



# Village of Fox River Grove

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

### **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, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall. 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**

Roberta Reynolds, 213 Opatrny, Unit #4 – Ms. Reynolds is a new resident in Fox River Grove and asked the Board if there was a chance she could purchase a parking spot from the Village as the street parking becomes quite crowded at times. Administrator Soderholm stated that there is an option to purchase a \$40 monthly pass to park in the Municipal lot near her home however, the vehicle is still required to be removed during snow events of two inches or more.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS**

None.

President McLaughlin requested switching items 1 and 2 on the agenda to allow the Poms teams to excuse themselves from the meeting should they choose.

### **1. PROCLAMATION: HONORING THE CARY-GROVE JUNIOR TROJANS POMS 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

Village President McLaughlin welcomed the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Cary-Grove Junior Trojans Poms team members, coaches and parents that were present. President McLaughlin read allowed the Proclamation honoring the teams for their 2022 Championship and presented each team with a framed print. Trustees congratulated the teams on their accomplishments.

### **2. APPROVAL: CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL VIA ONE VOTE FOR ALL**

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2022
- B. Accounts Payable – January 3, 2023 & January 17, 2023
- C. Treasurer's Report – November 2022
- D. Fireworks Contract

Village President Marc McLaughlin

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

E. Ordinance 2023-01, Surplus Property

**Trustee Wall made a motion to approve consent agenda items A – E. Trustee Schladt seconded.**

Trustee Knar asked if the Fireworks contract amount was the same as last year and if so was there any indication that inflation was going to affect the quality or length of the show received in 2022. Administrator Soderholm said there was no discussion of changes from last year's agreement to this year. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

**3. DISCUSSION: SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Administrator Soderholm stated that Staff reviewed the Village's options pertaining short-term rental regulations per previous Board direction. Administrator Soderholm explained that room rentals and lodging houses are not allowed in residential areas. Staff presented various options for Board consideration.

Option 1: Continue with the Current Approach

Option 2a: Clarify Language Prohibiting Short-Term Single Room Rentals

Option 2b: 2a+ / Create Regulations for Short-Term Whole House Rentals

Option 3: Prohibit All Short-Term Rentals

A discussion was held. President McLaughlin stated he was in favor of Options 1 or 2a. Trustee Wall was in favor of option 2a – no room rentals. Trustee Schladt, thinking long term, four years out with the potential stadium relocation and the train nearby, there may be a need for regulation on whole house rentals, but at this time, she was favoring 2a. Trustee Migdal and Trustee Curtiss were also on board with 2a. The general consensus of the Board was for Staff to prepare an ordinance updating short-term rentals, incorporating option 2a's language prohibiting single room rentals.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Village Board discussed the current status of Block B and downtown redevelopment. The Board directed staff to begin developing a bid package for the potential removal of the buildings on Block B should the Village wish to move forward with demolition.

Trustee Curtiss asked for an update on the meeting with the Mayor night. President McLaughlin stated three residents attended, one being a new resident interested in getting familiar with and possibly involved with Village opportunities. President McLaughlin stated most of the questions were about code enforcements, and the downtown.


Trustee Curtiss asked when the Parks open house, scheduled for January 31, 2023 would be publicly announced. Administrator Soderholm said the advertisement was prepared to go out tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Schladt.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall – all "yes". MOTION PASSED.

  
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Marc McLaughlin, Village President

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Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk