

APPROVED @ 2/28/22 VB mtg.

MINUTES OF A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AT THE ROBERT J. HOMOLA MUNICIPAL CENTER 201 SOUTH BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS, DUPAGE COUNTY

PROOF OF POSTING

The meeting was duly posted according to State Statute.

CALL TO ORDER

The Standing Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2022 was called to order by Village President Coladipietro at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call by the Village Clerk Hager, those in attendance were:

PRESENT: Village President Coladipietro, Trustees Ackerman, Trustee Belmonte, Trustee Bucaro, Trustee Shannon, and Trustee Von Huben

ABSENT: Trustee Bolen

QUORUM PRESENT

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion by Trustee Von Huben and seconded by Trustee Ackerman to open the floor for audience participation. All Trustees voted Aye.

No one in the audience stepped forward to speak.

Motion by Trustee Von Huben and seconded by Trustee Shannon to close the floor for audience participation. All Trustees voted Aye.

Trustee Bolen entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Finance and Administration – Trustee Bolen

1. Discussion of Property Tax Levy Abatement

Mr. Scalera noted that this is an annual requirement. There are three ordinances that are being proposed in order to use home rule sales tax monies to defer payment on debt. Village has issued general obligation (GO) debt to generate monies in order to fund three separate projects. The first two relate to the acquisition of the open space at Indian Lakes in 2007 and 2020 and the third project relates to improvements at the water reclamation facility. The debt issues are the 2015 GO Refunding Bonds (retire in 2028), the 2020A GO bonds (retire in 2041) and the 2020B GO bonds, (retire in 2029) respectively.

Mayor Coladipietro asked Mr. Szott if when bonds are issued if there were any ordinances passed that said that the property tax would be abated. Mr. Szott stated that the Village had abated the tax voluntarily.

The Mayor also noted that the ordinance discusses using the water and sewer fund. Mr. Szott noted that the home rule sales tax fund monies are used for the tax abatement. The monies from the home rule sales tax fund are transferred to the water and sewer fund and then applied to the tax levy. There is no correlation between water and sewer rates and the tax levy. The Mayor also asked if the Village could levy a bond to fund a project. Mr. Szott said that it could. The Village could also forgo abating property tax and not use home rule sales tax monies and apply tax monies to the debt.

2. Discussion of amendment to Village liquor code lowering serving age from 19 to 18.

Mr. Scalera noted that the State of Illinois allows persons 18 and older to serve alcohol in restaurant settings. The Village's code states the age as 19 and older. As restaurants are seeing a workforce deficit, are having a hard time retaining employees and are employing many high school and college students this would help them. The change would ease the burden on restaurant staff and help eliminate service delays. There were no questions or comments.

3. Discussion of Agreement between Village of Bloomingdale and Teska Associates for Strategic Vision Plan for Stratford Square Mall and neighboring properties

Mr. Scalera noted that the Village has begun discussions with Teska Associates to assist in the development of a Strategic Vision Plan for Stratford Square Mall. Teska has done some preliminary work including the research to develop a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district. Staff recommends executing an agreement with Teska Associates based in Evanston, IL to furnish professional and technical assistance in connection with establishing the Stratford Square Revisioning plan for the Stratford Square Mall and surrounding properties in a not to exceed amount of \$ 24,500. A presentation will be brought before the Board in March.

B. Public Safety – Judi Von Huben

1. Discussion of purchase of FLOCK software camera system

Director Giammarese noted that the current year's budget includes \$ 25,000 for a camera system. This is an automated license plate recognition system in real time. The cameras allow vehicle and license plate recognition and officers can put alerts into the system to find vehicles of interest. Surrounding communities have similar systems which will allow the Department to share information. The purchase will consist of 10 cameras which will be put in 10 areas of town and can be built on in the future. The cameras are not intrusive or "Big Brother". The initial purchase cost will be \$ 32,200 which exceeds the budgeted amount. Other line items will be used to cover the purchase. The cost for the second year of the contract will be \$ 27,500.

Trustee Von Huben asked who would monitor the cameras and who can access it. Director Giammarese responded that it is not monitored – it is a database. The cameras are rented – the Village will not own them. The company will also be responsible for upkeep, damage, and maintenance of the cameras.

C. Facilities, Infrastructure – Trustee Shannon

1. Discussion of Public Works vehicle storage building roof reconditioning

Mr. Monkemeyer noted that the roof of the vehicle storage building is in poor shape. The roof is over 30 years old and the membrane is separating. Public Works is recommending that the roof

be repaired which will increase the life span of the roof by 8-10 years versus the \$200,000 that it would cost to replace the entire roof. The recommendation is to use Seal Tite Exteriors, Inc. of Stieger, IL for the price of \$ 33,900. The contractor will seal any penetrations in the roof as well as seal the membrane around the perimeter of the roof.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS:

Village Administrator, P. Scalera

Mr. Scalera had no report other than Happy Valentine's Day!

Mayor Coladipietro asked what utility work was being done on Lake Street. Mr. Scalera noted that it was the installation of fiber optics. He also noted that two light poles on Lake Street (by Portillo's) were hit and need to be repaired. One will be repaired this week but the other one is awaiting parts. In the meantime, another pole was hit at Schick and Covington.

Assistant Village Administrator, B. E. Weber

Absent

Village Attorney, M. Castaldo, Jr.

No report

Director of Public Works, J. Monkemeyer

Mr. Monkemeyer noted that the department administrative assistant, Denise Doherty noted that she intends to retire. They wish her well and will be sending out a job notice.

Public Works will be picking up the street sweeper at the end of February or early March so that they can train employees on maintenance and operation of the sweeper. Our last contracted sweep is in April.

Director of Finance, G. L. Szott

Mr. Szott gave another reminder to the Board that staff is completing their analysis of new building, zoning, and financial software. The current software was purchased in 2000 and is no longer being supported. The cost of the new software could be as much as \$ 300,000. There should be a proposal coming soon.

Director of Public Safety, F. Giammarese

Director Giammarese also noted that his department continues to have staffing issues. They will be losing another officer to move to Florida but are also looking at an officer making a lateral move. An extra Community Service Officer is also now on the street.

Director of Community and Economic Development, S. Gascoigne

Mr. Gascoigne noted that the annexation of the properties on Glen Ellyn Road are now complete. All signatures have been obtained and the ordinances approving the annexation will be provided at a future meeting.

The Village was also notified that the TGIF space on Army Trail was purchased by First Watch – a breakfast restaurant out of Florida. They will be submitting permits and hope to have a September opening.

OTHER BUSINESS

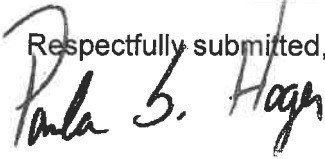
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Bolen, seconded by Trustee Von Huben, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. on February 14, 2022. Voice Vote. All Trustees voted AYE.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela S. Hager". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pamela S. Hager
Village Clerk
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