



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 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 Assistant Administrator Bechler, and Village Clerk Caesar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roberta Reynolds, 213 Opatrny – Ms. Reynolds addressed accessibility to the Metra station from the other side of Northwest Hwy. Ms. Reynolds stated she would like to see more signage clearly marking the direction of travel for each side of the track. She also suggested the possible installation of a mid-track crossing.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

President McLaughlin announced that tonight's meeting was the last for Trustee Wall and Trustee Sepeczi and thanked both of them for their service, time and all that they have done for the Village.

Trustee Curtiss announced the Parks clean-up date scheduled for Saturday, April 29, and to remind others to come out and help. The Lions Club would be there touching up their sign and helping where needed.

Trustee Schladt suggested the parks clean-up is a great opportunity for high school kids to get some community services hours needed for their club and organization requirements.

Trustee Wall thanked Operations Managers Reese and Zintl, Administrator Soderholm, Assistant Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich and Staff for everything they have done and that they are the heart beat that keeps the Village going.

STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS

Trustee Knar inquired about the timing of the Picnic Grove Park discussion regarding the Board's previously mentioned concerns that typically arise in the park during the summer season.

Administrator Soderholm replied that the discussion would be on the next agenda.

Trustee Knar asked what could be done to address the flooding of the new bike path.

Administrator Soderholm stated that Staff is currently working on potential solutions with the Engineers

Village President Marc McLaughlin

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

but noted there are potential regulatory challenges.

Trustee Knar asked when the new water fountains would be installed. Operations Manager Reese said they just arrived at Public Works and would be installed soon.

Trustee Wall asked if restoration was included in the bid for the new Well as the land around it is pretty torn up.

Administrator Soderholm said the well installation is progressing. He noted that the well is producing ample water and to get it connected the land had to be dug up and the connection would be in the front of the Water Plant.

Trustee Schladt mentioned the grass seed/netting along the side of the new paths near Lions Park didn't take very well and needs to be redone. Operations Manager Reese stated the work is included on the punch list and should be properly completed prior to closing out the project.

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

- A. Village Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2023
- B. Accounts Payable – April 18, 2023
- C. Treasurer's Report – February 2023
- D. Appointments – Staff, Parks, Police Pension, Special Events, Planning & Zoning
- E. Ordinance 2023-04, Adopting FY 2023/24 Budget
- F. Ordinance 2023-05, Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment
- G. Waive Raffle Fee & Fidelity Bond Requirement for Lions Club Raffles June 17, 2023
- H. Park Permit / Sound Permit Fee Waivers for FRG Daddy Daughter Dance May 7, 2023

Trustee Schladt made a motion to approve consent agenda items A – H. Trustee Migdal seconded.

Roll Call: Trustee Wall—Present, Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and Sepeczi—all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

2. APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 2023-06, NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES BY CLASSIFICATION

Trustee Wall made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, Number of liquor licenses by classification. Trustee Curtiss seconded.

Administrator Soderholm introduced Fred and Debbie Cardella, who are interested in opening a new food & beverage business at 104 N.W. Highway and have submitted an application for a liquor license from the Village.

Fred Cardella submitted a letter outlining the 40+ year of successful food & beverage experience the two owners have together and presented a brief summary of the bio to the Board.

A discussion was held.

Trustee Wall withdrew his motion, Trustee Knar seconded.

Trustee Schladt made a motion to table the approval of Ordinance 2023-06, Number of liquor licenses by classification, requesting petitioners Fred and Debbie Cardella provide a floor plan and any other relative information prior to the Board decision. Trustee Sepeczi seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall—all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

3. DISCUSSION: ZONING CASE 2023-01, 1001 ROUTE 22 – VARIANCE TO ALLOW BUSINESS OUTSIDE ENCLOSED STRUCTURE; SOLID FENCE IN SIDE YARD ADJOINING A STREET

Administrator Soderholm introduced petitioner James Corty who is seeking a variance to store vehicles and equipment in the open between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and a variance to allow business to be conducted outside of a completely enclosed building at his property located at 1001 Route 22. Previous attempts to secure variances allowing usage of the land for truck and trailer storage was denied. Since, Petitioner Corty has joined the parcel at the corner of Route 22 with the vacant lot located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Doyle Road and North Road and would like to allow his current tenant at 1005 Route 22 to use the back area for additional truck and trailer storage.

The Planning & Zoning Commissions recommendation to the Board was approval of both variance requests with the following recommended conditions:

- Maintain foliage and berms around Doyle and North Road in existing condition; business area to be limited to area behind (south) building behind foliage
- All work or operations on the Subject Property that creates noise (such as loading of materials into trucks, backup safety alarms, banging of dump truck gates, or other noises of a similar nature) that could disturb the surrounding property owners shall be restricted to the following hours of operation:
 - Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM
 - Saturday: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Sunday: Prohibited
- All equipment utilized by the Petitioner shall be equipped with ambient back up alarms (if necessary) to help minimize the noise generated from operations on the Subject Property

A discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Knar to table discussion of Zoning Case 2023-01, 1001 Route 22 until the May 2 Village Board Meeting and requested petitioner James Corty bring his tenant to answer questions the Board has about the business. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall—all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

4. DISCUSSION: ZONING CASE 2023-02, 1005 ROUTE 22 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-05 TO ALLOW STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN FRONT OF FENCE ON PROPERTY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

Administrator Soderholm stated that petitioner James Corty is seeking a variance to amend a condition previously applied to his property in a 2021 Ordinance, stating that all trucks and trailers associated with his tenant’s business that are stored outside the building must be parked behind the fence located on the property at 1005 Route 22. Due to the nature and growth of the business, there is a need to create more space for maneuvering, loading and unloading cars from trailers and therefor the petitioner is seeking to amend the conditions of the existing variance to allow trucks and trailers to be stored temporarily in front of the fence on the property during business hours.

The Planning & Zoning Commissions recommendation to the Board was to allow storage of trucks and equipment in front of the fence on the Subject Property during the following hours:

- Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM
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5. DISCUSSION: ZONING CASE 2023-03, TEXT AMENDMENT – SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Administrator Soderholm stated that at the direction of the Board from previous discussions held pertaining to short-term rentals, Staff reviewed and prepared a text amendment to improve clarification to the current ordinance in place prohibiting short term rentals.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend denial of the proposed text amendment. Some Commission members expressed interest in the Village developing a program to allow short-term rentals within guidelines and limits to be determined at a later date.

A discussion was held.

The general consensus of the Village Board was to recommend approval to adopt the text amendment as originally proposed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Soderholm stated that Staff had received four (4) roof replacement quotes for the Village Hall, WTP#2 and the Sludge Trailer Garage. The Village Board noted after Administrator Soderholm’s inquiry that they are okay with waiving the formal bid process and entering into a contract with Lakeland, which had the lowest price of the four companies.

Trustee Knar again bid a farewell and thank you to Trustee’s Wall and Sepeczi. Trustee Knar stated the passion, time and commitment given during Trustee Walls 13 years and Trustee Sepeczi’s 19 years on various boards and commissions definitely improved the overall community in many ways.

Trustee Schladt added the Village needs more people like Trustee Sepeczi and Trustee Wall.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sepeczi made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Wall. A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

5-2-2023

Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk