

Village of Bradley Board Meeting
Bradley Public Works Building, Conference Room
210 E. Broadway St.
Bradley, IL 60915
Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Announcement of Venue Change

- Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Watson advised that the Village Board Meeting location was changed in order to have the Council Chambers available for the Election set-up and security.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for those in the Village who are sick or have passed on. Mayor Watson mentioned support for Mayor Paul Schore of Bourbonnais and the passing of his mother.

3. Appointment of Village Clerk

- Mayor Watson appointed Craig Anderson as Interim Deputy Clerk.

Motion made by: Trustee Billingsley, Seconded by, Trustee Westphal

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| • Trustee LeBran | Approve ___ | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Westphal | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Billingsley | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Tieri | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Vandenhout | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Jordan | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Mayor Watson | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |

4. Calling the Roll & Declaration of Quorum

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| • Trustee LeBran | Present ___ | Absent <u>X</u> |
| • Trustee Westphal | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |
| • Trustee Billingsley | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |
| • Trustee Tieri | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |
| • Trustee Vandenhout | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |
| • Trustee Jordan | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |
| • Mayor Watson | Present <u>X</u> | Absent ___ |

5. Approve Agenda

Motion made by: Trustee Jordan, Seconded by, Trustee Vandenhout

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| • Trustee LeBran | Approve ___ | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Westphal | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Billingsley | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Tieri | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Vandenhout | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Jordan | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Mayor Watson | Approve ___ | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |

6. Presentation of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting - Monday, June 13, 2022

Motion made by: Trustee Jordan, Seconded by, Trustee Billingsley

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| • Trustee LeBran | Approve ___ | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Westphal | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Billingsley | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Tieri | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Vandenhout | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Trustee Jordan | Approve <u>X</u> | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |
| • Mayor Watson | Approve ___ | Deny ___ | Abstain ___ |

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7. Presentation of Communication

- No presentations

8. Public Communication

- No public communication

9. Mayoral Communication

1. Mayor Watson advised the Board of Four properties deeds that the Village has purchased are in and filed. The Cleveland Avenue property closed last week. Public Works will clean-up the properties.
2. Rehab of the Village Hall is progressing. New windows are being installed. The Mayor invites the Trustees to stop by the facility and observe the upgrades.

10. Presentation of Bills and Accounts

Motion made by: Trustee Tieri, Seconded by, Trustee Billingsley

- Trustee LeBran Approve , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Westphal Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Billingsley Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Tieri Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Vandenhout Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Jordan Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Mayor Watson Approve , Deny , Abstain .

11. Report of Standing Committee

- a. Public Works: Streets, Utilities, Sewer, Infrastructure.....Chairman Billingsley
 - No Meeting. Trustee Billingsley brought to the attention of Director Memenga and Director Page a citizen complaint regarding tall grass and weeds at the old DMV building. The Directors advised that they would address the complaint and resolve the issue.
- b. Parks/Community Events.....Chairman Westphal
 - No Meeting
- c. Public Safety: Police & Fire.....Chairman Tieri
 - No Meeting
- i. R-06-22-02 A Resolution approving Change Order Number 7 for the installation of a manual electrical switch for the Bradley Fire Department Addition and Remodeling Project. Chief Kaderabek explained that the Change Order provided an electrical switch for the generator. The switch cost is \$12,587.00.

Motion made by: Trustee Tieri, Seconded by, Trustee Billingsley

- Trustee LeBran Approve , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Westphal Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Billingsley Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Tieri Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Vandenhout Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Jordan Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Mayor Watson Approve , Deny , Abstain .

- d. Information Technology/Innovation/Performance Improvement: IT, Community Outreach, Marketing.....Chairman Vandenhout
 - No Meeting
- e. Community Development: Code Enforcement Planning & Zoning, Economic Development
..... Chairman Jordan

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- i. O-06-22-09 An Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-1 of the Village Code of Ordinances. Specifically adding HVAC Inspector to the Building Standards Department. Director Page explained that the Resolution adds an HVAC Inspector. The addition of the HVAC Inspector reflects the structure of the department.

Motion made by: Trustee Billingsley, Seconded by, Trustee Jordan

- Trustee LeBran Approve , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Westphal Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Billingsley Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Tieri Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Vandenhout Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Trustee Jordan Approve X , Deny , Abstain .
- Mayor Watson Approve , Deny , Abstain .

- f. Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Bradley Board of Directors Representative Jamie Boyd spoke about the June 15, 2022 meeting of the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau (KCCVB) Board of Directors. Mr. Boyd stated that the KCCVB 2022/2023 budget was presented to him at 12:30pm to review and Vote on at 4:00pm. This was the first time Mr. Boyd has seen the budget and felt unprepared to vote on it in such a short time. Mr. Boyd introduced a motion to table the vote on the budget. the motion was seconded. The discussion addressed the surplus.

Mr. Boyd was concerned about the \$1.4 million listed in the budget that was not being spent. He felt that the money should go to further the mission of the KCCVB and help bring overnight visitors to Kankakee County. Mr. Boyd suggested that a portion of the surplus should be spent to bring visitors to the area and provided a few options. 1) A Grant to Diamond Point Park in Bourbonnais to provide turf for the fields. Diamond Point brings \$5 million to Kankakee County annually and losses 20% to rain outs. A grant of \$500,000 to install turf fielding could result in recovering \$1 million in rain out lost income. Mr. Boyd also recommended grants to River Road Softball complex, in Kankakee, a hockey /Ice Skating tournament at Ice Valley Centre, at the Kankakee Valley Park District, a grant to assist the Merchant Street Music Festival, in Kankakee. A Boat Racing Regatta on the Kankakee River.

Mr. Boyd was told that in order to do those things it would take 15 weeks and they (KCCVB) would have to hire an organization to do it. Mr. Boyd said that he was told the mission of the KCCVB was to promote tourism in Kankakee County, and whether the visitor stayed overnight in the hotels didn't matter. Mr. Boyd disagreed and stated that the KCCVB is not the Chamber of Commerce it is the Visitors Board and the mission should be to bring visitor that stay overnight in hotels, and visit other local businesses, including special events.

Trustee Billingsley asked questions regarding the number of employees, Trustee Jordan asked questioned the budget, and that the listed items were vague and approximately 66% of the budget was spent on the operation of the organization no the product. This was without spending ant of the \$1.4 Million. Director Romo pointed out the KCCVB spent \$22,000 in marketing in the last 10 months but will spend \$200,000 in the next 2 months. Mr. Romo was addressed concern that the KCCVB is spending tax monies without oversight or accountability. The spending and product produced by the KCCVB do not appear to be consistent. Trustee Billingsley asked is a forensic audit could be ordered. Mr. Boyd advised that at the July KCCVB meeting the Board will discuss the spending of the surplus.

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Through Mr. Boyd's questions and recommendation to the Board and Staff of KCCVB, Executive Director Wilken became frustrated and cursed at Mr. Boyd. Director Wilken said "F**K you Jamie" to Mr. Boyd and then told the Board that she needed to step out of the meeting. This statement and cursing directly at Mr. Boyd was in an open meeting, in front of the public, employees and Board members of the KCCVB. When Director Wilken returned to the meeting she apologized to the board but not to Mr. Boyd. The budget was passed by the board. Mr. Boyd recognized KCCVB board member Ed Piatt, seconded his motion to table the vote and also voted against the budget.

Mr. Boyd said that her action of disrespect and unprofessionalism is a reflection of the Executive Director's feeling toward the Citizens' of Bradley, the Village Board and the Village as a whole.

Mayor Watson asked the Village Board to consider a response to the disrespectful action toward the Village's appointment to the committee. The Mayor requested direction from the Village Board, a consensus on a Resolution for KCCVB Board to hold a Vote of No Confidence and termination of Executive Director Wilken employment. The Village Board unanimously agreed and directed the Village to pursue the Resolution.

Mayor Watson asked the Village Board to consider and provide direction regarding a Resolution requesting the KCCVB Board to provide a \$500,000 grant to the Bourbonnais Township Park District for the purpose of providing Turf at Diamond Point Baseball Fields. This would reduce the number of rain out events and increase the number of event days, thus increasing visitors to the area, consistent to the mission of the KCCVB. Director Romo expanded on the benefit of increased event days for Diamond Point. Director Romo advised that the economic impact of the extra event days would assist Diamond Point in daily operations and impact visits to local businesses. The Village Board unanimously agreed and directed the Village to pursue the Resolution.

Mayor Watson expressed concern that KCCVB, as an organization was not effectively pursuing the best interest of the stakeholder.

12. Unfinished Business

- *No unfinished business*

13. New Business

- *No new business*

14. Adjournment

Motion made by: Trustee Billingsley, Seconded by, Trustee Jordan

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| • Trustee LeBran | Approve <u> </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Trustee Westphal | Approve <u> X </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Trustee Billingsley | Approve <u> X </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Trustee Tieri | Approve <u> X </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Trustee Vandenhout | Approve <u> X </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Trustee Jordan | Approve <u> X </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |
| • Mayor Watson | Approve <u> </u> , | Deny <u> </u> , | Abstain <u> </u> . |

Meeting End Time: 7:20 pm.

