**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, Weiner and President Sweet McDonnell.

Also present were Village Treasurer Chris Michaud, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Becky Thompson, Nania Energy Advisors and George Roach, George Roach & Associates.

President Sweet McDonnell explained that in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order

#2020-07, in person attendance requirements under the Open Meetings Act have been suspended and relaxed.

President Sweet McDonnell determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 disaster, therefore, the meeting included audio and/or video conference. The Village followed social distance requirements for all meeting attendees and allowed remote attendance via Zoom.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Lake County Sheriff.

**Public Comment**

President Sweet McDonnell read an email submitted for public comment by Village resident Doug Ramsdale sent on 9/16/2020. The statement commented on the Village’s operating expenses with regard to Village staff and attorney fees.

Resident Chris Michaud addressed the Board to comment on Section 7.A. through 7.C. on the evening’s agenda regarding the electrical aggregation. Mr. Michaud recommended that the Board consider the environmental impact when selecting an electrical supplier.

Nicholas Ludlow, 483 E. Oxford Road, addressed the Board and thanked them for placing his request on the agenda to vacate and convey certain portions of unimproved rights of way near his property.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Village Treasurer Michaud explained that the Board was only provided Page (1) of the Treasurer’s Report for the 3rd month of Fiscal Year 20/21. He noted that he would resend the report in its entirety and subsequently provided a brief overview of the report.

There were a few questions from Trustee Kalinowski addressed by Treasurer Michaud.

**Consent Agenda**

Item 6.(A) was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Trustee Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Andrew to approve 6.(B) and 6.(C) on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

President Sweet McDonnell read into the record Items 6.(B) Treasurer’s Report for the 4th month of Fiscal Year 20/21 and 6.(C) Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution week in the Village of North Barrington.

Motion by Trustee Sauer and seconded by Trustee Kalinowski to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record consisting of Items 6.(B) and 6.(C). On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Village Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Andrew to approve Item A. Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Village Board Meeting as amended by striking the language “was made by 2023” on Page 7, under Old Business, third line of paragraph. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Action Items**

**Presentation – Electrical Aggregation, Nania Energy Advisors**

President Sweet McDonnell noted that Nania Energy Advisors provided updated rates prior to the Board.

Becky Thompson, Senior Energy Advisor, Nania Energy Advisors addressed the Board to discuss the Electrical Aggregation Program for the Village. The Village’s existing contract with Dynegy expires 11/2020. She recommended that the Village consider AEP Energy as its electrical supplier for the Village’s future aggregation program. The contract would be for three years (11/2020 – 11/2023). AEP Energy offered a rate of $0.06818 cents per kilowatt-hour. Residents would receive an approximate savings of $44/year and may opt-out of the program at any time without being charged a fee.

There was discussion among the Board about coal generated pricing vs. green pricing (wind/solar renewable energy). Ms. Thompson noted that renewable energy alternatives were not provided.

There was lengthy discussion among the Board about continuing to research alternative options including 100% green and mixed generation sources.

It was noted that Ms. Thompson would work with Village Administrator John Lobaito moving forward.

**Resolution No. 2020-R\_\_, authorizing execution of a professional services contact with Nania Energy Advisors for services related to electrical aggregation**

Motion by Trustee Sauer and seconded by Trustee Andrew to table Resolution No. 2020-R \_\_, authorizing execution of a professional services contact with Nania Energy Advisors for services related to electrical aggregation. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 2020-R \_, authorizing Nania Energy Advisors to solicit bids from electrical suppliers and authorize the Village administrator to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period up to 36 months.**

Motion by Trustee Rogus and seconded by Trustee Sauer to table Resolution No. 2020-R\_\_ , authorizing Nania Energy Advisors to solicit bids from electrical suppliers and authorize the Village Administrator to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider for a period up to 36 months. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 2020-10, approving a professional service proposal with George Roach & Associates for accounting and bookkeeping services**

George Roach, George Roach & Associates (GRA) addressed the Board via Zoom and provided a brief overview of the company’s accounting services and municipal experience. President Sweet McDonnell stated that GRA was one of the accounting firms that responded to the Village’s Request for Proposal for auditing services.

There were a few questions from the Board addressed by Mr. Roach and President Sweet McDonnell.

Motion by Trustee Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Andrew to approve a Resolution No. 2020-10. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 2020-11, approving a professional services agreement between with John A. Lobaito for management services.**

There was discussion among the Board about the terms of the agreement.

Motion by Trustee Andrew and seconded by Trustee Kalinowski to approve Resolution No. 2020-11. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Vacation and sale of public ROW adjacent to 483 E. Oxford Rd. and 0 Honey Ln. Motion to direct the Village Attorney and Village Administrator to pursue negotiations for the possible** **vacation of certain portions of public rights-of-way with adjoining property owners of 483 E. Oxford Rd. and 0 Honey Ln.**

President Sweet McDonnell stated that the purpose of the agenda item was to discuss whether or not the Board should move forward with the vacation and sale of Village owned property.

President McDonnell explained that:

* The Board previously considered vacating/selling the property prior to her taking office.
* There should be mutual consideration should the Board proceed with the vacation/sale.
* Upon review of Exhibit “C”, she realized that the property Mr. Ludlow is interested in is contiguous with Leonard Park.
* The Village’s Comprehensive Plan references the maintenance of walking trails on Shady Lane/ East Oxford hiking trail in Leonard Park.

Village Attorney Winter explained that Board would not be considering the issue but instead authorizing individuals such as the Village Attorney and Village Administrator to move forward in discussions with the owner.

Trustee Andrew suggested members of the Board physically walk the property to understand the features and topography of the property. She was of the opinion that the Village move forward with discussions.

Trustee Kalinowski stated that there are three access points to the Village’s unimproved roadways should the Village consider turning them into a walkway; suggested having a survey completed for Leonard Park to verify property lines; and stated that the owner at 239 Shady Lane may be using unimproved roadway as a driveway and questioned whether there is a covenant.

Trustee Kalinowski was of the opinion that the Village move forward with discussions.

Trustee Rogus was of the opinion that there was sufficient information to move forward with discussions.

Trustee Weiner was of the opinion that the wetlands should be protected. The Village has already incurred a considerable amount of expenses in regard to discussions and resolutions. The owner should be responsible for all of the costs incurred for the vacation/sale of the property including an appraisal, survey, recording costs, and title policy among other fees. He is of the opinion that there is no consideration on behalf of the Village for the vacation/sale of the Village property.

Trustee Sauer requested clarification about the portions of land requested for vacation/sale. She noted that a portion of the property may be designated as environmentally protected area and should be researched.

There was discussion among the Board about the Board’s previous intentions.

Nick Ludlow, 483 E. Oxford Road, addressed the Board indicating his desire tovacate and convey certain portions of unimproved road rights of way adjacent to his two properties at 483 E. Oxford Rd. and 0 Honey Lane in order make his property contiguous. He noted that he is willing to work with the Village and provide any additional information, if needed.

Village Attorney Winter clarified that the Village will need to consider outstanding Village fees and costs associated with the issue.

Motion by Trustee Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Andrew to direct the Village Attorney and Village Administrator to pursue negotiations for the possible vacation of certain portions of public rights-of-way with adjoining property owners of 483 E. Oxford Rd. and 0 Honey Ln. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, and Sauer voted Aye. Trustee Weiner voted Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Andrew to take a two-minute break. The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

The Board reconvened at 9:27 p.m. with all members of the Board present.

The Board questioned how items are to be placed on the Board agenda. Attorney Winter explained the procedure.

**September 16, 2020 Scheduled Vouchers**

Motion by Trustee Sauer and seconded by Trustee Weiner to approve the September 16, 2020 Scheduled Vouchers.

Trustee Andrew inquired about the Village President’s cell phone bill(s) which was addressed by President Sweet McDonnell.

On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**September 2020 Manual Vouchers**

Motion by Trustee Sauer and seconded by Trustee Andrew to approve the September 2020 Manual Vouchers.

Trustee Kalinowski noted her concerns about funds owed to the former Village Administrator Shannon Andrews regarding her final compensation. She was of the opinion that the Village should honor its employment agreement with Ms. Andrews.

President Sweet McDonnell reviewed Ms. Andrew’s final compensation package and referenced Ms. Andrew’s resignation letter declining her retirement fund compensation.

Village Attorney Winter explained that an employee has a right to decline compensation funds.

Trustee Kalinowski requested that the Village provide Ms. Andrews with a final letter upon issuance of the final compensation funds.

On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**Village Administrator’s Report**

The Village Administrator was absent.

**Board of Trustee’s Reports**

**Trustee Jackie Andrew** – Trustee Andrew reported that the Parks Commission and Environmental & Health Commission did not meet.

**Trustee Patricia Kalinowski** – Trustee Kalinowski reported that she attended a SWALCO meeting via Zoom and commented on SWALCO’s activities. She requested that Prairieland’s senior citizen discount and tote exchange be posted in the Village newsletter and on Facebook. She requested extra patrol by the Lake County Sheriff as political signs are being vandalized. She commended residents on the west side of Arrowhead Lane for clearing buckthorn on their street.

**Trustee Greg Rogus** – Trustee Rogus reported that the Plan Commission did not meet.

**Trustee Janice Sauer** – Trustee Sauer reported that the Village may wish to consider initiating discussions with Village engineers should the Board anticipate a road program in 2021. She noted the best time to go to bid is in the Spring.

President Sweet McDonnell requested that Trustee Sauer call her in two weeks to begin discussions with the Village Administrator.

**Trustee Lawrence Weiner** – Trustee Weiner had no report.

**Village President’s Report**

President Sweet McDonnell stated that:

* North Barrington Elementary School will remain a voting site for the Village of North Barrington.
* She will be working with the Village Administrator on sending out a Fall newsletter.
* Fall Festival will be cancelled this year due to COVID-19.
* Encouraged residents to complete the 2020 Census. Approximately 79.7% of North Barrington residents have completed the survey.
* Three Village Trustee seats for a full term (4 years) will be up for April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. Petition forms will be available September 22, 2020.

**Appoint** **Martin Pais to the Board of Trustees for a term expiring April 30, 2021**

President Sweet McDonnell explained that Mr. Pais comes with 19 years of municipal experience with the Village of North Barrington.

Motion by Trustee Sauer and seconded by Trustee Rogus to appoint Martin Pais to the Board of Trustees for a term expiring April 30, 2021. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Village Attorney Winter swore in Martin Pais and the Oath of Office was signed.

**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 Kalinowski and seconded by Trustee Weiner to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote Trustees Andrew, Kalinowski, Rogus, Sauer, and Weiner voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk