

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

September 15, 2021

President Vogeler called to order the regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:00 pm. The following Trustees were present: Fecske, Grothendick, Tuke and Corrigan. Trustee Cillo was absent. There was one vacancy. Becky 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 Fecske motioned to move to Executive Session to discuss matter of Personnel. Trustee Corrigan seconded. Roll call was taken: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. 1 vacancy. The regular Board meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03pm.

The regular Board meeting resumed at 7:11 pm.

Trustee Grothendick motioned to take action based on discussion in Executive Session and increase compensation for the candidate for Public Works. Trustee Tuke seconded. Roll call was taken: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. 1 vacancy. The motion was approved.

Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve the consent agenda with the minutes of the August 18, 2021 Board Meeting tabled. Trustee Fecske seconded. Roll call was taken; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. 1 vacancy. The motion was approved.

Bills payable through 9/15/21 was before the Board. Trustee Tuke motioned to approve the Bills Payable. Trustee Grothendick seconded. Roll call was taken: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, 1 Vacancy. Motion approved.

The Clerk did then swear in the newly appointed Trustee, Tom Fleissner.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mike Weiner stated that the Comprehensive Plan is still a work in progress. There will be one final review and photos will be added. Also, the Port Barrington road construction summary will be included as an appendix.

President Vogeler stated that the process for proposals for development was a concern. He proposed that initial approval and preliminary review be offered to stop from incurring costs when the proposal has no likelihood of being approved. Becky Bateman stated that some

municipalities have informal review options for feedback. Mike Weiner stated that the building department must be part of any review. Becky stated that all permits must still go through the formal process. The Board could encourage applicants to attend a Board Meeting for informal feedback. Mike Weiner stated that applicants should be referred to the Building department first before requesting review from the Zoning Board for a less formal response regarding the likelihood of approval.

The Stanchuck property has a street sign that reads Stanchuck Street in front of their driveway. The current resident wants to remove that. Donna Erfort will research whether it is a dedicated sign.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Trustee Fecske stated that Wauconda must go back to writing tickets and direction must be offered whether a ticket should be written on first offense and which tickets would receive warnings until the 3rd offense. Trustee Fecske has a google doc to monitor activity. The Board agreed that public safety concerns, parking on Rawson Bridge Road and parking in a fire lane would result in an immediate citation. Code Enforcement officers would be asked to use best judgement.

STREETS AND ROADS

Trustee Corrigan stated that there is \$410,068.00 in the MFT fund and \$66,650 in the Rebuild Illinois Fund.

There was an inspection of the bridge 2 weeks ago and the Village passed. Rusty patched prior. Deterioration has been slowed on the Center Street Bridge. The current estimate of the bridge lifespan is 10 – 15 years. There was no rating change. SKC sealed the bridge to prevent moisture from rusting the steel. They also sealed 16,000 linear feet of road cracks throughout the Village. Manhard outlined a full day of work for the crack sealing.

FORESTRY

Trustee Corrigan stated that a Red Oak Tree was planted as part of the Garden Party ceremony. Arbor Day was cancelled for this year.

Donna Erfort stated that the Morton Arboretum is gifting a tree to the Village that is 6- 10' tall and 1 ½" diameter.

Trustee Corrigan stated he is looking into grant opportunities for Forestry for the vacant property north of Fox Trail Park.

Donna Erfort stated that a police report was filed regarding the individual who cut down Village owned trees. That person came into the Village Hall and was apologetic. He blames the fence company. It is a wooded area so Rusty doesn't want to replant in the same place. He will count the trees and give diameters for a monetary fine calculation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Garden Party was well attended during the day.

The "It's our Fox River" day is next Saturday for a clean-up effort.

President Vogeler stated that the Board must budget to improve some facets of the Garden Party such as lighting. Trustee Fleissner stated that his neighbors believe the Garden Party is just for Fox River Valley Gardens subdivision.

Donna Erfort stated that all gardens are in for the pollinator project. Signage is still needed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Trustee Tuke stated there was no new information.

FINANCE

Trustee Grothendick stated the Village received \$101,000.00 from the State as the ARPA award.

The Village did receive the ComEd grant award and the plan report must be filed by 10/31/2021.

The completion date is 03/31/2022.

President Vogeler stated that the insurance claim was paid, but there are some price and quality discrepancies. J & J and Illinois Restoration submitted bids of \$22 - \$25,000.00. The claim was paid at \$18,000.00. The Village must now go back to the insurance company as the original materials were upgraded. Only J & J included the upgrades.

Trustee Grothendick stated he spoke to Steve from Prairieland Waste Disposal about adding the vehicle tax to the garbage collection bills. He referred him to someone else. Northern Morraine Wastewater Reclamation referred him to the District Manager. Trustee Grothendick is waiting for a call back.

Becky Bateman recommended a ratifying ordinance to authorize accepting the ARPA monies, to protect the funds. Donna Erfort stated that was already accomplished at the August Board Meeting. President Vogeler asked if the Board must vote on how to spend the fund. Becky responded there is guidance and a link to the Department of Treasury that shows how the money

can be spent. President Vogeler described his idea to buy gift cards for local business and distribute to every household. Becky will look into that and email regarding viability and whether it fits the criteria.

BUILDING AND ZONING

President Vogeler will meet with Trustee Fleissner and Donna Erfort to update on current issues.

The proposal for alarm system through ADT is \$6,175.00 and includes purchase of equipment for burglar alarm, fire alarm at Village Hall and a fire alarm for the Community room and burglar alarm only at for the large garage. The monthly service fee would be \$62.15 including a maintenance plan. Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve the proposal. Trustee Corrigan seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Trustee Tuke recommended the Village consider Ring video for the buildings as well.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Ordinance 2021-09-02 was before the Board amending Village code to add adoption of the Employee Handbook. Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve. Trustee Tuke seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Ordinance 2021-09-01 was before the Board regarding the Whistle Blower language required by State Statute. Trustee Tuke motioned to approve. Trustee Fecske seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

The property at 1257 Noble was sold for delinquent taxes. The Village incurred expense in demolition of the property there. The County purchased the property which then extinguishes the demolition lien if they resell it. The Bateman's will attempt to negotiate to get that property for the Village to purchase.

Becky Bateman stated that early in September an email was sent to request the Board consider update to Chapter 112 of the code regarding canvassers, peddlers and solicitors. The Board agreed to have the ordinance created.

President Vogeler stated that following the election the Batemans resigned and were then retained as temporary or interim attorney. The Board has agreed to retain the Bateman Law Firm as the regular Village Attorney. Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve. Trustee Fecske seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

Rusty Issleb laid bricks to create a walkway near the Community room President Vogeler complimented that work.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Vogeler instructed the Village Clerk to update the Moorings IGA for approval at the next Board meeting.

OLD/NEW

Trustee Corrigan stated that per ordinance the value of new trees is \$400.00.

Trustee Corrigan stated that since the Village must change the ordinance for signs when adding no parking zones that the Board consider also adding no parking along Center Street where it splits and curves toward the Village Hall. It will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

The meeting was open to the floor at 8:58 pm.

No questions or comments were heard.

Trustee Grothendick motioned to adjourn. Trustee Fecske seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Bachal, Village Clerk

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ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

APPROVED October 20, 2021