



# Village of Fox River Grove

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 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, and Village Clerk Caesar.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gerald Schalk, 217 Lexington Ave. – Mr. Schalk, Fire Marshal and Chaplain, addressed the Board regarding the future development of the downtown. He asked what building codes and fire codes would govern the new development, stating that the 2006 residential and commercial building code currently being enforced by the Village are outdated. Mr. Schalk suggested the Board consider updating the codes to the most current version before approving future development. Mr. Schalk referred to an agreement made in 2009 between The Village of Fox River Grove and the Fire Department regarding plan reviews.

Sharon Kahn, 1003 Pine St. – Ms. Khan is a 50 year resident of Fox River Grove and a member of the seniors group. Ms. Khan stated that the senior group is requesting funding that was withdrawn in 2017 be reinstated. Ms. Khan would like the group to be able to plan special outings to surrounding theatres and sighted the bus rides as an opportunity for the members to establish comradery amongst each other. Ms. Khan requested \$5,000 be considered by the Board when approving the upcoming FY 2022/23 budget.

Mary Ann Cutsforth, 505 Highview - Mary Ann introduced herself as the president of the seniors group and a resident of Fox River Grove since 1970. Mary Ann supports Sharon Kahn's sentiments, saying that the transportation to and from events is the most costly expense for them and that is the primary reason for the requested financial support from the Village. The seniors group has been financially self-sustaining without any other support, which has limited their events to playing bingo and hosting a catered in lunch once or twice a year. Attracting new members is difficult and they cannot compete with neighboring communities who offer so much more.

Rose Clark, 9136 Primrose Lane – Rose introduced herself as the secretary of the Senior's group and stated that she has submitted multiple written calendars to the Board and expressed concern as to why Village funding was ever discontinued for their group. Ms. Clark stated that their group is unable to attend Village sponsored events such as the fireworks because of the amount of walking involved and the potential for falls and injury getting in and out of the parks. Ms. Clark supports her group members in their request for the Board to grant the seniors funding in the upcoming budget approval.

**Village President** Marc McLaughlin

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

Pam Hank, 107 S. River Rd. – Ms. Hank stated she has lived on S. River Rd. for 30 years and while she supports the addition of new sidewalks along their street, she has some concerns. Ms. Hank is primarily worried about the ditch in front of her home. Ms. Hank stated her biggest concern is kids on bikes falling and being injured, specifically near either end of the ditch.

President McLaughlin acknowledged and thanked everyone for his or her public comments.

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

None.

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

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2022, March 15, 2022, and March 15, 2022 Executive Session.
- B. Accounts Payable – April 5, 2022
- C. Treasurer’s Report – February 2022
- D. 2022 Road Resurfacing Contract
- E. Construction Engineering Services Agreement, 2022 Road Program
- F. Resolution 2022-02, MFT Maintenance Resolution – Fiscal Year 2022/23
- G. Resolution 2022-03, Rebuild Illinois Fund Allocation – Fiscal Year 2022/23
- H. Park Permit Fee Waiver for the Cary-Grove Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt April 9, 2022
- I. Temporary Liquor License Fee, Fidelity Bond Requirement Waiver for FRG Parks Fundraiser June 18, 2022

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

#### **2. PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 BUDGET**

Village President McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget. There was no public comment. Village President McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

#### **3. DISCUSSION: SENIOR FUNDING**

Trustee Schladt congratulated the seniors on their 50-year celebration as a non-profit. She acknowledged the past two years have been troubling with the pandemic limiting the ability for all to get out and enjoy the company of others. Trustee Schladt noted mental health, especially after the pandemic and the isolation it forced upon the seniors as an extremely important factor for her request for the Board to support allocating \$5,000 in this year’s 2022/23 budget for the senior group. Trustee Schladt received quotes in the range of \$2,000-\$2,500 for charter buses that are handicap accessible, for a 6-hour roundtrip event in the Chicagoland area. Trustee Schladt feels that \$5,000 would allow the seniors one major event annually and the remaining funds would allow them to host some special event functions, luncheons etc. Trustee Schladt did say that she would like to see the money be spent with Village businesses whenever possible. Trustee Schladt volunteered her time to organize the events this first year to get agreements established and that all invoicing would be sent directly to the Village for payment and that the group would not manage the funds. A discussion was held. Trustee Wall spoke in favor of using the American Rescue Plan funding and would be in favor of approving more than \$5,000. Trustee Curtiss and Knar was also in favor of using the ARPA funds for this year and requested additional discussion on future funding. Trustee Schladt supported the ARPA funding as well. Administrator Soderholm stated the ARPA funds are



eligible for this request; however, the Board should consider the amount of paperwork that would be involved for Staff when the ARPA funds are spent on multiple items. Trustee Migdal stated concerns of setting a precedence for other community non-profits to submit requests for Village funding and that the group was not limited to FRG seniors only. The general consensus of the Board was to allocate to the FRG seniors, \$5,000 from the general fund for one year, with further discussion towards future contributions.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

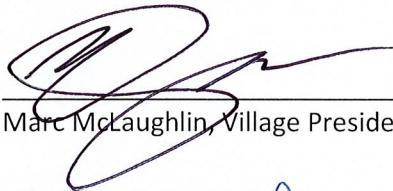
Clerk Caesar asked the Board for their direction on whether they wanted to continue the placement of the fireworks donation collection jars in local businesses. Clerk Caesar stated that in past years the collection jars averaged \$40 - \$50 per jar, for a total of \$300- \$350. President McLaughlin stated that the Special Events Committee had some new ideas for generating fireworks revenue. A straw poll was taken and the general consensus of the Board was to discontinue the placement of the collection containers.

Trustee Schladt addressed the Fire commissioner's public comments, stating that she would like Staff to follow up with the building and fire codes and consider updating the Village code accordingly.

Resident Paige Lord, a resident and volunteer election poll worker stated that with the recent redistricting new voter registration cards were starting to arrive reflecting new polling locations. Paige suggested Staff send out a communication-alerting voter's watch for their new cards and look for their new polling place, in hopes of reducing a lot of confusion on Election Day.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

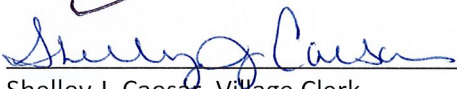
**Trustee Curtiss made a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Schladt.** Roll Call: Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, Sepeczi, and Wall—all "yes." MOTION PASSED



Marc McLaughlin, Village President

4-19-2022

Date



Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk