

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

December 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of December 14, 2020, was held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Gary Grasso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Grasso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by the Acting Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Trustees Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder, and Mital via Zoom. Present in the Board Room were Mayor Grasso and Trustee Mottl.

In addition, present in the Board Room were Interim Village Administrator Evan Walter, Police Chief John Madden, Deputy Police Chief Marc Loftus, Public Works Director David Preissig, Assistant Finance Director Amy Nelson and Village Attorney Mike Durkin.

Mayor Grasso read the following declaration.

“I hereby declare as Mayor of the Village of Burr Ridge that I have determined that an in person meeting is not practical nor prudent on account of the disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker because of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing – 2020 Tax Levy

Assistant Finance Director Amy Nelson presented the 2020 Tax Levy. The Village is required to hold a public hearing if the projected Tax Levy is over 5% of the 2019 tax levy under the Truth and Taxation Law. The proposed request at the November 9th board meeting for the 2020 Tax Levy is \$1,341,760, a 6.31% increase or \$79,661 over 2019. Burr Ridge is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (tax cap) which dictates any increase by limiting it to a cost-of-living adjustment plus the capture of new growth resulting from annexation or new construction. The cost-of-living increase is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is set at 2.3% this year.

The Village of Burr Ridge is a non-home-rule community and is subject to the State-imposed tax levy cap of 5% over the previous year’s tax levy or the cost of living increase; whichever is lower, plus new growth. Ms. Nelson continued that there is an unknown factor, which is the new growth, and the Village historically estimates a growth factor of 4%, adding the CPI 2.3% for the final increased value of 6.3%.

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The Tax Levy Ordinance must be adopted and filed with both counties (Cook and DuPage) no later than the last Tuesday in December. To comply with this deadline, the village must estimate the increase for new growth, which has historically been approximately 4%. The Village has historically estimated a slightly higher amount to capture all of the property tax revenue under the tax cap, and not lose any income.

The Tax Levy is divided into three separate levies: Police Pension, Corporate, and Police Protection. The amount for the Police Pension Levy is determined by the Village's independent actuary and is the State of Illinois statutory minimum requirement. The remainder of the Levy is divided between the Corporate Levy (60%) and the Police Protection Levy (40%). The Police Pension Levy increased approximately 20% this year, resulting in a reduction of about \$71,000 for General Fund revenues for this year.

Mayor Grasso asked staff to provide scenarios for a 4.50% and 4.99% (net dollar) property tax increase for reference, in addition to what was presented at the November 9 meeting. Ms. Nelson reviewed the other scenarios: with a 4.50% increase, the proposed levy would be \$1,318,886, with a 4.99%; the increase would be \$1,325,084. A 4.5% increase would result in a \$95,000 general fund reduction and the 4.99% increase would result in a general fund reduction of \$88,388. Ms. Nelson asked for Board direction and offered to answer any questions.

Ms. Nelson added that the Village has established statutory authority to request up to \$1,341,760. Approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance at any value would continue the trend of the Village in representing less than 2% of the local property tax bill.

Mayor Grasso asked for public comments. There were none. He asked the Village Clerk if there were any written comments received, there were none.

Motion was made by Trustee Schiappa, seconded by Trustee Snyder that the Public Hearing be closed.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

After reading the Consent Agenda by Mayor Grasso, motion was made by Trustee Snyder and seconded by Trustee Mital that the Consent Agenda – Omnibus Vote (attached as Exhibit A, except 7C, 8C, 8D, 8F) and the recommendations indicated for each respective item be hereby approved. Any item removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed by the Board, opened for public comment, and voted upon during this meeting.

After reading the Consent Agenda by Mayor Grasso, the following motions were made to remove the following agenda items from the Consent Agenda:

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Remove 7C (Motion by Trustee Mottl)
Remove 8C (Motion by Trustee Franzese)
Remove 8D (Unintelligible)
Remove 8F (Motion by Trustee Mottl)

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Snyder, Mital, Mottl, Franzese Schiappa, Paveza

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020 were approved for publication, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

RECEIVE AND FILE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

RECEIVE AND FILE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE the Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, Approved the Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE, AT THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2021, A PUBLIC QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT/MAYOR the Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, Approved the Resolution.

APPROVAL OF 2021 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE the Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the schedule.

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE, DUPAGE AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Evan Walter, Interim Village Administrator explained that this is an extension period of the property taxes for the year in which the Board takes action for an ordinance to levy taxes for the 2020 fiscal

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year in arrears (2020-2021 fiscal year). Mayor Grasso explained the projected 6.31% increase is over the historical percentage non-home rule village levied. As such, Mayor Grasso asked staff to prepare scenarios at 4.5% and 4.99%, recommending we remain under 5%, the non-home rule cap. Trustee Paveza asked if requested amount (6.31%) would increase the Burr Ridge Village tax rate. Amy Nelson explained that the county factors into the 6.31% the lesser of the CPI rate of 2.3% or 5% cap, so we are guaranteed the 2.3% and any additional new growth. The last three years, Burr Ridge has seen an average of 1.5% in new growth, with a levy around 4% (averaging about 3% over the last ten years). Mayor Grasso confirmed with Ms. Nelson that if the amount that we put into this proposal at 6.31%, driven largely by the Police Pension, with a CPI of 2.31%, it is unlikely we will get 4%. Ms. Nelson confirmed that was correct. Mayor Grasso asked the Board to consider the other two options presented (4.5% and 4.9%) in the discussions. Trustee Paveza recommended that we request more and consider the higher 4.9% option. Trustee Schiappa asked for some historical numbers on previous growth, which Ms. Nelson reported. In 2019, we estimated 5.9%, we actually saw 3.3%, in 2018 it was 3.19%, 2017 it was 3.1%, and in 2016 it was 1.36%, so we have not seen over 5% for any previous tax levy since 2008. Based on the historical numbers, Trustee Schiappa agreed with Trustee Paveza recommendation to go with 4.9%. Trustee Mital asked what the downside would be to ask for the 6.31%. Mayor Grasso responded that asking for a percentage that has never been granted, and to be consistent with the 5% non-home rule village cap, that we consider the staying under 5%. Mayor Grasso clarified that at the 6.31% we are asking for approximately \$80,000 increase, at 4.5% it is \$57,000, and at 4.99% it is \$63,000. We are likely to get something in the 3% range, which is about \$50,000. Trustee Franzese clarified that anticipated growth in the village is new property development, tax rate classification changes, and property improvements, that all result in higher tax bill assessments. That anticipated growth does not affect resident fees. Ms. Nelson confirmed that resident tax fees would not increase due to these factors. Trustee Mottl thanked Mayor Grasso for presenting the options and commented that when residents elected to be a non-home rule village it was a reminder that they want to keep their taxes low. He also mentioned the importance of government maintaining restraints in spending and that he would support conserving village expenses and a cost of living or zero levy request. Mayor Grasso disagreed, stating that the village strives to save money whenever it is prudent to do so, and keeps the village's best interest in mind when governing and budgeting, which is evident in the considerable surplus the village has. He also mentioned that no matter how well one governs locally, that there are unfunded mandates, such as the police pension obligation, that impact finances. This year there was a significant increase from last year.

Mayor Grasso asked what the delta between last year and this year alone as to what our obligations are. Ms. Nelson said the village is on a fiscal year that ends in April 30, and that the market returns at that time were terrible. The state also made significant changes to the tier-two pension benefits that affected Village obligations.

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Interim Village Administrator Walter outlined the financial impact of the pension obligation, which went up from \$758,000 last year to \$910,000 this year, up 20%. He also reviewed the alternative tax levy options that were discussed earlier.

Mayor Grasso added that non-home rule villages such as Burr Ridge have a limited ability to ask for funds. Next year the pension obligation will likely be over \$1 million, and we may have to go into reserves – keeping in mind that we will probably receive something in the 3% range.

Trustee Mottl brought up the Village's hiring practices that may be responsible in some part for the state protection and pension numbers but that we may want to look into new ways of looking into the police hiring in terms of more officers on a part-time basis, hiring fewer police officers, or reducing salaries. Mayor Grasso agreed, noting that a review is done on an annual basis and that this was not the time to review that topic. He also mentioned that union contracts must be adhered to and that there are some expenses out of our control. Mayor Grasso stressed that public safety is a number one priority for the village, and that Burr Ridge is consistently being highly rated with an AAA bond rating. He said we should always be looking at ways to improve services and streamline costs, but that this was not the time to do so, but to focus on the tax levy.

Motion was made by Trustee Schiappa and seconded by Trustee Mital to approve a tax levy of 4.5%.

Mayor Grasso asked if there was any further discussion by the Board. There was none.

Village Attorney Mike Durkin pointed out that the tax levy ordinance in the packet would then be amended in various sections to reflect the 4.5% tax levy and the amount changed to \$1,318,886.

Mayor Grasso asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 5 - Trustees Schiappa, Mital, Franzese, Paveza, Snyder

NAYS : 1 - Mottl

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CENSURING TRUSTEE ZACHARY MOTTL FOR THE SIXTH TIME

Motion was made by Trustee Snyder and seconded by Trustee Schiappa.

Mayor Grasso asked if there was any discussion.

It was requested that the Mayor read the resolution. Mayor Grasso read the resolution, which included a request for Trustee Mottl to resign based on his past actions.

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Mayor Grasso asked for any public comment. There was none.

The Mayor asked for any further discussion. Trustee Mottl said that the negative comments he made should have stayed in his head, he apologized and added that he meant it as a dry humor joke not related to any specific resident. As for the censures in general and other items mentioned, he said he felt the Mayor had also made comments that could be interpreted as being inappropriate and asked that the Board stop censuring him and asking for his resignation. Trustee Mottl said that this is the definition of insanity and that he will not resign and he would continue to bring items up. He said he would not make an inappropriate comment again as he had in the past and apologized for any offense to any resident. He did not agree with the items in the resolution and felt that they were distractions. Trustee Mottl said he has tried to get some items on the agenda unsuccessfully, such as apparent liquor violations by licensees in the village, referring to Mayor Grasso's son's valet business. Point of Order was called and Trustee Mottl was asked to remain on topic by one of the Trustees. Mayor Grasso confirmed that Trustee Mottl was off point and that he could bring up specific topics or concerns at a future meeting.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 5 - Trustees Snyder, Mital, Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza

NAYS : 1 - Mottl

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

Trustee Mottl said he is opposed to hiring Judge Filan, and that he feels that it is a conflict of interest for Mayor Grasso as he is an attorney. Trustee Mottl did not feel that this is a good program for the village, not in the best interest of the residents and that it takes away resident rights and freedoms. He felt that one does not need to have a preponderance of evidence to be found guilty, and he felt it could give the Mayor an opportunity to reward friends and supporters as it creates an opportunity for impropriety and corruption. Trustee Mottl added he did not feel it would save money or time for the police. Mayor Grasso responded that his comments were unsubstantiated.

Motion was made by Trustee Franzese and seconded by Trustee Schiappa.

Mayor Grasso asked for any further comments.

Trustee Paveza stated that the reason to do this was that tickets and minor infractions could be handled locally by a judge here in Burr Ridge. Mayor Grasso stated that the reason this was brought up for Burr Ridge by the Village Administrator and Police Chief was that since part of the village is in DuPage County, ordinance violations and traffic court had historically been held in Downers Grove.

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For several years, security issues had been noted at that facility and it has been shut down. Residents and the police officer will now have to travel to Wheaton for court appearances. Mayor Grasso stated that several surrounding communities had already successfully implemented this program with success. Judge Filan, the Hearing Officer chosen, was vetted and has no affiliation with the village. Ms. Filan has 20 years' experience in private practice. She was elected and re-elected twice as a Cook County judge and is now retired. She also serves as a Hearing Officer for at least five other communities and is well qualified. Mayor Grasso said the program was a good one. Trustee Paveza agreed that the program was worthwhile and did not agree with the negative implications mentioned by Trustee Mottl. Trustee Snyder said that it was too bad that Trustee Mottl continually felt that the village went against him and if Trustee Mottl would attend all the meetings, he wouldn't have missed the discussions and details leading up to these decisions. Trustee Schiappa said that the program and candidate would both be beneficial to the village and motioned for this resolution. Trustee Franzese mentioned the time savings for the residents and that the Judge was very well qualified and respected, and would act as an independent contractor.

Mayor Grasso asked for public comment. Christine Formanski asked if there was any data relating to the percentage of residents who pay for their tickets and don't go to court compared to those who go to court. Chief Madden said he did not have data readily available but would get it. She said that she would prefer to go to Wheaton to traffic court. Mayor Grasso said that if a resident disagreed with the outcome at Burr Ridge, that they had the right to contest the decision. Ms. Formanski said that in her opinion most people pay for their speeding tickets. Mayor Grasso said that the convenience for residents and the travel time saved by the police were benefits for the program. He added that the police would be present at the Village Hall hearings.

Ellen Raymond, resident, asked about the hiring process and how the job was posted. She said she did not feel she was more qualified than a judge but wanted to know more about the process. Deputy Chief Loftus said he reached out to surrounding towns and received several recommendations. They secured more detail on the fees and experience of each candidate who was recommended to them by other communities, and selected the most qualified candidate. With four very qualified candidates they did not post the job as this was also a new program and there was no existing hiring protocol. Trustee Mottl asked if the final candidate was asked for the same information as the other three candidates and why all four candidates were not solicited at the same time. Deputy Chief Marc Loftus said that the final candidate was solicited after they had received information on the other three. They were made aware of a judge in Burr Ridge who was an excellent candidate, so she was asked for the same information as the other three candidates. Mrs. Raymond asked if there was any previous procedure set forth on hiring. Mayor Grasso said he was not aware of any. Mayor Grasso also clarified that residents who wanted to contest results of a Village Hall hearing could, and the case would be reviewed to see if it should be retried in Wheaton.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 5 - Trustees Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder, Mital

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NAYS : 1 - Mottl

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE AS PER SECTION VIII.B.11 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR A RESTAURANT WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT AN OUTDOOR DINING AREA AT A RESTAURANT; AND A VARIATION FROM SECTION XI.C.13 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT A RESTAURANT WITHOUT A REQUIRED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, ALL IN THE B-1 BUSINESS DISTRICT (Z-15-2020;212 BURR RIDGE PARKWAY – HALLERAN)

Village Planner Doug Pollock said that the Plan Commission held public hearings at their November 16 and December 7 meetings where this request was discussed and considered appropriate. The Commission requested Board approval for special use for a restaurant coming into the County Line Square Shopping Center, for live entertainment, sales of alcoholic beverages, and outdoor dining. The only concern the Commission had was related to parking. The shopping center landlord had added 36 additional parking spaces to the property in 2016 but the shopping center is still somewhat short on parking. The restaurant is anticipated to have higher parking needs than the Fred Astaire Dance studio (the previous tenant), which had 14 parking spaces. The restaurant would require 49 parking spaces. The Plan Commission asked the restaurant owner for a parking management plan, which he presented at the December meeting. The proposed parking included providing valet parking services with cars being parked on the western half of the shopping center, which is largely unused in the evening. The Plan Commission unanimously approved the parking plan.

Mayor Grasso asked for any questions or comments, also asking for public comments. Trustee Schiappa asked what the current number of parking spaces at the shopping center was. Mr. Pollock said that there are 468 parking spaces, which includes the additional 36 created in 2016. Trustee Franzese asked if those 468 spots, were the Chase Bank parking spaces included. Mr. Pollock confirmed that they were not. Trustee Franzese also asked about the number of handicapped spaces, and Mr. Pollock did not have that number handy, but confirmed that the parking lot has the appropriate number of handicapped parking spaces. There was no public comment.

Staff was directed to prepare ordinances approving the special use request and the parking variation as recommended by the Plan Commission.

Mayor Grasso asked for any other comment. Trustee Franzese expressed confidence that the parking would work, and said he wanted to be sure that the noise would be properly managed to avoid resident complaints. Trustee Mottl said he had some concerns about the noise complaints, and asked who the valet company would be. The valet company was not known. Trustee Franzese noted that there were

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only four complaints about noise since the village was forced to have only outside dining. He said he was confident that there would be no issues with this new vendor. Trustee Schiappa said that he visits the County Line Square often and parking does not seem to be problem. He also commended the restaurant owner for opening a restaurant at this time in the village. Trustee Mital said that while she had noticed that there was some parking congestion during the day when all businesses were busy, she was confident with a restaurant coming in that the parking would not be a problem.

Motion to approve by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Mital.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 5 - Trustees Snyder, Mital, Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza

NAYS : 1 - Mottl

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HOA SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Trustee Franzese asked Chief John Madden to clarify if the existing HOA cameras are active or passive, as most HOA cameras are implemented as being passive and only used in the event of a crime investigation. Chief Madden clarified that the HOA cameras are passive and gave an overview. HOA cameras are now located in 16 subdivisions in Burr Ridge and there are currently 82 HOA cameras in Burr Ridge, all passive. The data, which is only video, is fed into servers in the Village Hall. Two police cars are equipped with cameras on their cars that can read license plate data and compare it to the “hot” files for stolen cars or crime activity. Over the past few months, Chief Madden was introduced to new technology that he feels would be beneficial to the Village. It would integrate data from existing cameras and query data in real time for stolen cars, license plates or car owners related to criminal activity. The technology also allows for the reading of paper vehicle stickers and can be programmed for specific details if needed like a car rack or car color should a specific car need to be tracked. Photos are tracked, no video, and the information is encrypted, and then deleted after 30 days. If there was any potential threat, the information can be also shared with other communities. The Village of Burr Ridge would own the data and it would remain secure. Currently, the 82 current cameras are high quality that can capture license plate images and can be accessed by police officers when needed. Every subdivision is different in terms of how long the photos are saved.

Chief Madden gave an example of how the updated technology would have assisted in recovering a stolen vehicle. The vehicle in question was in one of our subdivisions for three minutes before leaving. Had the new technology been in use, the officers would have been notified of the stolen vehicle upon its entering the subdivision, responded to the location in less than two minutes and stopped the vehicle before it left the area. There is also a cost savings for the technology if purchased before the end of the year. Of the existing 82 HOA subdivision cameras, 42 would become LPR-enabled with the “Wing” program from Flock Safety. It is not a budgeted item but Chief Madden felt it would be a

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benefit to the Village and a significant tool for the police department. The regular price for this technology is \$89 per camera per month; law enforcement municipalities are currently being offered a special price of \$39 per camera if they agree to buy the software by December 31, 2020. Chief Madden recommended integrating this technology for the 42 cameras (those in the locations that would be most beneficial) at the special price of \$19,656, plus a \$1,000 registration fee (\$20,656 total annual fee), which would be valid for two years (an annual savings of \$25,200). For the third year, the price would then go up to the \$89 per camera (\$44,856). Chief Madden also secured quotes for new cameras and integrating this technology with other vendors that would be at a much higher cost for the same result.

Chief Madden said he would reach out to each of the subdivisions to discuss this new technology before the end of the year if this was approved. He also said he would like to have cameras for the interchanges at I-55 down the line that would have allowed for quicker identification of a car connected with a recent village crime.

Deputy Chief Loftus confirmed that the images would be owned by the Village and that the images are only accessed when connected with criminal activity. Data cannot be sold by Flock and can only be accessed with approval and at the request of the Village. There is a 30-day data storage time limit per our contract.

Mayor Grasso asked for questions. Trustee Schiappa asked about the 82 HOA cameras and asked for confirmation that the plan would be to fit 42 cameras with the new technology and why not all of them. Chief Madden said that not all cameras needed integration, as not all were needed based on location. He also confirmed that at this time, the cost of this technology would be absorbed by the village. Trustee Paveza asked about the costs and Chief Madden confirmed that the cost would be on an annual basis and that in the third year, the fee would go up. Interim Village Administrator Walter confirmed that there would be no significant impact to the budget or IT Fund, which is budgeted to accommodate improving technology for the village. Chief Madden also confirmed that the subdivisions would still bear the cost of the cameras -- the village is just paying for the integration technology for the camera.

Trustee Mottl expressed concerns about the privacy and civil liberties of residents and asked if the December 31 deadline and special pricing could be extended so that there would be more time to discuss it with the subdivisions. He also asked if the village would save any money elsewhere in the budget with this technology or if there could be a reduction in the number of police officers. Chief Madden clarified that this technology would be a force multiplier and would drastically increase response time for improved capability. There was no plan to reduce the number of police officers at this time. Trustee Mottl then asked about how one gets on the "bad license plate" list as he did not want to get on the list. Chief Madden explained that when a resident reports their car stolen or criminal activity is reported, the license plate gets added. Chief Madden said that the information is only added when a crime is suspected; the information is entered in by the Burr Ridge Police Department.

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Resident Richard Morton gave an example of an incident that recently happened where the video camera systems were very beneficial. Mr. Morton felt that the camera technology was somewhere between active and passive. He added that the nature of the system is evolving for the Flock software. He also felt that all HOAs/subdivisions should have the option to participate. Mr. Morton asked about the data and if it could be downloaded after 30 days in case the information was needed. He also said that this new technology will not deter the criminal element, and that the Village should still consider more cameras to capture more images in isolated areas.

Motion for approval was made by Trustee Franzese, seconded by Trustee Snyder.

Mayor Grasso asked if there was any further discussion.

Trustee Mottl asked for an extension for another month for discussions with the subdivisions. Chief Madden said he would be talking to each HOA and that they would have the option not to participate if they did not want to. Chief Madden added that no subdivision would be forced into the program.

Trustee Franzese stated that this would be a great benefit, so it might be worth discussing with new subdivisions down the line. Mayor Grasso agreed that the more subdivisions that have the cameras, the more police coverage would be available for the Village.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Franzese, Snyder, Mital, Mottl, Schiappa, Paveza

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE IN THE T-1 TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT (Z-12-2020: 7512 COUNTY LINE ROAD – GIADLA)

Interim Village Administrator Walter stated that the direction from the Planning Commission was to make sure that there was orderly planning about noise, light, landscaping of the proposal to make sure this complies with resident concerns. Approval for the parking plan, should diagrams presented be agreed upon, will be put in writing for the next board meeting.

Peter Giadla, business owner, expressed his concerns on several issues and it was agreed upon that once the ordinance was drafted, he would be able to review it prior to the formal vote in January.

Motion was made by Trustee Mottl, seconded by Trustee Mital.

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Mayor Grasso asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Mottl, Mital, Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR LIST DATED DECEMBER 14, 2020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$551,447.50 FOR ALL FUNDS, PLUS \$445,029.99 FOR TWO PAYROLL PERIODS ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 28, 2020, FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$996,477.49 WHICH INCLUDES SPECIAL EXPENDITURES OF \$36,569.02 TO SCHROEDFER ASPHALT SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK AND PATHWAY MAINTENANCE; AND \$43,583.46 TO RJN GROUP, INC. FOR THE MWRD PROGRAM

Trustee Mottl said he was looking at some of the dollar amounts and asked about the \$45,631 fee for documents for legal fees and asked for clarity for the cost of those over the last few months. The other question he had pertained to the payroll for the Administration Department for \$93,969.75. He added that the administration payroll would typically be about \$40,000 if this included two payroll cycles, and questioned whether it was the added expense for Doug's termination or vacation payout.

Mayor Grasso asked Mr. Walter to address these questions but mentioned that if these questions had been asked earlier, but also that detailed explanations could have been provided and questions answered in more specificity had the question been brought up prior to the meeting.

Mayor Grasso asked for any additional comments and asked that Trustee Mottl be provided the detail requested above prior to the next meeting.

Motion to approve by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Mital.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 5 - Trustees Snyder, Mital, Franzese, Schiappa, Paveza,

NAYS : 1 - Mottl

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

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Mayor Grasso made a recommendation that since it was 9:20 pm and this item was not time sensitive, that it be tabled and placed on the next Board Meeting agenda.

Motion to table was made by Trustee Mottl, seconded by Trustee Schiappa.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Mottl, Schiappa, Franzese, Paveza, Snyder, Mital,

NAYS : 0 - None.

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Grasso asked for public comments.

Patricia Davis, resident, said that she has a master's degree in public health, and reported that in the past week the positivity rate in region 8 (Burr Ridge is in that region) for COVID was 13.5%, up from 12.9% on a rolling average. In Cook County, the rate was up from 13.1% up on a seven day rolling average from 12.3%. She referenced a presentation at the Board Meeting on October 26 regarding restaurant dining tents. She said that Evan Walter, then Assistant Village Administrator, reported on phase four of the Governor's COVID mitigation/efforts and asked for clarification – and if it meant that that outdoor dining would still be allowed but that inside dining would not allowed per the state ordinance. Trustee Franzese asked for a distinction between outdoor dining in a tent with walls down for winter and inside dining. Mr. Walter clarified that a tent with all four walls down is considered indoor dining. To be considered outdoor dining, that would require at least two walls being open or windows open. Mr. Walter stated that in winter, the tents would be considered inside dining if the walls were down and heaters were on. Ms. Davis said that none of the restaurants in Burr Ridge have open tents or having windows that are open, yet call this outside dining. She referenced a photo that she took two weeks ago at Capri, which has a tent with no windows and all four sides of the tents down. It was completely enclosed and was not “outdoor dining”. With the positivity rates climbing, she asked how these restaurants remain open and how the village justifies keeping them open and stressed monitoring capacity. Ms. Davis asked that the safety of the residents be made a priority and that the recommended guidelines be better monitored for restaurants.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Trustee Mital stated that Jingle Mingle has been canceled this year and postponed to 2021.

Trustee Mottl said he had some items that he wanted to bring up. He commented that some restaurants were not complying with the law for COVID restrictions, and said that he will be interested to see the

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tax bill receipts for restaurants that have expanded space with outside dining. He also asked that the closed session minutes of Board Meetings from September 14 and 28 be released. He said that he was troubled by what he had heard and asked the Board to release the closed session minutes or portions thereof and asked that this be placed on the next meeting's agenda. He also implied that there might be illegal activity going on. The other items he brought up were an apparent violation of the liquor control act by a one licensee that may have been resolved. Trustee Mottl also wanted to discuss if Michael Grasso's valet business in Burr Ridge represents any conflict of interest for Mayor Grasso. Trustee Mottl speculated that an additional payment to Mr. Pollock and the reasons for that payment and if there is more money that is being paid out than the public is aware of. He then mentioned the status of Finance Director Jerry Stapp and his return to work plan and the costs involved. Trustee Mottl went on to request for a review of undocumented legal fees, and stated that he felt there might be a conflict of interest as Trustee Snyder had a relationship with the legal firm used, implying a "best friend" relationship. He concluded by asking why he cannot participate in the Board Meetings via phone only and was asked by one Trustee to supply documentation for his phone.

Trustee Paveza stated that the Board can and has allowed some minutes from closed session meetings public when it makes sense to do so. Trustee Mital mentioned that Trustee Mottl had inappropriately disclosed to the public confidential closed session minutes from a meeting he did not attend.

Trustee Franzese addressed Trustee Mottl's request for financial back up and detail, stating that finances are summarized for the meetings and that staff would be happy to provide details with advance notice and time prior to a meeting. It was also mentioned that Trustee Mottl had missed ten meetings since September 2018. Trustee Mottl then asked Trustee Paveza if he was drinking alcohol on the call, and that it would be inappropriate if he were. Trustee Paveza said he was drinking water.

Mayor Grasso recognized and commended the Finance and Administration Departments; they had applied for the Government Finance Officers Association award for distinguished budget presentation and won. He congratulated Jerry Sapp, Amy Nelson, Amy Sullivan, and all staff who participated. The award recognized a budget that presents itself as a policy document, financial plan, operational guide and communication device. The budget met all of those parameters and had won the award.

He also welcomed Susan Schaus as the newly appointed Acting Village Clerk to her first village Board Meeting and thanked her for filling in when Karen Thomas retired.

Mayor Grasso announced that Village Hall would be closed thru January 4 to promote the health and safety of staff and residents. Staff is working remotely and is available by phone and email to conduct business. Deliveries and permit documents can be left in the vestibule of the Village Hall and permit and utility payments can be left in the drop box on the outside of the building by the main entrance. Accommodations have been made for candidates filing for office. He mentioned that the Village Hall would be fully closed on December 24 and 25, the afternoon of December 31, and on January 1.

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Mayor Grasso mentioned all the positive comments received about the beautiful holiday lights in the village and in closing he wished everyone a happy holiday season. Mayor Grasso asked that everyone enjoy time with family whether it be together or via Zoom this year, He asked everyone to take care of their health and those around them, and to look forward to 2021 with more promise.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Schiappa, seconded by Trustee Mital that the regular meeting be adjourned and that the Board go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, or performance of specific employees of the public body.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 -Trustees Schiappa, Mital, Mottl, Franzese, Paveza, Snyder

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

The motion was approved by unanimous vote for the Board of Trustees and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

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

Susan Schaus
Acting Village Clerk
Burr Ridge, Illinois

APPROVED BY the Mayor and Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 2020.