

Village of Braceville
Board Meeting
November 20, 2024

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with Commissioner Brandon Hasselbring, Commissioner Jeff Unland, Commissioner Bill Sebrell, Commissioner Erik Brock, Treasurer Jen Williams, and Attorney Chris Dearth present.

Visitors: Mike Laird, Christina Brock, Jill Hook Vollmer, Bob Vail

Visitor comments:

Jill Hook Vollmer asked if a recent Facebook post was directed at anyone or just a general statement. Village Clerk Amy Laird responded that it was a general clarification. Christina Brock then spoke to the Christmas decorating contest, stating the Christmas decorating contest was changed to a lottery. No further explanation was given. She stated she has received some donated gift cards from an anonymous donator for the winners. She inquired about the event she is hosting at the Community Hall on December 14th, wondering if she needed to have it cleared for the next day's event or if she needed to take everything down. Mayor Wright told her we would find out and let her know. Next, Bob Vail with Bernardi Securities was there to discuss the Waterworks Revenue Bond. He passed out a multi-page handout for everyone to review. He explained each page in detail. He stated that the ordinance would need to sit for 30 days, then a public hearing would need to be held at the 30-day mark, which is the December 18, 2024, village board meeting. At the January 15, 2025, board meeting, the ordinance would be up for vote and if passed, January 23, 2025, the bond purchase agreement would be signed and final interest rates locked in. February 6, 2025, the project funds would be disbursed.

*Commissioner Jeff Unland made a motion and Commissioner Brandon Hasselbring seconded to approve the consent agenda including the minutes as presented from the November 2, 2024, regular meeting, warrant, and treasurers report. Roll call vote was taken, with 5 ayes the motion passed.

Commissioner Brandon Hasselbring asked if we were doing the tile project at the village hall ourselves or hiring it out. Mayor Wright stated that we would be doing it ourselves. He stated they would pick out the tile together soon.

Commissioner Bill Sebrell inquired about installing a light on the pole in the village hall parking lot. Mayor Wright stated that Ken Seplak would be installing that as he was looking into the project currently. Commissioner Sebrell then stated the need for North Street and Fifth Street needing repaving. Mayor Wright stated that is generally a fall project. Commissioner Sebrell stated that Lennox to Gould could be done as well. These issues will be investigated next year. Commissioner Sebrell lastly, discussed the striping of Mitchell St. Mayor Wright stated it depended on the weather at this point. With the project needing to be done while school is out, the days are extremely limited.

Commissioner Erik Brock questioned the status of the Harvey case the village has against him. Attorney Chris Dearth responded that he has a court date of January 27, 2025. He stated that he was told the premises would be vacated by then. Commissioner Brock stated that he is still living there. Commissioner Brock lastly asked about the C Container timeline and Mayor Wright stated that the residents had 30 days to complete the project.

*Commissioner Jeff Unland made a motion and Commissioner Bill Sebrell seconded to approve the hiring of Laura Lasocki for deep cleaning the office and bathrooms and kitchen for 4-5 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour. Roll call vote was taken, with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Commissioner Jeff Unland made a motion and Commissioner Bill Sebrell seconded to approve the final water bond payment of \$29,580.00. Roll call vote was taken, with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Mayor Dave Wright made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to close the village hall at noon on New Year's Eve with pay for village employees. Roll call vote was taken, with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Mayor Dave Wright made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to approve the ordinance authorizing and approving the assessment and levy of taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025. Roll call vote was taken, with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Commissioner Bill Sebrell made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to approve a policy for social media usage for the Village of Braceville. Roll call vote was taken, and 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Mayor Dave Wright made a motion and Commissioner Erik Brock seconded to approve the purchase of 2 loads of CA7. Roll call vote was taken, and with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Commissioner Jeff Unland made a motion and Commissioner Bill Sebrell seconded to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds of the Village of Braceville, Grundy and Will Counties, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$775,000 or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$775,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the waterworks system of the Village. Roll call vote was taken, and with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Commissioner Bill Sebrell made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to approve a resolution authorizing and approving a Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction for Safe Routes To school Project Number S7NB (103). Roll call vote was taken, and with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Mayor Dave Wright made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to approve Gallagher Asphalt winning bid for SRTS project in the amount of \$248977.60. Roll call was taken, and with 5 ayes the motion passed.

*Mayor Dave Wright made a motion and Commissioner Jeff Unland seconded to approve rental of a scissor lift for street decoration installation and removal. Commissioner Unland stated he would investigate different prices. Roll call vote was taken, and with 5 ayes the motion passed.

The ordinance authorizing and approving amending appropriations previously approved for fiscal year 2024-2025 was tabled until Spring 2025.

The board discussed when or if to hold the January 1, 2025, board meeting since it falls on holiday. It was unanimously decided that the meeting would be skipped and if anything pressing, could hold a special meeting.

Mayor Dave Wright discussed there was an issue at the control box at the wellhouse. He stated that Ken Seplak was looking into it. Mayor Wright stated that we are currently down 1 well. The board loosely discussed multiple possibilities for water sources. Mayor Wright lastly mentioned that Ken Seplak was still waiting for the probe to arrive as he needs to troubleshoot.

*Commissioner Jeff Unland made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm and Commissioner Erik Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion to adjourn.

Amy Laird
Village Clerk