



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 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 Wall. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich and Village Clerk Caesar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Mary Lu Seidel of 203 Grove addressed the board regarding the Grove Residence apartment building. Ms. Seidel suggested there be a meeting that addressed all changes from the 2015 approved plans and designs to the 2021/22 final approved plan. Ms. Seidel feels some sort of communication would be helpful to the public.

Resident Mary Ludtke of 1104 Paul Court stated her concerns regarding increased traffic generated from the new 100-unit apartment complex and inquired whether a traffic study had been done. Ms. Ludtke also asked if the Village turned down an offer to tap into Lake Michigan water. Administrator Soderholm responded that three (3) or so years ago, a northern Illinois water agency was considering the installation of water mains down Northwest Highway; however, no proposal was ever received.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

Village President McLaughlin explained the new Committee liaison approach for the trustees, which would provide point of contact to the different commissions. Trustee's Curtiss and Wall will be the liaisons for the Special Events Committee. Trustee's Knar and Schladt were assigned to the Parks Commission, Trustee's Migdal and Sepeczi were assigned to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

PROCLAMATION

Village President McLaughlin welcomed the Cary-Grove football team members, coaches and parents that were present. President McLaughlin read allowed the Proclamation honoring the Cary-Grove High School football team for their 2021 State Championship and presented the players with a framed copy. Trustee Curtiss spoke to the team stating she attended the game and that their performance was the best high school game she has ever seen. Trustees congratulated the team on their accomplishments.

Village President Marc McLaughlin

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

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

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021
- B. Accounts Payable – December 21, 2021 and January 4, 2022
- C. Treasurer's Report – October 2021

Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve consent agenda items A through C. Trustee Curtiss seconded. Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Wall —all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

2. APPROVAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Administrator Soderholm stated that McHenry County is establishing a countywide social workers program to assist police officers on mental health calls. Soderholm stated this service provides the public with access to trained social workers during or after contact with the police department on a needed basis, as officers are not trained as mental health professionals.

Chief Waitrovich added that when officers are dealing with dispatch calls that require mental health assistance, they are not always able to provide the help and direction that is needed. McHenry County is being very proactive with the direction of the Police Social Worker Program and has invited all police departments to participate in the program beginning in Fiscal year 2022/23. Trustee Wall and Knar both spoke in favor of the Village participating, acknowledging mental health support is very much needed.

Trustee Knar made a motion to approve the authorization for the Chief of Police to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County of McHenry to participate in the Police Social Worker Program beginning in Fiscal Year 2022/23. Trustee Wall seconded. Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Wall —all “yes.” MOTION PASSED.

3. PRESENTATION: SPRING CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

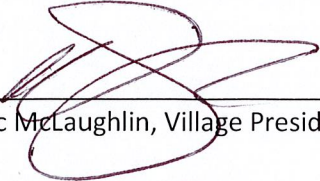
Administrator Soderholm introduced Mr. Jeff Weiss, the Flint & Spring Creek Watershed coordinator for the Watershed group. Mr. Weiss's presentation included a review of the Spring Creek Watershed locations, pointing out Fox River Grove's position, the background of past watershed progress, funding opportunities and the new updated plan in 2022 to create a Flint Creek / Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership by banding together all the watershed locations via a membership. Mr. Weiss briefly reviewed the site – specific projects, funding sources and the need for the Village of Fox River Grove to join the partnership to complete the unification. The membership fee was stated to be \$1,500 per year. President McLaughlin thanked Mr. Weiss for the informative presentation and mentioned that a Village membership could open doors to future grant funding opportunities.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Soderholm sought the Board of Trustees input on the new video gaming law that became effective January 1, 2022 allowing non-home ruled municipalities to charge \$250 per machine vs. the current amount of \$25. Trustee Curtiss asked what other non-home ruled municipalities were charging. Trustee Knar was not in favor of charging business owners more. Trustee Migdal and Wall spoke in favor of the increase. The general consensus of the Board was for staff to draft an ordinance amending the fee to \$250 per machine, for discussion at a future meeting, when all Trustees are present.

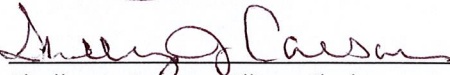
ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Curtiss. A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Wall – “yes.” MOTION PASSED.



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

January 18, 2022
Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk