

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

November 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of November 25, 2019 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 Mayor Gary Grasso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 69 from St. Helena's Church

ROLL CALL was taken by the Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Trustees Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder, Mital, and Mayor Grasso. Absent was Trustee Mottl. Also present were Deputy Chief Marc Loftus, Assistant Village Administrator Evan Walter, Finance Director Jerry Sapp, Public Works Director Dave Preissig, Village Clerk Karen Thomas, and Village Attorney Mike Durkin.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
(SAIA – 15W460 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD)

CALL TO ORDER The Public Hearing of the Mayor and Board of Trustees for the Amendment to Annexation Agreement was called to order by Mayor Grasso at 7:02 P.M. with the same Trustees in attendance as immediately preceding the Public Hearing.

Assistant Village Administrator Evan Walter presented Saia's request to amend their annexation agreement to add an electric fence on the subject property for better security. The fence would be approximately 10 feet tall, 6-12 inches inside the existing chain link fence, making it not easily accessible to passersby.

Trustee Mital asked the purpose behind the design of having the electric fence 6-12 inches beyond the chain link fence. Mr. Walter introduced Cindy Williams, from Electric Guard Dog, to answer questions. Ms. Williams assured Mayor Grasso the fence is not harmful to people or animals. It is simply a deterrent to crime. Mayor Grasso commented he is not aware of criminal activity on site. Ms. Williams responded she is not a SAIA employee however SAIA does utilize electric fences nationwide. Trucking companies have found this to be the most effective security system for terminals. In response to Trustee Mital, she stated the two fences work in conjunction with each other. The perimeter fence is the first line of defense and if it is cut, the electric fence is still secure. If there were more than 6-12 inches between the two fences there is the danger of someone climbing the exterior fence and becoming trapped between the two. Trustee Mital questioned if there was signage to warn people. Ms. Williams confirmed there are warning signs every 30 feet, in English and Spanish, on both sides of the fence.



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Trustee Franzese asked Deputy Chief Marc Loftus if there has been any external crime in the past year. Deputy Chief Loftus confirmed there has not been. Trustee Franzese stated it has been determined the crimes are internal, employees, drivers. He questioned how the electric fence would help. Ms. Williams explained the employees are aware of the fence and know that it is monitored and all breaches are recorded. The electric fence is a deterrent to internal crimes as well as external. Trustee Franzese questioned if Compass Truck Sales to the west has an electric fence. Village Administrator Doug Pollock stated not to his knowledge. Ms. Williams commented if there is an existing electric fence they would not install another one.

Trustee Schiappa requested further explanation of the current running through the fence. Ms. Williams explained the current source is a twelve-volt battery. It is pulse electricity so when it is touched it doesn't injure you. It is akin to the shock of static electricity and is very safe. All large trucking companies nationwide, including SAIA, utilize electric fences for security. Trustee Schiappa asked how tall the electric fence is in comparison to the chain link fence. Ms. Williams explained the electric fence needs to be two feet taller than the existing fence to prevent anyone from jumping over the fence.

Resident Alice Krampits commented that Lyons Trucking was denied an electric fence so this would be setting a precedent. Also, if it is an internal problem, video surveillance would solve the problem. She suggested a sound barrier fence.

Resident Ellen Raymond expressed hope that the Board will not set a precedent by allowing the electric fence. Her concern is other businesses and homeowners will want an electric fence.

Ms. Williams clarified that Lyons Trucking was not denied the electric fence rather they withdrew their request. The existing fence was not code compliant and Lyons Trucking decided not to make necessary changes required for the variance. Ms. Williams stated she does not know specifics about thefts however since there is a monthly expense incurred with the electric fence, SAIA obviously feels it is necessary. Ms. Williams explained this is not appropriate for homeowners. It is for industrial or commercial outside storage properties.

Mayor Grasso asked if there is an insurance or liability carrier. Ms. Williams stated Electric Guard Dog has \$6,000,000.00 liability per incident.

Trustee Snyder stated larger trucking companies do not notify the Police on small claims. He also asked if Compass Truck has an electric fence. Village Administrator Doug Pollock said they do not have one that was approved by the Village. Trustee Franzese, however, believes they do have one. Assistant Village Administrator Evan Walter also stated Compass is not approved to have one. If that is a concern it can be addressed through code enforcement. Mayor Grasso requested it be confirmed whether or not there is an electric fence at Compass.

