

REGULAR MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

October 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of October 24, 2016 was held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro-tem Paveza

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Trustees Grasso, Paveza, Bolos, Schiappa and Paveza. Absent was Trustees Franzese, Murphy and President Straub. Also present were Village Administrator Steven Stricker, Public Works Director David Preissig, Community Development Director Doug Pollock, Police Chief John Madden and Village Clerk Karen Thomas.

RESIDENT COMMENTS Tom White, resident of Carriage Way Subdivision, addressed the Board regarding the Police Pension Fund portion of the Tax Levy. He explained that the total pension liability is \$27,833,748, the market value of assets is \$15,441,428 the unfunded liability is \$12,392,320 which equals a funded ratio of 55.48%. He said the BKD Financial Report states: Expenditures mainly came under budget, in the Police Department, due to lower than expected personnel costs. This surplus allowed a budget amendment to occur, to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to help fund future projects. This transfer was possible because the General Fund's balance (\$5.6 Million) exceeded the Village's fund balance reserve policy. The Capital Projects funds ended the year having a combined balance in excess of \$1.5 million. He said the budget surplus was due to lower Police costs, but the Police Pension Fund, the fund which carries a \$12.4 million deficit was once again ignored.

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE After reading the Consent Agenda by President Pro-tem Paveza, motion was made by Trustee Grasso and seconded by Trustee Schiappa that the Consent Agenda – Omnibus Vote (attached as Exhibit A) and the recommendations indicated for each respective item, be hereby approved.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Grasso, Schiappa, Bolos and Paveza


NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Franzese and Murphy

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2016 were approved for publication under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

RECEIVE AND FILE DRAFT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2016 were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.



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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MADISON ESTATES SUBDIVISION The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, adopted the Resolution.

THIS IS RESOLUTION NO. R-26-16

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL AGENCY AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, adopted the Resolution.

THIS IS RESOLUTION NO. R-27-16

APPROVAL OF PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BURR RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO THE BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO ADD "GOLF SIMULATION FACILITY WITH SALES OF ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PRE-PACKAGED FOOD AND SNACKS" TO THE LIST OF SPECIAL USES IN THE B-2 DISTRICT AND IN THE BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT SAID BUSINESS IN THE BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER (Z-11-2016: 440 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE – PORTILLO/SZCZODRY) The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, accepted the recommendation and directed Staff to prepare the Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE SHADY LANE CULVERT BRICK REPAIRS The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote awarded the contract for the Shady Lane culvert brick repairs to Premier Landscape Contractors, Inc. of Lemont, Illinois, in the amount of \$7,966.00.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE FMLA LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR GENERAL UTILITY WORKER GEORGE MACHA The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote ratified the pre-approved request for FMLA leave of absence to George Macha.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$655,813.15 FOR ALL FUNDS, PLUS \$246,766.17 FOR PAYROLL, FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$902,579.32, WHICH INCLUDES SPECIAL EXPENDITURES OF \$41,989.09 TO DESIDERIO LANDSCAPING FOR PARKWAY TREE REMOVALS AND STUMP GRINDING; AND \$148,075.70 (\$98,075.70 OUT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND \$50,000.00 OUT OF THE PATHWAY FUND) TO THE ILLINOIS TREASURER FOR THE MADISON STREET LAPP CLOSEOUT The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Vendor List for the period ending October 24, 2016 in the amount of \$655,813.15 and payroll in the amount of \$246,766.17 for the period ending October 8, 2016.



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PRESENTATION ON NOVEMBER 8 REFERENDUM FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Village Administrator Steve Stricker presented information concerning the November 8 Referendum for streets and other infrastructure maintenance. He said the Village is very proud of the way it has maintained its streets over the years. The Village has a pay as you go method of financing using existing dollars not bonding for maintenance of the infrastructure. The Village has very little debt. We do not special assess residents for street maintenance. He said the Village utilizes a professionally based method for determining street maintenance. Every two years we do a roadway evaluation reviewing all our roadways because they are one of the most valuable and visible assets that the Village owns. He showed an example of a Pavement Condition Rating form that is used to rate every road in the Village. He continued that the Village has 63.4 miles of roads of which 42% are rated good, 55% rated fair, 2% rated poor. He said 70.8% of Village roads have been resurfaced in the last ten years.

Mr. Stricker said there is one source of revenue for street maintenance, the Motor Fuel Tax. He said those dollars have been relatively flat over the last years. The only other source of revenue is the existing surpluses in the general fund or one time revenues. He said the Village is spending less in 2016 than in 1996 for roads maintenance.

Mr. Stricker said that future year projections show that after FY 2016-17 substantial deficits will occur in the General Fund. There will not be enough General Fund operating revenues or potential end of the year surpluses to cover the needed transfers for the road program, sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements. Also, there is the continuing threat from the Illinois Government to take away our Local Government Income Tax allotment.

He said the tax levy includes four separate levies: the corporate levy, the police protection levy, the police pension levy and the bond and interest on the Lake Michigan water project. In 2016, the bond and interest levy will no longer exist. The question is what we should do to generate the additional dollars needed. Should the Village use the dollars that were previously used for the Bond and Interest Levy, for roads and other infrastructure? He pointed out that the Burr Ridge tax levy represents less than 3% of the property owner's tax bill.

Mr. Stricker said a possible solution is transferring the Debt Service Levy of \$520,000 by increasing the Corporate Levy by the same amount. The residents would pay the same dollar amount as the previous year but those dollars would now be used for roads and other infrastructure, as opposed to the Bond and Interest Levy. This can only be done by referendum which is the question that will appear on the November 8 ballot. This would provide the Village with a continuing source of revenue. The question is, would the Village Board be forced to use it only for infrastructure and the answer is no. He said he knows how past Village Board's feel about road maintenance and he feels strongly that future Village Boards will honor this tradition.



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Mr. Stricker then showed a sample of the ballot and explained that the wording has to be very specific. It appears that the corporate levy is being increased but it is being increased by the transfer of the dollar amount from the bond and interest levy.

Mr. Stricker read a statement from Trustee Franzese. Trustee Franzese said the upcoming November Referendum, for future maintenance and other infrastructure, is of great importance to the residents of Burr Ridge. We are blessed in this Village with some of the highest quality streets and pathways in the area. This Board and previous Boards have worked diligently to insure that the quality of our streets and pathways is maintained to the high level we have come to expect. The streets in our Village provide the life line for our residents, businesses and visitors to allow a safe access to our homes, places of work and our great shops and restaurants. Pathways provide an important network to link our more than 60 subdivisions by providing a great sense of community. As it has been stated previously, if this referendum is passed there will be no additional costs to the residents. Your Board is pro-actively looking to the future by supporting this referendum. I support the passage of this referendum and urge our residents to support it as well by voting yes on November 8. If passed, I will also lend my full support for restricting these funds to maintenance of roads, pathways and other infrastructure as well.

Trustee Bolos said this is a unique opportunity for the residents and for all of us in Burr Ridge to be able to maintain our streets and sidewalks to the level that we are accustomed to without the Village going into debt and without raising our taxes. By maintaining our streets and sidewalks, coupled with good schools and parks, we not only increase our property values but we encourage new families to come to Burr Ridge to call home. A community thrives when you have new families with young children. I hope you all join me in voting yes on November 8 for this referendum.

Trustee Paveza said this referendum shows the forward thinking of the Board. The Village portion of the tax bill is amongst the lowest in the area, our water bills are amongst the lowest in the area. The Village Board has done a tremendous job in running the Village well within its means. The Board saw that one of the main sources of revenue, the impact fees, was being reduced as the Village was being built out. Also, the Village is over 60 years old and as things get older they require more maintenance. It was plain that in order to maintain the infrastructure it will require more money and that is why the Board was unanimous to include the referendum question on the November 8 ballot and having the residents make the decision.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS There were none.

RESIDENT COMMENTS Tom White presented a handout to the Board and said the pension fund is in dire straits. He said the statutory pension liabilities will not change, since the courts have basically stated that the retirement promises made to the officers are binding. He continued based upon differences in assumptions and calculation methods, we have seen that actuarial results can vary widely. Thus comparing Burr Ridge to other municipalities is meaningless, without ensuring the same methods and assumption. Additionally, we now understand



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that the State minimum police pension contribution is ill defined, therefore, statements related to being in compliance are worthless. The only truth is an objective independent professional analysis of the data as presented.

The Village Administrator said the Village pays what is required, the reason being is we don't have any other money. If we had surpluses or extra dollars, he would recommend that those dollars go into the pension fund. He said when there is roads, sidewalks and maintaining and operating the Village to consider, there is just so many dollars available. The Village pays the state minimum that is required under the law. The pension fund is funded by employee contributions, employer contributions and interest. Last year, the investments had a bad year and the Village has to make that up.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS Trustee Grasso said that October 31 is Halloween and we need to keep our children safe. The Village trick-or-treat hours are 3 to 8 PM.

Trustee Grasso said that Jingle Mingle is November 19.

At the request of the Village Administrator, Dave Preissig, Village Engineer, said about 3 months ago the Village started receiving complaints about the blowing of train horns at the train crossing on Madison, south of 91st Street. Since about 2009, the trains were to refrain from blowing their horns at this intersection. He met with the terminal manager at the Willow Springs yard and was told that trains were stopping in this area and deactivating the wayside horn system, so that any trains going west bound were then blowing their horns. He said the train crews originating from Galesburg, Illinois and Fort Madison, Iowa are being advised and briefed not to blow the horns in this area. Residents hearing the horns are encouraged to note the precise time and contact the Village.

NON-RESIDENTS COMMENTS Dolores Cizek, former Trustee and former resident said that regarding the referendum there were comments made that are not true. She said the Village claims developer donations have dried up but that is not so and she named five new developments. She continued that in each of the last five years, the Village has shown a substantial deficit, when you spend more than you take in, it is called a deficit. Over the past five years the Village has spent more than \$1,220,000 on Information Technology, is that essential spending for a small town of 11,500 people. She continued that, if there was no referendum, DuPage residents would see their taxes reduced by about \$100 for a house with an EAV of \$600,000 and in Cook County the reduction would be \$130. She said this referendum is a permanent tax increase, whether you want to believe it or not.

The Village Administrator pointed out that the impact fees that Mrs. Cizek discussed go to the schools and parks because these properties were in the Village. The Spectrum Development did pay annexation fees which are being used to help balance this year's corporate property budget.



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The funds for the beautification project were from the hotel/motel tax fund, which is a restricted fund and can only be used for specific purposes.

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Trustee Schiappa and seconded by Trustee Grasso that the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016 be adjourned.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

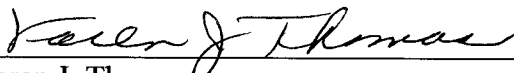
AYES: 4 – Trustees Schiappa, Grasso, Bolos and Paveza

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Franzese and Murphy

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: Where there is no summary of discussion on any items in the minutes, this reflects that no discussion occurred other than the introduction of the item.



Karen J. Thomas
Village Clerk
Burr Ridge, Illinois

APPROVED BY the President and Board of Trustees this 14th day of November, 2016.

