

Village of Bull Valley
Board of Trustees - Minutes
February 26, 2018
Stickney House – 1904 Cherry Valley Rd., Bull Valley, IL. 60098

President Berendt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. On roll call those Trustees present were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kleinschmidt, and O'Brien. Trustees Kantecki was absent. Attorney Smoron, Village Administrator Vance, Admin Assistant Lindner and Road Supervisor Koch were also present.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda

An Executive Session was added to discuss staff hours.

Public Comment

There were no comments made.

Discussion of Zoning Board Recommendation for Grant of Variance for 8212 Concord Drive, Bull Valley

Trustee Helms recused himself and took a seat in the audience. He stated he is seeking a variance of the north side yard setback for the possible addition of a third stall on the existing attached garage. Mr. Helms is selling his home and the prospective buyer wants the ability to build the third stall. The existing setback was changed to 50' in 1988 when the house was constructed, and the current request would change the setback to 35 feet. The gas line for the home would have to be moved to build the addition. Mr. Helms stated no trees would be harmed in the construction of the garage. There are no plans available for the proposed addition. The hearing was held by the Zoning Board on February 21st. One neighbor was present at the hearing to object. Mrs. Wiederin the neighbor directly north of the Helms' is the only neighbor that might be impacted by the variance. She feels the smaller side yard setback will impact on the value of her property. She also stated the variance if granted would go against the mission statement of the Village to preserve open space, and that no hardship was presented to support the granting of the request. The Zoning Board sent a recommendation approving the request to the Board.

Ordinance Granting Variance for 8212 Concord Drive, Bull Valley

No motion was made to approve or deny the variance.

Mr. Helms returned to his seat, and Mr. Smoron left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Trustee Helms, seconded by Trustee Bailey, moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting as amended. The motion passed with Trustee Kleinschmidt abstaining. Trustee Helms, seconded by Trustee Kleinschmidt, moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting as corrected. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Kleinschmidt, moved to approve the following documents that were on the consent agenda:

- Village President's Report
- Village Administrator's Report
- Village Clerk's Report
- Admin Assistants Report

The motion passed.

Review of Action List from January

The engagement letter for the Auditor has been signed and sent, Baxter & Woodman have been engaged to review the cell tower, the review of executive session minutes is on the agenda and Planning & Zoning will be discussing solar panels in the Village at their upcoming meeting.

Policy regarding fines for cannabis possession

This is a civil citation and surrounding municipalities are fining from \$250 to \$500 for this offense. The Board approved the increase in fines at an earlier meeting, but no document was done at that time. Trustee Kleinschmidt, seconded by Trustee Bailey, moved to implement a policy for the police department for a \$500 fine for cannabis under 10 grams. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen Helms, Kleinschmidt, and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

Resolution approving payment plan for local ordinance fines

The Board asked for more research to be done to find out if other municipalities have payment plans for fines. This will be discussed again at the March meeting.

Discussion of proposal for New Directions Sober Living Facility at LUREC

New Directions is a 501(c) (3) entity that provides support in the form for sober living homes for people recovering from addictions. They approached Loyola about establishing a 30-bed sober living wing at LUREC. President Berendt had no other information on this issue. If LUREC goes thru with this proposal it will require an amendment to the annexation agreement and an amendment to the zoning. It was decided to wait to see if Loyola pursues this issue before doing anything.

Discussion of potential inclusion in Intelligentsia Cup 2019 schedule

The Intelligentsia Cup is a minimum 3.1-mile bike race that attracts racers from across the nation. It is held in different location each year. As the "local promotor" of the race the Village would have to raise sufficient funding secure a safe venue and obtain and supervise a sufficient number of volunteers for the day. It was the consensus of the Board that this was a very interesting idea, but the Village does not have the resources currently to undertake such a large event.

5K Monster Hill Challenge

The Board requested all Village residents affected by the run be sent a letter notifying them of the event with all details. It was felt this would be better than sending the information in an email.

Liaison Reports

Finance

Trustee Kleinschmidt reviewed the financial statement with the Board and addressed a few concerns about the bills to be paid. Trustee Kleinschmidt, seconded by Trustee Bailey, moved to approve the accounts payable list as of February 26, 2018 in the amount of \$56,023.48 subject to Mr. Ellinghausen' review of the Baxter and Woodman bills. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kleinschmidt, and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

Roads

Trustee Ellinghausen stated Baxter and Woodman have been asked to do the engineering review of the Cherry Valley Road Culvert. The estimate for the engineering is \$29,000 which includes getting all necessary permits. There is no estimate of the actual replacement cost of the culvert. A decision on this was postponed to the next meeting.

After the heavy rains there is a section of Bull Valley Road where the shoulder has been washed away. Mr. Koch has put gravel down and warning cones. The grate will be replaced to prevent this from happening again.

Mr. Koch would like to purchase a use salt spreader from Seneca Township for \$1,000.00. This will be looked at in the new budget.

Baxter & Woodman have looked at the proposed monopole to be installed on Ridge Road. It appears there are six main points that are germane for Village approval. The hearing on this has been set for March 12, 2018.

Parks & Grounds

Trustee Bailey stated the Village delayed painting the Stickney House barn last fall. She would like to schedule the painting for April 14th & 15th.

Executive Session

Trustee Helms, seconded by Trustee Kleinschmidt, moved to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 2(c) (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of appeal by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen Helms, Kleinschmidt, and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the meeting was closed at 11:55 a.m. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting returned to regular session at 12:35 p.m.

No action was taken on what was discussed in the executive session.

Trustee Comments, Future Topics and Announcements

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Helms moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Action List from Meeting:

Look into phone bills

Explanation of County Dispatch bill

In-house repairs of vehicles