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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais (via Zoom), Vandenberg and President Sweet McDonnell. Absent; Trustee Horcher.

Also present were Barrington High School students Jackson Cavaliero and Luke Brieriey, Petitioners Siobhan Barrett and Kyle Reiss, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Village Treasurer Mike Sands (via Zoom), Village Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackson Cavaliero and Luke Brieriey.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- A. October Treasure's Report for FYE 2024.

Village Treasurer Mike Sands reported the Village is halfway through the fiscal year. Income interest is considerably higher. The building department spending is up a bit but typically slows down in the winter. The Parks and Recreation Commission spending is under budget. It was noted that the Village Hall was recently painted with funds budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund. The total Capital Expenditures to date are \$153,359 of \$876,950 budgeted.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the October Treasurer's Report for FYE 2024. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

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Action Items

- A. **Motion** to Pass an Ordinance Approving a Variation of The Square Footage and Height Requirements for an Accessory Vehicular Storage Structure for the Property Located at 130 Arrowhead Lane, North Barrington, Illinois.

Village Administrator John Lobaito explained to the Board that the current Village Zoning Code allows for a maximum building height of (15'), with a maximum area of seven hundred fifty (750) square feet for an Accessory Vehicular Storage Structure. The petitioner is requesting a zoning variation to construct an Accessory Vehicular Storage Structure with a building height of 17 feet-9 ¾ inches with a maximum area measuring 1,600 square feet.

The petitioners appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 12, 2023. There were some concerns voiced about the size of the proposed structure. Some changes were made, the petitioner resubmitted their request and on October 10, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that Board of Trustees approve the variance requested for an accessory vehicular storage structure with a building height of 17 feet-9 ¾ inches with a maximum area measuring 1,600 square feet.

The Board asked for clarification of the building and roof materials, driveway materials and confirmation that the site was not being used to conduct any type of business. The Petitioner stated the proposed structure would be minimally visible from the road and adjoining properties.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Approve a Variation of The Square Footage and Height Requirements for an Accessory Vehicular Structure for the Property Located at 130 Arrowhead Lane, North Barrington, Illinois. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

- B. **Motion** to Adopt a Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court Improvement Project.

Village Administrator Lobaito explained to the Board the necessity for a storm water infrastructure repair at Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court. In the summer of 2022, a sinkhole was discovered at the edge of the pavement at Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court. The Village authorized the low-cost proposal by Neri Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$55,270.10. The work was completed the week of November 6th, 2023.

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Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Adopt a Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court Improvement Project. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

C. **Motion** to Adopt a Resolution Setting the Compensation for the Office of Village Treasurer.

Motion by Trustee Morrow and seconded by Trustee Kerrigan to Adopt a Resolution Setting Compensation for the Office of Village Treasurer. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

President Sweet McDonnell thanked Mr. Sands for his service to the Village of North Barrington.

D. **Motion** to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Publicly Post the 2023 Estimated Property Tax Levy.

Village Administrator John Lobaito stated to the Board that Illinois State Statute requires that the public body adopt a Resolution estimating the tax levy not less than twenty (20) days prior to the Board's approval of the tax levy Ordinance. The Board will consider the Tax Levy Ordinance at its December 20, 2023 meeting.

The 2022 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for the Village was \$256,232,208. The projected EAV for 2023, based on the Lake County Assessment Office Estimated EAV Report is \$281,594,082. This figure includes \$1,019,465 in EAV growth from new construction.

North Barrington's tax extension for 2022 was \$711,405. Pursuant to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) the 2023 tax extension is limited (capped) to the lesser of 105% of the 2022 extension or the rate of inflation. For the 2023 tax levy, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be used in computing the 2023 extension under the PTELL is 5%. The actual CPI is 6.5%, but this is higher than the cap of 5%, therefore the Village can levy taxes up to 5%, but not more without a Truth in Taxation public hearing. The maximum levy proposal being presented for consideration will not exceed 4.99%.

The Board was presented with three (3) options to consider for the tax levy:

Option A: Keep the tax extension the same as the 2022 tax year of \$711,405. This will decrease the rate slightly due to the higher EAV compared to last year's EAV.

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Option B: Raise the levy to only include new property growth of \$1,019,465 which will generate \$2,576 in additional property taxes. This will result in a levy increase to \$713,981.

Option C: Raise the levy to include the new property growth of \$1,019,465 and the 4.99% CPI. This will result in the levy increase to \$746,931 or an increase of \$35,526 over the 2022 levy extension.

There was extensive discussion about the options. Treasurer Sands commented that property tax is one of the top three revenue generators for the Village, and the funds are restricted as far as use. Trustee Pais noted that increased taxing does not mean increased spending.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Pais to Authorize the Village Administrator to Publicly Post the 2023 Estimated Property Tax Levy of \$746,931 (Option C). On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Unpaid Warrant List

A. Approve the October 2023 Unpaid Warrant List.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Morrow to approve the October 2023 Unpaid Warrant List. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Checks Written Report

A. Approve Payments from October 18, 2023, to November 14, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve payments from October 18, 2023, to November 14, 2023. On roll call Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village Administrator's Report

Administrator Lobaito reported the draft of the FYE 2023 audit is complete and will be presented to the Board at the January 2024 meeting.

Administrator Lobaito wished the Board a Happy Thanksgiving.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Horcher – Trustee Horcher was absent and there was no report.

Trustee Kelleher – Trustee Kelleher had no report.

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Trustee Kerrigan-Trustee Kerrigan reported the numbers for routine police patrol service calls, traffic stops, accidents, speeding, and a variety of other safety issues in the Village. A radar trailer has been installed on Signal Hill Road to monitor vehicular speeding. Increased Lake County Sheriff patrols is a possibility if the radar study shows an excessive amount of speeding. Trustee Kerrigan reported there was a fire at a residence in North Barrington, however, there were no injuries.

Trustee Morrow – Trustee Morrow had no report.

Trustee Pais – Trustee Pais reported there was a stormwater repair by Elia Township to the swale in the right-of-way on Carriage Road. A new pipe and two storm outlets were installed at a cost of approximately \$13,000. It is a budgeted item in the Capital Projects Fund for this year.

Trustee Pais reported there was a new storm pipe installed at Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court. The swale adjacent to both streets was redone to promote better stormwater flow. A new manhole was installed to collect water from both storm water pipes. FYE 2024 CIP includes \$100,000 for unplanned storm water projects like this.

Trustee Pais reported that 95% of the topographical data has been collected for the Grassmere/Haverton/Oakbury regional stormwater project. The Village Engineer/Village Attorney/Village Administrator are working on the approximately 25 permanent and temporary easements from private landowners that will need to be secured.

Trustee Pais reported the Village will be inspecting streets to be included in the 2024 Street Program. Once the list is developed, it will be shared with the Board.

President Sweet McDonnell urged the Board to report any road conditions that they feel should be addressed by the Village.

Trustee Vandenberg – Trustee Vandenberg reported the Environmental and Health Commission met November 7, 2023, to discuss the 2023 Tree of the Year nominations. The Village Tree Cost Share Program had a substantial resident participation in 2023. The Village used \$3,000 of their \$8,000 budget for the program.

Village President's Report

President Sweet McDonnell reported this is the second full month that the Village of North Barrington has not had the representation of the Lake Zurich Rural Fire Department. She is concerned about the lack of a dedicated representative.

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President Sweet McDonnell reported that the Mayor of Highland Park has initiated a statement that includes 34 Lake County communities. The statement reads United Against Hate, Cities and Villages Collaborate to Protect Our Communities in Times of Strife. The Village of North Barrington will adopt this principle.

President Sweet McDonnell complimented the paint job completed in the Village Hall.

President Sweet McDonnell reported that Trustee Horcher and Trustee Pais will participate in the judging of the holiday decorations in Wynstone this year.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

New Business

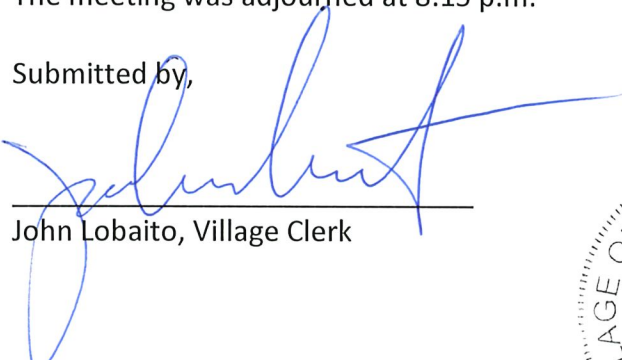
There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Kerrigan to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Trustees Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

