

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday November 28, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment (Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ord.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney- Ordinance 17-15, Amending Chapt. 26-Businesses of the City of
Braidwood Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Licensing & Regulating Raffles

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses
-Resolution 17-35, Approving the 2017 Tax Levy Estimate

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-Recommendations from November 6, 2017 Meeting/Public Hearing Gad Variance
- The Board entertained Motion to Approve 6ft. Fence Variance on corner lot, No Motion was made.
- Board Motioned to Deny the Variance for 6ft. fence on a corner lot; 4 ayes, 1nay, 2 absent, 0 abstentions.

Executive Session-Discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining/Labor Relations or Land Acquisition
-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked the Chief to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler, Commissioner Hibler and Mayor Vehrs.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present. City Administrator Labriola was absent.

Public Comment

Debbie Militello, Will County Board Member-District 6. She explained to the council about the Will County Freight Mobility Plan as well as handing out information to the council.

Kent Lee, 155 N. Cook St. He asked if there was a written guarantee in the Contract with Grosso Construction for the roads to last for any specific time or are they going to come back and do any repairs? Is that part of the Contract in writing? The Mayor said it's not in writing but as he mentioned to Kent at the last meeting that they did sit down before starting this program and Grosso is guaranteeing the roads over the winter up until the spring. Whatever damage we have to do, Grosso will be back and they will fix and also complete some of the sealcoating that wasn't done. Kent Lee questioned so they're going to fix for no additional charge and the Mayor said that was correct.

Brett Nauman, Exelon-Braidwood Station Communications Manager. He read a statement from Exelon regarding the recent article published by the Better Government Association. He said the recent article written by the BGA is a sensationalized and inaccurate portrayal of Exelon Generation and the events at our Illinois Plants, which includes Braidwood Station. All events reference and featured in the BGA story were either permitted offsite water releases in accordance with their NRC Licenses and records of onsite water releases that prompted voluntary state notifications by Exelon. Brett was a meeting with other officials of Exelon and they want to be able to answer any questions that you have so they're going to stay after the meeting if anyone has questions they will be glad to visit with those people.

Chuck Gallbraith, 347 Ridge St. He said that the gentleman that just gave that speech to you, the only thing he was missing was a shovel to dig the stuff out of here because he's full of bologna because this power leak is ridiculous. He also said the power plant has no security because he said I've told you before I've been down in two coal mine shafts and he's 350# and in broad daylight security didn't see him! So how are they going to see someone with a bomb and blow the place up? Don't say it can't be done because it's been done in Las Vegas people killing people, Orlando FL crazy people are killing people and it could happen here. Chuck told the Mayor that the people from Exelon are lying. He then went on to talk about water from Exelon going into the Kankakee River and why the houses on Smiley Rd were bought by Exelon, it was because a pipe broke and they can put anything they want into the Kankakee River.

Closed at 7:11pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Hutton made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve the Regular Meeting

Minutes of November 14, 2017. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Hibler, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor reminded everyone with the time changes to please watch out for kids, give yourselves leeway now that it's getting darker earlier. On December 2nd will be the Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade starting at 5:00pm across the street from City Hall.

Administrator

Absent

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Nothing to Report.

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman addressed his Agenda Item Ordinance 17-15, which amends Chapt. 26-Businesses Of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Licensing & Regulating Raffles. This was before the council at the last meeting, looking for suggestions, comments from the council on how you want to proceed with this ordinance. Comm. Hutton asked if the maximum of \$150,000 was put into the ordinance and Atty. Kopman said he believes that was the maximum across the board. Comm. Smith said he read it and the way he sees it, it's to protect the people and allow people to have a raffle to help fund someone in need and feels it's a good thing. Atty. said it protects the people putting on the raffle and participating in it. Atty. said there's no maximum on the prize value, if it were to exceed the \$150,000 it would have to come before the city council for review.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-15, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$262,096.76, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$105,410.41, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to approve Resolution 17-35, Approving the 2017 Tax Levy Estimate, total Tax Levy estimate is \$1,620,000, seconded by Comm. Smith. At this point Comm. Hibler had the Accountant Julie Quigley review the numbers for the Tax Levy Estimate. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented that he is just as much dissatisfied about the roads as anybody. He said this shouldn't happen any longer as long as people don't go over his head. He said if he knew the roads were going to be this way, it wouldn't have happened if he could have stopped it. The commissioner said the contractor should have had these roads finished and doesn't know why they weren't. The commissioner said we're going to have a mess with these roads when they go to plow. It's going to move all that gravel and is the contractor going to get this gravel out of people's yards? He's in this for the people not the money, work of a commissioner is a lot of heartaches and

other officials are going over his head and not being up front with him, been having a hard way to go. The commissioner also said if he had the money he would tear all these roads out and do it the right way. If he has anything to say about it the roads will no longer be tarred & chipped and that's the way he feels.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report then the Plant Crews Report. The commissioner said they're getting ready for their EPA Review on Friday.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the numbers provided him by the Chief from 11/14-11/28/17 with total calls for service 238.

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Board Chair Michelle Serena approached the council with their Recommendations from the November 6th Meeting & Public Hearing for the Gad Fence Variance. Council received copies of their recommendations and comments that were made at that meeting. The Zoning Board entertained a motion to approve the 6ft. fence variance, no motion was made so it was denied for the lack of a motion. A motion was then made by the board to deny the Variance for the 6ft. fence on a corner lot with 4 ayes, 1 nay and 2 absent. There is a meeting scheduled for December 4th for a Public Hearing with Bobby Jones for the Rte. 66 Business Park.

The Mayor asked the council what their pleasure was on the Fence Variance. Comm. Tessler said approve the fence and Comm. Hutton said he agreed with Comm. Tessler, he also went there and looked at the property and there's visual sight. Comm. Hutton said he hates to disagree with the Zoning Board, but doesn't think there's any objection to it or anything bad with it. Comm. Tessler also looked at it and feels there's enough visual sight to see oncoming traffic as well. The Mayor looked at this property also and doesn't see an issue for putting a 6 ft. fence there.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the 6 ft. Fence Variance on the Gad property, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Closed Session-No request made for Closed Session.

Old Business

Comm. Hutton advised that there was a meeting today with IDOT to close out the railroad intersection and it's going to be as is now. Going to move (2) stop signs a little bit for more clearance. Comm. Tessler asked what projects are not completed yet but will be restarted in the spring? Is it just Erie St. and the roads? The city engineer replied yes just those two.

New Business

Mayor Vehrs said he received a letter from IDOT. The bridge going over I55 at Rte. 113 will soon be a posted weight limit. It will be posted back down to legal weight only, no overloads, no over width; no extra sized vehicles will be allowed to cross that bridge because the structure at this point in time cannot carry the weight. The Mayor said he will keep everyone updated on when they're going to do the road work and bridge work there. Notice will be posted and State will be regulating that bridge. Comm. Smith asked Comm. Hutton to explain the Boom Truck they are both looking at. He has contacted someone in Clinton who has one that came from California, so it's rust free and clean. The truck has a winch that Hutton needs and a basket that Smith needs with low mileage of about 26,000 and believes it's a 2006 and wants \$29,000 for it. They will both be going to Clinton next week to look at it and hoping it's an answer to their problems.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:30pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 12 day of December 2017

Jean Vehrs Mayor

Sue Grogan City Clerk

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

