

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF PORT BARRINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

June 23, 2021

President Vogeler called to order the regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:02 pm. The following Trustees were present: Fecske, Cillo, Grothendick, Tuke and Corrigan. There was one vacancy on the Board. Jim Bateman was present.

President Vogeler asked the Board to set the agenda affirming no conflicts of interest and Trustee Grothendick motioned to set the agenda. Trustee Fecske seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Cillo motioned to approve the consent agenda including the May 26, 2021 Board meeting and June 1, 2021 Special meeting minutes and the Treasurers report. Trustee Fecske seconded. Roll call was taken; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. 1 vacancy. Trustee Grothendick abstained. The motion was approved.

Bills payable through 06/23/21 was before the Board. Trustee Corrigan motioned to approve the Bills Payable. Trustee Cillo seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Vacancy. Motion approved.

President Vogeler stated the first discussion would be regarding titles and assignments. His recommendation would be to merge the Police Committee with Health and Safety. This would free up a Trustee for Community Relations for a contact with business', HOAs and seeking grant opportunities. Trustee Fecske accepted the change and the committee would be Health and Safety. Trustee Tuke would assume the role of Trustee for Community Relations Committee. Parks and Beaches would be renamed to Parks and Recreation.

Frank DeSort as Building Inspector would stay connected to Building and Zoning.

President Vogeler and Trustee Fecske met with Rodney Scott, Code Enforcement officer for Wauconda to discuss intent to use warnings prior to ticketing. The contract will revert back to previous hours with no night enforcement. Trustee Corrigan stated that Volo and Wauconda issue warnings and believe it forms better community relations. A copy of the current agreement will be forwarded to President Vogeler and available at the next Committee Meeting. Rodney Scott will be in contact with Donna Erfort and Rusty Issleb for reporting purposes. Code Compliance will be moved from Police to Building and Zoning.

Trustee Tuke asked about social media as a tool to connect with residents. Jim Bateman stated that outgoing communication only should be considered and not allow for comments. Incoming comments are considered open forum and cannot be taken down. Port Barrington Chat is a private page and not a Village outreach. Trustee Corrigan stated that the IML has speakers on social media and recommended attendance at the conference 09/23/21 and 09/24/21. Donna Erfort stated that registration is open now. Jim Bateman stated there is a social media policy for other Municipalities that could be used as examples.

STREETS AND ROADS

Trustee Corrigan stated there is \$395,000.00 in MFT including the \$66,000.00 in Rebuild Illinois funds.

There was discussion of painting no parking zones but determined that signs would be sufficient. There are 2 locations proposed and not included in the sign ordinance. The Ordinance must be amended to place signs there.

Bridge inspection is done every 2 years through HLR Consulting. Their cost estimate is \$1100.00 and will be scheduled for August. Their last bridge report showed it as distressed. They will mail a letter to IDOT to request Federal grant money and believes the Village would get a grant. It would be an 80/20 grant. The project is not shovel ready. The whole project is estimated at \$560,000.00 including engineering costs that would be paid up front and then reimbursed 80% through the grant. Trustee Corrigan discussed ways to maintain the bridge to prolong its life. HLR and Manhard consulted. There is a plan now to place tubes on either side of the bridge for water to flow through. It is estimated to add 5 years without the status being lowered. It expected to cost under \$25,000.00 so the Village would not have to go out to bid. That expense could be paid out of the general fund and use vehicle tax funds. Trustee Corrigan stated that a road condition reports lists roads based on need. Eastwood roads are high on the list but construction there may be delayed. Trustee Corrigan stated that Manhard engineers recommended performing maintenance this year and push out resurfacing due to the high cost of fuel right now. The projects can go to bid in the spring. Jim Bateman remarked that the Village can waive bidding by a 2/3 vote of the Board.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Trustee Fecske sent out a format for the Board to consider for Committee and Board meetings based on Barrington. Committee meetings are less formal with more discussion and Board Meetings are votes to approve actions.

President Vogeler stated that the organizational assessment stated all Trustees work independently and recommended a need to share information. He asked if google docs would allow collaboration. Jim Bateman stated that OMA rules prohibit reply to comments. Trustee Tuke recommended "Ignite".

POLICE

President Vogeler stated that scheduling was received from McHenry County. There will be coverage on July 4, 2021. The Board is working on getting activity reports.

Rodney Scott from Wauconda asked Jim Bateman for a full list of Ordinances.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Trustee Cillo has a meeting scheduled with Tallgrass restoration.

A bench was installed at Friendship Park in memory of Priscilla Zoller.

Volunteers will do gardening work.

The Rec Committee's Movie night was well attended.

Splash Day is July 21, 2021.

The Garden Party is September 11, 2021 and Trustee Cillo requested all Board member contribute donations. There is a patriotic theme.

FORESTRY

Rusty will get an estimate from Red Oak to trim trees in the Village.

BEE CITY

Donna Erfort stated that 2 signs were installed. Pollinator gardens are doing well.

FINANCE

Ordinance 06-01-2021 was before the Board to change the dates of Board and Committee meetings. Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve and Trustee Corrigan seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Vacancy. Motion approved.

Trustee Grothendick stated that \$9,150.00 was collected in vehicle tax money. He stated interest in placing the tax on the real estate tax bill as a line item to simplify the process. Jim Bateman said that the Village can't unless the line item has to do with real estate. He explained the tax levy and tax cap in Illinois at 105% of the previous year. Trustee Grothendick stated interest in pursuing, regardless. Trustee Corrigan stated that he tried to add it to the NOMO bill. For a cost they will were willing to add a line item. Jim Bateman remarked that when using NOMO it makes the assumption that every house has a car and you can't offer Sr. citizen discounts.

BUILDING AND ZONING

President Vogeler stated that the deed for 230 Eastwood was recorded, according to Jim Bateman. The Village can now proceed with demolition.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Jim Bateman stated that his firm sent an interim fee proposal to continue the same billing rate for this year and next.

A memo was sent regarding an Illinois court case and prevailing wage rate as language that doesn't send a clear message about prevailing wage rules.

Progressive letters could be provided regarding warnings leading to adjudication. The Board agreed they would want to receive.

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Trustee Grothendick stated he got a call from the Riverwalk HOA President asking for a meeting with Village Engineers. President Vogeler stated that the Village is billed by the hour for engineer's time. He suggested asking him to attend a Board meeting to clarify his request. President Vogeler will contact.

VILLAGE CLERK

The Board directed the Clerk to send the current fiscal budget to the CPA to create the annual Appropriation Ordinance.

TREASURER/ADMINISTRATION

Donna Erfort stated she could open mail for Trustees. There was no objection.

The issue with the Nicor gas line on North Circle has been resolved.

IML insurance renewal is due by 07/09/21.

The IML conference is September 23 – 25, 2021.

President Vogeler suggested posting about availability of vaccines on the Village website.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mike Weiner stated their board still has one vacancy.

They have completed the draft of the Comprehensive Plan and it is available sans pictures.

Donna Erfort will forward to the Board.

The meeting was open to the floor at 8:52pm.

Jody Thelin stated concern there could be another vacant house on Eastwood due to a death.

Trustee Grothendick motioned to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of Personnel. Trustee Cillo seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Vacancy. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03pm.

The meeting resumed at 10:16 pm.

Trustee Cillo motioned to adjourn. Trustee Tuke seconded. Roll call was taken; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. 1 Vacancy. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Bachal, Village Clerk

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ABSENT 1 - Cillo

ABSTAIN 0

APPROVED July 21, 2021