

MINUTES
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Oct. 15th, 2019
6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Roll Call

Present on the roll call were Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims

Absent: Lebeter

Attorney Mike Marovich mentioned that he had a few comments regarding the gathering of this Special Meeting. The first was that he had an opportunity to review the Notice and Agenda for the meeting and determined the **Notice of Special Meeting was properly posted and should be part of the record**. Secondly, Attorney Marovich stated we have one item on the Agenda which is for the consideration of Resolution #19-27. Like the last meeting, this is not going to be a question and answer period. We have 2 people on the Agenda to speak however, it is open to all that have something to say.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Randall Blakey indicated he is a strong opponent of casino gambling and particularly in Lynwood. Mr. Blakey stated this is not beneficial to the residents of Lynwood. Mr. Blakey mentioned a casino is the laziest and most irresponsible form of economic development that exist. A casino here will result in a rise in crime, embezzlement, bankruptcy, divorce and foreclosure. Mr. Blakey appealed to the Trustees to vote to **NOT** approve a casino for the Village of Lynwood. Mr. Blakely asked for all in the room to stand that are in opposition to stand and be seen.

Resident Nina Cook mentioned her opposition to the casino. Ms. Cook indicated the residents should have been notified about the special meeting being held because it affects all of our residents. Ms. Cook stated having a casino invites more crime, burglaries of homes, strangers in the neighborhood, gamblers, robbery, property value going down, and traffic congestion. Ms. Cook mentioned our police would have additional work. Ms. Cook asked the board to truly consider the pros and cons of having a casino. Ms. Cook appealed to the Trustees by indicating that they were voted into office to be the voice of the constituents of Lynwood.

Ordinances and Resolutions.....Sims

Trustee Sims moved, seconded by Trustee Stephens to approve **Resolution # 19-27**, a Resolution in support of a casino operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation in the Village of Lynwood, Illinois.

POINT OF DISCUSSION: Trustee Curry posed the question; Was there a commitment from Ho Chunk Nation to continue with the other phases of the project if this resolution fails or if you do not receive a license from the state to operate a casino?

Mike mentioned that from the presentation, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th phases were contingent upon the granting of the license. Mike indicated that if there were no licenses granted than he is assuming (not speaking for the Ho-Chunk Nation) those phases would not be completed. He mentioned the Ho Chunk Nation indicated the commitment to the temporary phase staying no matter what happens with the vote.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims

Nays: Curry Absent: Lebeter Motion: carried

Mayor

Mayor Williams mentioned he feels the obligation to say a couple things. There is no guarantee that the village will get this casino. Mayor Williams mentioned this is all about economic development of the Southland Region. not only for Lynwood, but for the neighboring towns as well. This initiative would be helping, our neighbor Ford Heights bring ski slopes into the region. Mayor Williams mentioned this will be continuing with the sports activities we have all up and down Stony Island that the Ho Chunk Nation is already doing. He stated the idea is to make it all about families. Mayor Williams mentioned the Sport Center and the investment they have already made into Lynwood. Mayor Williams mentioned the casino and the development of the areas around the casino would be good for the Southland. Mayor Williams mentioned the residents need to stay involved so the negatives that were brought up can be addressed and handled.

Adjournment

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Stephens moved, seconded by Trustee Sims.

All Trustees present voted Aye:

Nays: None Absent: Lebeter Motion: carried

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk

