

1. At 6:31 p.m. in the Village office located at 106 E. Holloway, Bismarck, Illinois, President Brown opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Clerk Brandye Kizer took roll call. Board members present were Trustees Terry Light, Kris Kizer, Jeff Beukelman, Sheila Switzer, Misty Hillard and President Mike Brown. Clerk Brandye Kizer and Treasurer Adam Muehl was also in attendance. Trustee Mary Potter's seat is currently open. A quorum was established. Residents and guests in attendance were: Rick Kentner (Chairman of the Village of Bismarck Planning Commission), Village Attorney Brian Lawlyes, (Acton and Snyder), terry Boyer (Donohue Engineering), Alex Kentner, and Scott Defenbaugh.
3. Approval of agenda was made on a motion by Trustee Kris Kizer and seconded by Trustee Terry Light. The motion passed by acclamation.
4. Approval of the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2024 was made on a motion by Trustee Jeff Beukelman and seconded by Trustee Sheila Switzer. Motion passed by acclamation.
5. Public Comments/Questions: None
6. President's Comments: President Brown welcomed everyone. No questions noted.
7. Correspondence: None

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Muehl presented the Treasurer's. Most of the bills paid out this month are for regular and recurring bills, and invoices for Berry's and Apparel Unlimited for embroidering of the Maintenance Jackets. Total for bills this month was \$2,067.16. Trustee Sheila Switzer made a motion to approve treasurer's report and bills as presented, with a second by Trustee Jeff Beukelman. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Abstain	Kris Kizer-Yea	Mike Brown-NA
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea	

Treasurer Adam Muehl's report presented, reported that the account balances as of 11/30/2024 are as follows:

New General Fund		\$556,158.08
Old General Fund		\$13,046.45
TIF		\$205,524.89
MFT		\$90,213.74

Treasurer Adam Muehl requests approval to transfer \$12,946.45 from Old General Fund to the New General Fund. Trustee Jeff Beukelman made a motion to approve, with a second by Trustee Kris Kizer, to approve the transfer of funds as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea	Mike Brown-NA
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea	

9. Reports of committees and assignments

a. Liquor Commission Committee-None

b. Planning Commission Committee- Mr. Kentner reported that there were no building permits to review for this month.

c. Ordinance

- i. Residential Solar ordinance was reviewed by Attorney Brian Lawlyes with the Ordinance changes updated to include the language regarding Residential Solar being added under Section 15.6. Accessory Buildings and Structures to the existing Zoning ordinance, as recommended by the residents of the Village who attended several Planning Commission Meetings and the Public Hearing. At last month’s meeting in November, 2024, Mr. Kentner shared that the planning commission committee is recommending to the Village Board that they adopt the added language into the existing ordinance as presented. Mr. Kentner stated that it was felt that the community wants to have some regulation for safety regarding residential solar options but also the freedom to do what they want on their property without strict ordinances that may reduce their options that best fit their homeowner needs. The Board agreed to adopt the Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Number 2001-9 Regarding Personal Solar Energy Systems. Trustee Kris Kizer made a motion to approve, with a second by Trustee Sheila Switzer, to approve the transfer of funds as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote of 4-1.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Nay	Kris Kizer-Yea	Mike Brown-NA
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea	

d. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)- None

e. Health and Safety

- i. No new code complaints have been received to the Village Clerk.
- a. President Brown gave update waiting on equipment for the Antenna for the weather siren. He has not heard back from Mr. Phillips. Mr. Kentner gave a recommendation of Barbeck Communications to contact to get it repaired. President Brown will reach out.

f. Budget and Finance

- i. President Brown discussed that he has still not received clarification on the quote received by Byerly. The Board felt they could not make a decision. It was suggested to call White Garage Doors to get an additional quote. President Brown will make contact. Trustee Kris Kizer made a motion to table action, with a second by Trustee Jeff Beukelman. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

- ii. President Brown discussed the need for a new furnace and air conditioner for the Village Office. President Brown received a quote from Mr. Cool but it did not include installation. It was recommended to contact Eric Johnson to see about installation assistance with the President Brown who stated he could install the equipment. The Board would like to table the action until all information is received. Trustee Jeff Beukelman made a motion to table action, with a second by Trustee Sheila Switzer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

- iii. Tax Levy 2024 was presented by the Village Attorney for approval. Trustee Terry Light made a motion to approve Tax Levy as presented, with a second by Trustee Sheila Switzer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

- iv. Claypool Excavating invoice was received for two snow plows due to snow days. Invoice # 1750 and #1754 for a total of \$460.00. Trustee Kris Kizer made a motion to approve invoice as presented, with a second by Trustee Misty Hillard. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea
Open Seat- N/A	Misty Hillard- Yea	Sheila Switzer-Yea

g. Public Works/Municipal Projects (Roads, Drainage, other improvements)-MFT Funded Projects

h. Public Works (non-MFT Funds)

- i. President Brown and Terry Boyer from Donohue Engineering discussed the unsewered grant opportunity. The grant should open sometime in 2025, possibly June. Mr. Boyer presented the proposed sewer lines and pumping station that would be potentially be located near Poland road and would pump into Danville's existing lines and be delivered to Stony Creek interception. If this would happen then there would be a fee that would be paid to Danville for using their existing lines and the fee to the Village residents. The board of trustees were not sold on the cost that would have to be passed onto the village residents but felt they could discuss further. The village board of trustees would need to decide if they wanted to continue to look into the grant when it opened, they could decide to proceed and apply and see how much they could get and then decide at that time as well if they wanted to accept the conditions and cost. No decision was made at this time.

- ii. President Brown discussed the sink hole on G street and stated no updates at this time. He has not been able to get return phone calls regarding the repairs from the recommended companies out of Hoopston and Rossville. He will contact Billy Tuggle to see if he could possibly assist with repairing the tile.

- iii. President Brown discussed the culvert in front of the residence of 205 Maiden Lane, Eric and Melissa Richards, and no updates at this time.

i. Permits/Zoning/Liquor Applications

- i. Liquor license request was reviewed for The Brewhouse, Ltd. Trustee Jeff Beukelman made a motion to approve the annual liquor license (Class D and Class K) request for The Brewhouse, Ltd, with a second by Trustee Kris Kizer. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Jeff Beukelman- Yea	Terry Light- Yea	Kris Kizer-Yea
Mary Potter- N/A	Tyler Lappin- absent	Sheila Switzer-Yea

j. **Keep Bismarck Beautiful (KBB)**- Trustee Sheila Switzer had no updates at this time.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- i. Clerk Brandye Kizer discussed that there needs to be an appointment made in February for the trustee seat that opened with Trustee Mary Potter's Passing.

12. Consideration of such matters as may lawfully come before the Board, or which are a result of public comments or questions. And/or are the result of an executive/closed session.

13. 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 February 18, 2025. Bills to be considered for payment and items for the agenda are to be submitted by February 11, 2025, to Village Clerk and Village Treasurer.

14. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the current Board at this time, upon motion by Trustee Jeff Beukelman, with a second by Trustee Misty Hillard, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. The motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED 02/18/2025

Brandye Kizer, Clerk

