



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Schladt. Trustee's Sepeczi and Wall were absent. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich, Operations Manager Reese, Operations Manager Zintl, and Village Clerk Caesar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

President McLaughlin wished everyone a happy holiday.

Trustee Migdal stated the winter scene banners have been placed in the windows in Block B decorating the vacant buildings.

STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS

Trustee Knar asked how many snowplow drivers the Village has staffed for this winter. Operations Manager Reese said there is a total of six (6) including himself. Operations Manager Reese said a contractor is used in route-four (4), which includes Victoria Woods, Hunters Farm, and the Doyle Rd. and Gardner Rd. area.

1. APPROVAL: CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL VIA ONE VOTE FOR ALL

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2022
- B. Accounts Payable – December 20, 2022
- C. Ordinance 2022-20, Surplus Property
- D. Ordinance 2022-21, Special Use – Massage, 922 Route 22
- E. Ordinance 2022-22, Electronic Billboard Variations, 1000 Northwest Highway

Trustee Curtiss made a motion to approve consent agenda items A – E. Trustee Schladt seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin—all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

2. HEARING: HUNTERS FARM SPECIAL SERVICE AREA LEVY

President McLaughlin opened the hearing for the Hunters Farm Special Service Area Levy at 6:33 p.m.

Village President Marc McLaughlin

Trustees Jennifer Curtiss / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Sheri Sepeczi / Patrick Wall

Administrator Soderholm explained that when more than 5% is being levied that a hearing needs to be held. Administrator Soderholm said the same rule would apply to the Talon Special Service Area Levy.

Kevin Witek, 401 Morgan Lane – Mr. Witek stated he believed that the previously submitted objection petition from the Hunter's Farm residents applies to proposed increases in tax rates. Mr. Witek reiterated that the Hunters Farm residences want to compromise and work together and that he very much appreciated the additional information provided by Staff. Mr. Witek felt that there were missing key expenses within the Villages Hunters Farm SSA forecast and requested more clarity on other projects and proposed adjusting some of their replacement schedule timeframes to work out a compromise to the ten (10) – twenty (20) year funding plan. Mr. Witek would prefer to see half of the increase proposed spread over time indefinitely, which would provide a sustainable, predictable amount of money for the residents to budget for in the future.

Chris Gantz, 211 Bridle Path – Mr. Gantz asked if this petition submitted at the December 6, 2022 Village Board meeting was being accepted or rejected. Mr. Gantz requested the Board consider the underlined part in Section 35 ILCS 200/27-55 – objection petition, which he read aloud and feels validates their ability to object with the petition submitted at the December 6 meeting.

Administrator Soderholm stated that the objection petition procedure found within the SSA section of state statute does not apply to a SSA tax levy increase as long as the increase does not exceed the limits previously established when the SSA was created.

President McLaughlin added that Staff has consulted with the Village attorney on all taxation laws and they were advised that any objection petition does not apply to the proposed Hunters Farm Special Service Area Tax Levy on the agenda for approval.

Mr. Gantz disagreed and stated that while he understands the Board has the right to pass a levy, what he doesn't agree on is the amount of \$23,500 proposed.

Trustee Migdal stated that last year when times were tough, the Board reduced the SSA's by almost half and now he feels that action is making the increase look way worse than it is, however he would be inclined to go with the proposed \$18,500 amount and adjust as needed when projects become more necessary.

Trustee Schladt stated that her interpretation of the Section 35 ILCS 200/27-55 was more aligned with Mr. Gantz's and without the presence of the Village attorney to address questions and concerns, she would be more inclined to approve the amount of \$18,500 that the residents are comfortable with.

Trustee Curtiss seconded Trustee Schladt stating that even having Buzz, the Village Attorney on the telephone to address concerns would have been more comforting with making her decision. Trustee Curtiss thanked Mr. Witek for all his efforts and stated that she would be fine approving the \$18,500.

Trustee Knar stated he feels more inclined to go the path of least resistance and would vote yes to the proposed \$18,500 levy for Hunters Farm.

President McLaughlin thanked everyone for their comments and closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

3. APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 2022-7, HUNTERS FARM SPECIAL SERVICE AREA LEVY – \$23,500

Trustee Schladt made a motion to amend Ordinance 2022-17 for the Hunters Farm tax levy to be \$18,500. Trustee Knar seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin —all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

4. HEARING: TALON SPECIAL SERVICES AREA LEVY

President McLaughlin opened the hearing for the Talon Special Service Area Levy at 7:07 p.m. There was no public comment. President McLaughlin closed the Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

5. APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 2022-18, TALON SPECIAL SERVICE AREA TAX LEVY - \$4,600

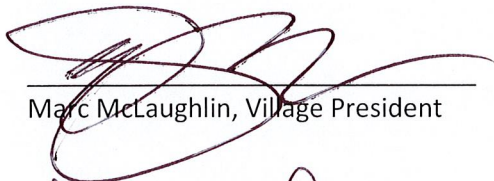
Trustee Knar made a motion to approve the Talon Special Service area tax levy at \$4,600. Trustee Curtiss seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin —all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Soderholm updated the Board regarding the CDBG grant application and noted that there are significant funds potentially available from the IEPA for the replacement of lead services.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Schladt made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Knar. Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

January 17, 2023

Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk