

MINUTES
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Oct. 8th, 2019
6:00 P.M.

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, Lebeter

Absent: none

Attorney Mike Marovich indicated that today was going to be a presentation by Ho Chunk Nation. He indicated it would not be a question and answer session. He did indicate that the Board acknowledged if anyone wanted to make a comment, it can be done under the Public Comment Section.

Presentation

There was a presentation from Southland Ho Chunk Entertainment Nation, proposing a casino. (see attached presentation)

ADDRESS THE BOARD/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ms. Gladys Kendrick presented a concern of hers regarding Kickert Bus Company and how their parking issues lessen the value of the community.

Resident Randall Blakey presented several posters from previous years when the Ho Chunk Nation attempted in the past to be approved for a Casino. Mr. Blakey stated that he is a strong opponent of casino gambling and particularly in Lynwood.

Resident Clorissa Keys stated that she has a problem she receives a water bill every month, she wanted to know why every resident in Lynwood has not received a notice about this meeting or about this proposed Casino coming to the community.

Resident David Lilly, stated he has not been invited to a public hearing, a meeting, nothing to find out whether or not the residents of Lynwood wants a casino in our community. The issue is whether or not they even cared to concern themselves of what the community wanted. He stated he is against the casino in his community.

Resident Karen Shaffer, mentioned that recycling is going to continue in Lynwood. Ms. Shaffer mentioned that we need communication/ education going out to the residents in the community.

Frank Roski, stated that he is the CEO, that took over the Management for the Ho Chunk Facility. He stated that he has worked with the Mayor and the Ho Chunk Nation, and the Ho Chunk Nation has in the past have done a wonderful job in fixing the place up. He stated that the Ho Chunk Nation would do a job if the community wanted in.

Minutes of Sept. 24th 2019

Trustee Stephens moved, seconded by Trustee Lebeter to approve the Minutes for Sept. 24th 2019 as presented.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Nays: none Absent: none Motion: carried.

Public Works..... Stephens

Trustee Stephens had no report.

Economic Development..... Curry

Trustee Curry had no report

Community Affairs / Parks & Recreation.....Dunlap

Trustee Dunlap had no report

Planning & Zoning.....Stephens

Trustee Stephens had no report

Ordinances and Resolutions.....Sims

Trustee Sims had no report.

Finance..... Dillingham

Trustee Dillingham moved, seconded by Trustee Sims to approve **BPM #1377** for a total disbursement of \$238,550.02 of which \$123,481.13 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Lebeter

Nays: none Absent: none Motion: carried.

Public Safety.....Lebeter

Trustee Lebeter reported that Sat. Oct. 12th is Fire Prevention Open House from 10 a.m. – 1p.m. at the Fire Station.

Reports & Communications

Village Clerk

Village Clerk, Wingfield-Bond reported that the date for planting is Thurs. Oct 17th. from 9am-1pm. She indicated that we are currently looking for volunteers.

Clerk Wingfield-Bond also indicated that we are planning a Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trimming/Decoration Event on Nov. 24th Bus will depart from Village Hall @ 11:00 am. It will be \$5.00 and bring your decorations. A light lunch will be served.

Village Attorney

Attorney Marovich reported that he was proud he is sitting here as the Village Attorney and to witness this community work presentation although controversial did not get out of control.

Village Engineer

Was not in attendance, nothing was reported on his behalf.

Mayor

Mayor Williams mentioned that we are having a special board meeting next Tues. to vote on this project. The Mayor mentioned that he is very much in supportive of this project. The Mayor mentioned that this is the best thing that could happen not only to us but for our neighbors especially Ford Heights. He indicated that the best thing for Ford Heights is that we build up around the region and include them in it. The mayor mentioned that we are already a destination point here in Lynwood. The mayor mentioned that the Southland Sports Center brings in tens of thousands of people every year. Mayor Williams mentioned that we would turn this area into a Casino Development District with strict requirements making this a family entertainment district, including Ford Heights, Glenwood and Sauk Village. Ford Heights would have to improve, since we would need to improve their streets down Rt. 30 to I57. Mayor Williams mentioned that our legislators could help make this happen. Mayor Williams also mentioned that this project is not a given, there is no guarantee, there is competition. Homewood/East Hazel Crest, Chicago Heights may have submitted an application, Calumet City, Matteson, Country Club Hills, Crestwood communities are all competing for the same project. Mayor stated that he thinks we should go all out and try to get it. Mayor stated that we need to be proactive and get ahead of the problems that we can perceive.

After the Mayor gave his report, questions from the Board and from the floor were entertained.

Trustee Curry asked for clarification about the meeting for next week, she asked if this was in lieu of the Committee of the Whole. Mayor Williams mentioned that we will adjust it or do it after or before even. Mayor Williams stated that he will have to figure out the details on that one. Trustee Curry asked is there was a reason why we are doing a special board meeting opposed to waiting until the following week. The Mayor responded so we can get an answer, pass this with a yes, or no.

Ms. Lilly mentioned that she needs the village to do a better job of communicating with the residents of the village. Ms. Lilly asked how the Mayor proposed to get the word out about this Special Meeting. The Mayor's response was he did not know yet. Attorney Marovich mentioned that this will be posted on the website. Ms. Lilly stated that everyone does not focus in on the website. Ms. Lilly stated

Mr. Lilly stated that we have approx. 10,000 residents in this community with approximately 400 residents voting the Village President into office. He asked how many will show up pro or con concerning this issue.

Ms. Keys stated that it is not fair that everyone in the community does not know about this special meeting to be held next Tues. Ms. Keys mentioned that the Mayor needs to ensure that every household needs to be aware that this Special Meeting is happening.

Ms. Adams mentioned that she has been attending village board meetings for 5 to 6 months. She mentioned that we are behind and owe about 3 million dollars, and if the Mayor thinks this will be the answer, as stated, we need to find another way.

Ms. Shaffer mentioned that the village needs to do a better job of communication as we have failed to do with the recycling message. She asked how can the Mayor expect to have a meeting in one week and get the word out to an entire community about the casino.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

