



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant to the Village 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

None.

STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS

None.

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

- A. Village Board Meeting & Executive Session Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2022
- B. Accounts Payable – February 15, 2022
- C. Treasurer's Report – December 2021
- D. Ordinance 2022-03, 9419 Doyle Road Variances, Business Outside Enclosed Structure, Vehicle Storage

Trustee Wall made a motion to approve consent agenda items A through D. Trustee Curtiss seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

2. APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 2022-04, VIDEO GAMING TERMINAL FEES

Administrator Soderholm stated that at the Boards direction, Staff updated Ordinance 2022-04 increasing video gaming terminal fees to \$50 each. New State Law allows non-home ruled Municipalities to collect as much as \$250 per terminal. **Trustee Schladt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04 as discussed at the February 1, 2022 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Migdal seconded.** Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

Village President Marc McLaughlin

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

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3. DISCUSSION: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING OPTIONS

President McLaughlin thanked Trustee Wall and Trustee Schladt for giving their time to lead the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) public meetings. Trustee Wall summarized the results of the two meetings, stating that attendance was minimal and that 12 suggestions were received electronically. It was noted that the majority of the public feedback was in favor of the funds being spent on Water – Sewer infrastructure.

A discussion was held. Trustee Wall stated that he would like the majority of the funds repurposed into other areas such as Emergency preparedness, mental health care, or to help reduce food insecurities within the Village. Trustee Curtiss was in favor of using the funds for water – sewer infrastructure. She feels this option reaches the most residents, providing some relief with their water rates. Trustee Migdal suggested using, at a minimum, any funds remaining from the first grant distribution towards new business grants in the Village. Trustee Knar was also in favor of reducing the cost of living for the residents by reinvesting into the water-sewer infrastructure and supports the idea of offering some new business grants. Trustee Sepeczi would like to use part of the funding to improve the concrete pad at Picnic Grove Park for mobile food vendors. Trustee Schladt supports residents request to use the funds towards water–sewer infrastructure, and would like to consider ways to target public health, if feasible. Administrator Soderholm stated that Township offices offer many assistance services to qualifying residents and that the Board recently approved accepting payments from LIWHAP for residents water bills. President McLaughlin opened up the discussion for public input. Paige Lord, 313 Old Hunt stated that she volunteers at the Cary Grove food pantry and that the shelves and pantry are over flowing with donations. Mrs. Lord feels people are not utilizing the resources available and suggested the Board consider ways to increase awareness. President McLaughlin is in favor of supporting water-sewer infrastructure and likes the idea of new business grants. Trustee Wall proposed spending \$100,000 on water-sewer infrastructure and \$250,000 towards other areas to be decided later. Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Schladt and Sepeczi were not in favor of the monetary split proposed. Trustee Migdal was in favor. President McLaughlin asked the Board how they felt about not spending all of the funds on water-sewer infrastructure. The general consensus of the Board was to direct the committee to formulate specific dollar amounts for specific programs for Village Board consideration.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Soderholm asked for the Boards direction on funding upfront the purchase of the golf cart grand prize raffle item for the Parks annual fundraiser. The Parks commission would reimburse the general fund from the raffle ticket sales. The general consensus of the Board was for the Village to fund the purchase with the recommendation that the golf cart be stored on Village property until the event.

Administrator Soderholm informed the Board that there is an upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss options for Well 5B. At this time, the potential to salvage well 5B does not look hopeful and that there is a strong chance that the Village will have to drill a new well in a different location. The expected cost to drill is in the \$250,000 - \$300,000 range.

Trustee Sepeczi mentioned that a resident that works with redevelopment companies is scheduled to tour the Village and discuss development opportunities in Fox Rive Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Knar made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:39 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session Minute Review. Seconded by Trustee Wall. Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall– all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:46 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 to the Village Administrator Bechler and Village Clerk Caesar.

Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Migdal. A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”.
MOTION PASSED.



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

3-1-2022
Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk