

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

January 19, 2022

President Vogeler called to order the regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:02 pm. The following Trustees were present: Cillo, Grothendick, Tuke, Fecske and Fleissner. Trustee Corrigan was absent. Becky Bateman Alexopoulos was present as Village Attorney. Keith Kotarski was present from the Planning Commission.

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

Trustee Grothendick motioned to approve the consent agenda with the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Board Meeting, December 30, 2021 Special Board Meeting and December 2021 Treasurer's Report included. Trustee Fleissner seconded. Roll call was taken; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain. The motion was approved.

Bills payable through January 19, 2022 was before the Board. Trustee Cillo motioned to approve the Bills Payable. Trustee Grothendick seconded. Roll call was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent. 0 Abstain Motion approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Keith Kotarski was present to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. Donna Erfort stated that Elizabeth sent the draft with the 10-year plan to pave roads included. The Planning Commission will confirm that this is the final draft so the pictures can be inserted. President Vogeler stated it would be on the agenda for the February Committee meeting for the Board to review and confirm for approval. Keith Kotarski stated that the last draft was approved by the Planning Commission. No public hearing was required. That Board still has one vacancy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Trustee Fecske stated that verbal warnings were issued for parking in cul-de-sacs and for expired plates. The truck on Oak Street is still parking on the street.

Trustee Fecske stated he submitted a FOIA to McHenry and Lake Counties for 2021 activity reports.

The Officers who responded to the incident at Riverwalk refused to comment at the time and immediately after.

Trustee Fecske will invite Lt. Miller from the McHenry County Sheriff's Police to attend a Board Meeting.

FORESTRY

President Vogeler stated that the owner of vacant property near the Porten subdivision cut numerous trees down that were on Village property. Trustee Corrigan priced out the value of the trees. According to the Village Ordinance the value of those trees is \$48,000.00, based on the circumference of the trees. Rusty could not be sure of what kind of trees they were. There would be further discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Trustee Cillo stated she is waiting on No Wake Bar and Grill and the Broken Oar for contributions to Welcome bags.

The skating rink should be open by the weekend.

An AA group has rented the Heron Room every other Sunday but stopped due to Covid. Now the leader no longer lives in the Village. The Board must decide whether to offer rental to non-residents and what to charge. Village Ordinance states \$100.00 for non-residents to rent. Trustee Cillo stated she is not comfortable renting that facility during Covid, anyways.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Trustee Tuke stated there was a message on Facebook after the incident at Riverwalk asking to implement a domestic violence hotline. Trustee Tuke stated there is one through the County and the information will go into the next newsletter.

During a business outreach to the No Wake the owner suggested a Port Barrington social or pub crawl.

President Vogeler asked Becky Bateman Alexopoulos about potentially annexing a small plot of land owned by the No Wake that is in Lake Barrington now. She responded that in her opinion it is not an option.

Donna Erfort stated that the Wauconda Chamber dinner is virtual and they requested a proclamation to support local businesses.

Trustee Tuke described initiative to nominate a “hometown hero” and spotlight that individual and their contributions to the Village. There could be a gift card and recognition twice a year.

Trustee Tuke met with Roger’s Automotive. There is no potable water there. There is land there that is an easement and they are asking to rent it from the Village to put in a well. Donna Erfort stated that remediation left the property with no option for water. Becky Bateman Alexopoulos will look into it. Donna Erfort will ask Frank DeSort the purpose of the easement and forward that information to the Batemans.

Trustee Grothendick will provide information on the Wauconda HS awards night for the Village scholarship.

Trustee Tuke is waiting for information on the bridge repair from Trustee Corrigan to put on the Village Facebook page.

FINANCE

Trustee Grothendick stated that quarterly reviews are complete. The summation of budget reviews is available to all Board members.

Trustee Grothendick submitted expenses to the Cures/Cares act fund. They responded that you cannot go over the requested amount. There is \$38,000.00 for the McHenry County Cures fund and \$50,000.00 in expenses were submitted. When the Cares program was first introduced the former Village President was the original signer. When Trustee Grothendick signed the submission there was push back. Paperwork will be sent to update for the signature of the Village President. President Vogeler asked if there were \$38,000.00 available and the \$50,000.00 submitted got cut back to \$30,000.00 where is the other \$8,000.00. Trustee Grothendick stated he could redo the forms to include fewer hours expensed for Donna and Rusty and try to hit the \$38,000.00 without going over.

Trustee Grothendick created a list that was suggestions from the sub-committee for use of the ARPA fund. Claims must be submitted by the end of April. The Board will review and discuss at the next Committee meeting. President Vogeler stated that the Village should not consider the gift card idea if it has to be tied to vaccinations.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Trustee Fleissner suggested getting an electric car on order for the Com Ed grant and requesting an extension of time. President Vogeler stated that the salt brine truck is likely to die. He suggested the Village consider an electric pick-up truck instead of a car. Trustee Fleissner will look into it.

President Vogeler stated he met with a company today about security and fire alarms and will get a quote to present.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Becky Bateman Alexopoulos will file an appearance February 18, 2022 for the Lowbrow court date.

There is an Ordinance being created for Video Gaming Terminal fees. The Bateman's requested review.

Trustee Cillo asked how to make a park out of 215 Eastwood. Becky responded that the Board simply needs to declare it a park.

ADMINISTRATION

Donna Erfort is working on CRS re-certification for submission by 02/01/2022.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Tuke stated he heard back from the Deer Grove HOA about the fallen tree there. They are hiring a tree removal service when weather permits. Trustee Tuke will email to recommend removing now while the ground is hard.

OLD/NEW

President Vogeler met with Ty at the No Wake who is on an HOA board for piers and townhouses and asked for an invitation.

The meeting was open to the floor at 8:49 pm.

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Bachal, Village Clerk

AYES 6

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

APPROVED February 16, 2022