

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, Weiner, and President Sweet McDonnell.

Also present was Mr. Gerald Celano, North Barrington, IL; Mr. Anoosh Varda, Lake Barrington, IL; Mr. Anoosh Varda, Jr. of North Barrington; the grower employed by the Varda family; Darrel and Kay Phillips, North Barrington, IL; Kim Ritschel from the Plan Commission; Mr. Mark Van Donselaar of Churchill, Quinn, Hamilton & Van Donselaar, Ltd., Grayslake, IL; Environmental and Health Commission Chairperson Linda Aylward; Lauren Preisen from the Environmental and Health Commission; Kourtney Sellers from the Environmental and Health Commission; Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Mike Sands, Village Administrator John Lobaito, Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gerald Celano.

Public Comment

Village resident Mike Sands thanked Trustee Greg Rogus and Trustee Lawre Weiner for their service to the Village of North Barrington.

Mr. Gerald Celano addressed the Board to state he was against the proposed text amendment to Chapter 10 of the Village Code. Mr. Celano opposes the operation of a business in a residential neighborhood and feels it does not fit in with the character of the area.

Mr. Anoosh Varda addressed the Board to state he feels the text amendment to Chapter 10 of the Village Code would be beneficial to the area as it would allow growing of fresh produce during the winter season. It allows people to make business use of their property in R-1 zoning.

Mr. Mark Van Donselaar of Churchill, Quinn, Hamilton, and Van Donselaar, Ltd., addressed the Board and stated the issue of this text amendment is not about farming but whether the Village of North Barrington would like a business operation in a R-1 property in the community. He stated farming is a 24/7 business 365 days a year, which generates business traffic and activity on a residential property.

Mr. Annosh Varda addressed the Board and stated there are horses on many properties in the area. He stated horses are also 24/7 maintenance, and a 7-11 store is not being proposed. Village Attorney Bryan Winter stated that retail sales will not be permitted.

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Minutes

There were no Minutes to approve.

Treasurer's Report

- A. Approve the March Treasurer's Report FYE 2023.

Village Treasurer Mike Sands stated that April 2023 is the last month of the fiscal year ending 2023. The percentages shown on the report will not be the same in FYE 2024 due to the ending of American Rescue Plan Act funds and Rebuild Illinois funds.

Motion by Trustee Weiner and seconded by Trustee Horcher to approve the March Treasurer's Report FYE 2023. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, and Weiner voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Action Items

- A. Presentation: Recognition of the Tree of the Year recipients Darrel and Kay Phillips.

Environmental and Health Commission Chairperson Linda Aylward with Commission Members Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers presented the Tree of the Year Award plaque and Tree of the Year yard sign to Darrel and Kay Phillips of 208 Biltmore Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips thanked the Commission.

- B. Arbor Day Proclamation

President Sweet McDonnell announced the Arbor Day Eton Park Cleanup Event being held April 22, 2023, at Eton Park. Saplings and cookies will be handed out.

President Sweet McDonnell read the Mayoral Proclamation of Arbor Day in the Village of North Barrington.

- C. Pass an Ordinance of the Village of North Barrington, Illinois, Adopting A Budget for Fiscal Year End 2024, and Authorizing the Drafting of An Appropriation Ordinance.

Trustee Rogus asked for confirmation that the budget numbers being voted on this evening are the same as discussed in the March 22, 2023, Budget Meeting. Village Administrator Lobaito affirmed they were.

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Village Administrator John Lobaito reviewed the highlights of the FYE 2024 budget:

- The proposed FYE 2024 Operating Budget of \$1,315,306 is presented as a balanced budget.
- A budget surplus of approximately \$297,000 is anticipated.
- Budgeted expenditures are down \$41, 726 due to reduced costs in police services.
- The proposed budget reflects a \$200,000 transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.
- Capital Projects Funds expenditures planned to be \$985,950 for facilities, Stormwater Infrastructure, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and Information Technology projects and updates.
- Motor Fuel Tax Fund expenditures budgets at \$30,000 for design engineering for 2024 street maintenance program.
- The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan will reflect a 5-year expenditure of \$5.6 million for maintaining and/or replacing Village assets.

Projected revenue is expected to be lower compared to FYE 2023. Lower expected revenues are namely due to the loss of revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Motor Fuel Tax revenues are expected to be down compared to FYE 2023 by an estimated \$36,000 due to the elimination of the Rebuild Illinois program.

Expenditures in FYE 2024 are down mainly due to the reduction in the police services contract.

The notable project this year is the Haverton/Grassmere/Oaksbury stormwater improvement project. When completed this project will reduce the flooding frequency that occurs in these three areas and Illinois State Route 59. Most of this year will be spent on engineering design, coordination with participating agencies, and permitting. Construction is expected in 2024/2025.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais to Adopt a Budget for Fiscal Year End 2024 and Authorizing the Drafting of An Appropriation Ordinance. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, and Weiner voted AYE. No Nays. Motion Carried.

- D. Pass an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code to Add Indoor Farm Horticulture Operations as Special Use Within the R-1 Zoning District.

Village Administrator John Lobaito addressed the Board with a history of the property at 25815 W. Scott Road (Varda residence) in North Barrington, Illinois. He summarized the draft zoning text amendment Ordinance. If this text amendment is approved, the next step for the owners of 25815 W. Scott Road (Varda) would be to bring forward to the Village Board a request for a Special Use, which would contain other conditions in addition to the regulations in the proposed text amendment.

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Mr. Lobaito pointed out the two revisions to the Ordinance were made after the Public Hearing held by the Plan Commission last year.

Village Attorney Bryan Winter stated only permanent structures are allowed in the Ordinance. He also stated that there are a limited number of R-1 zoned properties in the Village.

There was a discussion. President Sweet McDonnell stated that tonight's vote is only for a text amendment. Future requests for a special use permit to conduct indoor horticultural operations is not guaranteed. Compliance factors were reviewed regarding permitted/ special uses, and Bryan Winter stated that specifics of a special use permit would be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Rogus to pass an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code to Add Indoor Farm Horticulture Operations as a Special Use Within the R-1 Zoning District. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, and Weiner voted AYE. Trustee Kelleher voted NAY. Motion Carried.

Unpaid Warrant List

- A. Motion to Approve the March 2023 Unpaid Warrant List.

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Weiner to approve the March Treasure's Report FYE 2023. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, and Weiner voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Checks Written Report

- A. Motion to ratify payments from March 15, 2023, to April 11, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Rogus and seconded by Trustee Horcher to approve the March Treasure's Report FYE 2023. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, Pais, Rogus, and Weiner voted AYE. No NAYS Motion Carried.

Village Administrators Report

Village Administrator Lobaito thanked Trustee Rogus and Trustee Weiner for their honorable service to the Village of North Barrington.

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Village Attorney Bryan Winter also thanked the retiring Trustees as well as the entire Board for their service to the community.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Horcher – Trustee Horcher reported that the Plan Commission did not meet in March. He thanked Trustee Rogus and Trustee Weiner for their service to the Village.

Trustee Kelleher – Trustee Kelleher reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be presenting their 5-year park plan at the June Board of Trustees Meeting. They are finalizing details for Summer Concerts and the Fall Festival.

Trustee Kerrigan-Trustee Kerrigan had no report aside from the earlier stormwater and road maintenance discussions. She thanked Trustee Rogus and Trustee Weiner for their service to the Village.

Trustee Pais – Trustee Pais reported that SWALCO did not meet. The LRS representative Mr. Steve Ramos attended the Environmental and Health Commission meeting. It was an informative meeting and Mr. Ramos offered to take the Commission on a tour of the Northbrook recycling facility.

Trustee Rogus – Trustee Rogus reported the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in March. He thanked the Board of Trustees for their dedicated service to the Village.

Trustee Weiner – Trustee Weiner thanked the Board of Trustees and expressed his admiration for their service to the Village.

Village President's Report

President Sweet McDonnell announced to the Board that she will be attending Lobby Days in Springfield next week to represent the Village of North Barrington. She plans to address current LGDF Funds.

President Sweet McDonnell plans to have a meeting with the Homeowner Association Presidents of Haverton on the Ponds, Grassmere Farms and Oaksbury to discuss the flooding.

President Sweet McDonnell thanked the Board of Trustees for their teamwork.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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Closed Session

There was no closed session.

New Business

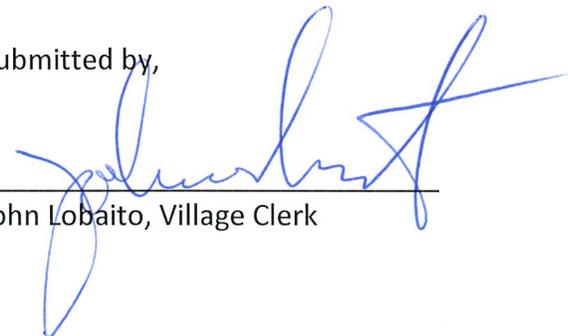
There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made. On voice vote all voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

