

VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
February 5, 2024

President Fishel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm with roll call attendance. Arbogast-present, B. Porter-present, Gilles-present, Meinders-absent, and A. Porter-present. Attorneys Johnson and Sell and Clerk Johnson were also present.

The minutes of January 8, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Gilles made a motion, seconded by Meinders to approve minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The January Treasurer's report was presented for filing, B. Porter made the motion, seconded by Arbogast Motion carried 5 to 0.

The January 2024 bills were present for payment with a motion by Meinders, seconded by B. Porter. Roll call vote: Arbogast-yes, B. Porter-yes, A. Porter-yes, Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes motion carried 5 to 0.

Old Business:

Paid Leave Ordinance 2024-1 Addresses the required language to provide for paid leave time for Village employees. Meinders made the motion to approve seconded by Gilles. Roll call vote-A. Porter-yes, Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, B. Porter-yes and Arbogast-yes. Motion approved 5 to 0.

The owners of the Zion Episcopal Church have applied for Historical Register Status and have asked the Village to provide support by supplying a letter of recommendation. The question was would this exempt them from following any village ordinances or zoning codes, it will not. Gilles made the motion seconded by Meinders to support this application and to provide the requested letter. Motion approved 5 to 0.

The Jubilee Solar project located on school district property has requested permission to place a fence in an utility easement. The original plans do request the fence in the location but none of the parties were aware of the easement. The zoning officer has denied the request due to village ordinances and wanted the Board to be apprised of the situation should further discussions develop.

President Fishel requested a motion to enter executive session citing 5ILCS/120/2Sec 2 (c)(11) to discuss possible litigation regarding property issues. B. Porter made the motion seconded by Arbogast. Roll call vote: A. Porter-yes, Meinders-yes, Gilles-yes, Arbogast-yes, and B. Porter-yes. Executive Session began at 7:15 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 7:27 pm.

Concerns regarding the property of Brimfield Automotive were discussed. The number of cars on the property is growing and it was noted that it is a service center and ordinances for this do not allow for the "salvaging" of vehicles. It also poses a visibility issue due to the location on a curve. A letter will be sent to the business.

A list of compliance hearings was presented for approval with shut offs as necessary. A. Porter made the motion, seconded by Gilles. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Having no further business, President Fishel asked for a motion to adjourn, B. Porter made the motion, seconded by Arbogast. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting is Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.