PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Also present were Barrington High School student Sophia Jedlawska, David Maude of Mac's Property Management Services, Daniel Huber of Alan Horticulture, LLC, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Christine Bolger, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Village Treasurer Mike Sands (via Zoom), Village Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Plan Commission Chairperson Gery Herrmann entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sophia Jedlawska.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A. Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023, as amended. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenbergh voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

A. September Treasure's Report for FYE 2024.

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

Village Treasurer Mike Sands reported there was increased revenue from the State of Illinois Motor Fuel Tax. Village President Sweet McDonnell noted that MFT funds are restricted to maintenance of Village roads. There were additional expenses related to the Village Hall building maintenance. There were additional expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund for the Grassmere, Haverton, Duck Pond project as well as the 50/50 Village culvert replacement program. There were additional expenses for

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the 50/50 Tree Planting Cost Share program as well. It was noted the resident participation trended higher in 2023.

President Sweet McDonnell inquired how much money has been spent to date on the Grassmere, Haverton, Duck Pond Project. \$74,000 has been spent to date.

Action Items

A. **Motion** to adopt a Resolution to Appoint Christine Bolger as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Village President Sweet McDonnell thanked Ms. Bolger for her service to the Village of North Barrington. Trustee Horcher concurred.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kerrigan to appoint Christine Bolger as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenbergh voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

B. **Motion** to Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Assignment of Contractual Rights and Obligations from Mac's Property Management Services to Alan Horticulture, LLC for Snow Plowing Services.

Mac's Property Management Services ("Mac's") has sold the business to Alan Horticulture, LLC. As part of the transaction, David Maude has entered into an agreement with Alan Horticulture to stay on as an employee for the next 5 years. The level of service is expected to remain the same. There is one year left on the Agreement between the Village of North Barrington and Mac's. The 2023-2024 winter season is the last year. The Village will evaluation its options after the contract expires.

David Maude from Mac's Property Management Services and Dan Huber from Alan Horticulture, LLC explained to the Board their fleet of trucks and salt supply will be in McHenry. The goal is to maintain a satellite location closer to the Village for salt storage.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Approve the Assignment of Contractual Rights and Obligations from Mac's Property Management Services to Alan Horticulture, LLC for Snow Plowing Services. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenbergh voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

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C. **Motion** to Authorize the Village Administrator to sign the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Agency contract in an amount not to exceed \$14, 202.09 for the 2024 general liability insurance premium.

The Village purchases its liability, worker compensation, and property insurance from IMLRMA. The term of the policy is one year from January 1, 1024, through December 31, 2024. The annual premium for 2024 is \$14, 202.09. This represents a 0% increase over the 2023 premium. Village Administrator Lobaito stated the Village IML Membership is included in this cost. It was noted the Village saves money by not owning motor vehicles. President Sweet McDonnell stated the Village has an excellent relationship with IMLRMA.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Authorize the Village Administrator to sign the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Agency contract in an amount not to exceed \$14, 202.09 for the 2024 general liability insurance premium. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenbergh voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Unpaid Warrant List

A. Approve the September 2023 Unpaid Warrant List.

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

Checks Written Report

A. Approve Payments from September 20, 2023, to October 17, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kerrigan to approve payments from September 20, 2023, to October 17, 2023. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenbergh voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village Administrator's Report

The Village has contracted with MC Squared for a two-year contract from January 2024-December 2025. Village Administrator John Lobaito distributed an electrical aggregation-quick facts outline in anticipation of resident's questions about the validity of the program. He explained the residents can opt out of the program at any time. For most residents, no action is needed to opt into the program. Residents that participate will have a fixed energy rate with 50% green energy. It was noted that energy rates were considerably lower three years ago when the current contract went into effect. The Commonwealth Edison only delivers brown energy. There was discussion about the program details,

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sources of energy, and the importance of explaining the program to the residents. The Village will be sending out a mailer to the residents in November explaining the Village Electrical Aggregate Program with MC Squared. More than 50% of Village residents participated in the electrical aggregate program in the past year. Mr. Lobaito stated that Commonwealth Edison has filed plans with ICC that will improve the system security, reliability, and resilience in the electrical grid. This will also come with a rate increase for delivery of electricity.

Administrator Lobaito stated that a contractor has been hired to paint the interior of the Village Hall and that funds were budgeted in the Capital Fund.

Administrator Lobaito explained a major storm water infrastructure repair at Honey Lake Road and Blanche Court. The original scope of work and cost has increased considerably. The project is necessary as the storm water pipes under the pavement have deteriorated.

Administrator Lobaito reported that the tax levy discussions will be held at the Board of Trustees Meeting November 15, 2023.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Horcher – Trustee Horcher reported the Zoning Board of Appeals continued a Public Hearing for the variation request for 130 Arrowhead Lane in North Barrington. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended to the Board of Trustees approval of the variation request for an Accessory Storage Structure at 130 Arrowhead Lane.

Trustee Kelleher – Trustee Kelleher reported the Fall Festival held October 1, 2023, was a huge success. Some additional vendors may be added to the 2024 Fall Festival scheduled for October 6, 2024. President Sweet McDonnell added that more volunteers were needed. She stated there were some attendees that were not Village of North Barrington residents. There was a discussion about parking logistics, and the fact that Eton Park is a small neighborhood park.

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 requested for Signal Hill Road due to complaints about speeding vehicles. President Sweet McDonnell stated to the Board that she will be making a trip soon to Springfield, Illinois to meet with IDOT about the possibility of installing another turn lane at Hwy. 59 and Hwy. 22 to cut down on the cut through traffic currently travelling through the Oaksbury Subdivision and Biltmore Subdivision. It was noted that the Village does not have its own police department and is dependent on the Lake County Sheriff.

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Trustee Kerrigan reported the new and reserviced dry hydrant in Honey Lake on Signal Hill Road was tested and functioning properly. Trustee Kerrigan also reported that Mr. Jack Mumaw was not reappointed to the Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District. President Sweet McDonnell is pursuing this issue with Lake County.

Trustee Morrow – Trustee Morrow had no report.

Trustee Pais - Trustee Pais had no report.

Trustee Vandenbergh – Trustee Vandenbergh reported the Environmental and Health Commission visited the LRS Recycling Facility in Northbrook for October 17, 2023. Trustee Vandenbergh will be attending his first SWALCO Meeting on October 19, 2023. President Sweet McDonnell reported how informative the LRS recycling processing visit was. She will send an email blast out recounting her visit.

Village President's Report

President Sweet McDonnell reported the Fall Festival was a huge success. She asked the Board to assist with volunteering ideas for next year.

President Sweet McDonnell reported she attended the IML Conference in Springfield, Illinois. Various officials from Springfield were present, and there are some budget concerns expressed for next year. She stated it was a good session which brought forth some ideas.

President Sweet McDonnell shared a letter from Virginia Johnson sent to the Lake County Board expressing her concern and disappointment about the dismissal of two former Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District trustees.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by

John Lobaito, Village Clerk