

APPROVED @ 6/13/22 VB mtg.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE HELD ON MAY 9, 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 Special Standing Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2022 was called to order by Village President Coladipietro at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Village President Coladipietro, Trustee Belmonte, Bolen, Shannon, and Von Huben

ABSENT: Trustees Ackerman and Bucaro

QUORUM PRESENT

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one in the audience.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Finance and Administration

1. Discussion of Resolution to Re-Appoint Village Political Consultant

Mr. Scalera reported that the agreement with Matt O'Shea of Matthew O'Shea Consulting is nearing the end of its term. Mr. O'Shea assists the Village in securing grants and is currently working on the \$8 M grand funding through the State of Illinois. He also mediates for the Village in Springfield. Staff is recommending a two-year agreement with no increase in cost from the current contract. Staff is very pleased with his performance.

Mayor Coladipietro added that there is a definite return on investment and Mr. O'Shea's efforts make it worth the money that the Village will spend.

Trustee Ackerman entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

2. Discussion of Class "D-2" Liquor license for Innovator Z, LLC d/b/a Mandarin Bistro

Mr. Scalera reported that Mandarin Bistro has been sold. As liquor licenses are not transferable, the new management is applying for a new Class D-2 liquor license. But the new management is requesting removal of the video terminals that are currently there which will require removal of

their Class V license. The new ownership has been investigated by the Police Department and they found no issues with the establishment or ownership for issuance of their liquor license. Staff recommends awarding of the new license.

3. Discussion of amendment to Village Code creating Class "S" license

Mr. Scalera reported that this class of license is in response to several inquiries from salon owners. The Village has decided to create a new class of license to allow owners to offer wine and champagne to their clients while waiting for or having services performed. This would be a Class S license. There would be a limit of two drinks per client and drinks can only be sold during the normal business hours and not past 9:00 p.m. Several neighboring Villages allow this so it would not be a new concept. The salon must have an existing license to secure this class of license.

Trustee Bolen asked the Director of Public Safety if he had any issues with this. He indicated that he did not.

4. Discussion of Ordinance increasing Village water rates

The Village Administrator indicated that this discussion is a follow up to the water/sewer fund report. Staff in that report proposed a \$.31 increase (\$.21 for the DuPage Water Commission increase and \$.10 to cover Village expenses (\$.03 to water and \$.07 to sewer). The last increase in water rates was 10 years ago and the last sewer rate increase was 12 years ago. This increase would result in a \$ 2.00 per month increase on a household using 6000 gallons in a month. This increase would assist in the obtaining of the water/sewer fund 5-year goals.

Trustee Shannon indicated that the Village should make sure that the increase is sufficient so that another increase doesn't have to occur every year or every 2 years. Mr. Scalera continued that we don't have a crystal ball but we do forecast and look at trends. Staff is comfortable that this increase will give them enough data to evaluate any future increases.

Mr. Szott noted the increase is needed primarily to negate the DuPage Water Commission increase. If the DuPage Water Commission put through another increase than this might change. Mr. Scalera noted that the DuPage Manager's Group that he sits on is scheduled to speak with the Chairman of the DuPage Water Commission about this increase and their thoughts for the future and how costs can be controlled.

Trustee Belmonte asked if the DuPage Water Commission increase was caused by a Chicago Water Commission increase. Mr. Scalera indicated that there was a direct correlation as Chicago needs to work on their deteriorating infrastructure.

Trustee Bolen asked Mr. Szott whether he believes that the Village is good for a while without having to do another increase next year. Mr. Szott indicated that staff believes that the Village is good for a year – maybe 2 years. Beyond that he is not comfortable predicting. There are too many variables – inflation, water consumption, etc.

Mayor Coladipietro noted his concern that another increase might come in a year or two without another Chicago increase. It makes him uneasy. He asked how the \$.10 rate increase was decided upon. Mr. Scalera noted that the amount was looked at and was the amount needed to achieve the water/sewer fund objective of a 25% reserve. Mayor Coladipietro also asked why one of the water/sewer fund objectives is a 25% reserve. He believes that is good for the General

Fund but what purpose does it serve for the water/sewer fund. What is the purpose as opposed to another increase? Mr. Szott noted that there is a balance between managing the water/sewer fund and the effect on residents. He also noted that the 25% number is the best practice of government enterprise funds as best practice and is looked upon favorably by auditors and bondsmen. The Mayor then asked if having less in reserves reflects poorly on our audit. Mr. Szott noted that last year the Village asked for a \$.26 increase without the DuPage Water Commission increase. Robust fund balances are looked to as "backup" to support capital programs and it becomes a balancing act between fund balance reserves and increases. The Mayor noted that he is thinking about it from a resident discussion perspective. Mr. Szott noted that we are trying to look out for the resident's pocketbook versus what we need to operate and maintain a stable system.

5. Discussion of Purchase Approval in Excess of \$ 20,000 – Financial Software Support and Maintenance Fees

Mr. Scalera noted that this purchase order exceeds his spending authority. This represents the cost of support for the existing Pentamation Financial software from July 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022 when the newly purchased software is up and running. The amount of the purchase order is \$ 26,467.77.

B. Facilities, Infrastructure

1. Discussion of Financing for Small Water Meter Replacement Program for AMI System

Mr. Szott noted that Public Works is ramping up the replacement of approximately 6500 residential water meters. This project cost is approximately \$ 3 M. As noted in the presentation of the water/sewer fund all capital projects are financed. This financing will be either a five-year short-term bank loan or a short-term bond. The project will take approximately 12 months. The financing debt will be repaid using home rule sales tax monies. The purpose of this discussion is to inform the Board. Mayor Coladipietro asked if we could get an IEPA loan. Mr. Szott noted that it would be a year before we could close on an IEPA loan. The Mayor then asked if we can get similar financing outside of IEPA. Mr. Szott noted that staff will research that and other options. Mayor Coladipietro asked if we could get the financing up front and then re-finance with an IEPA loan. Mr. Szott said that they will look into that.

C. Planning, Zoning and Environmental Concerns

1. Discussion of Extending Outdoor Dining Allowances through COVID

Mr. Gascoigne reported that during Covid provisions for outdoor dining were extended. Several restaurants have contacted the Village about the extension. The last extension was through October 31, 2021. This has expired so staff worked with the Village Attorney to write an ordinance to extend the outdoor dining through October 31, 2022 as some customers still feel awkward about inside dining.

Trustee Bolen inquired whether there will be any disagreement from nearby businesses. Mr. Gascoigne stated that he has not. Mayor Coladipietro noted that people need to understand the effect on small businesses during the last two years. We need to work together and make some sacrifices to help each other succeed. We need to support each other. He noted that Mr. Gascoigne could assist with any issues as well.

2. Discussion of Amendment to Village Code to permit chickens

The Village has been contacted by a resident about keeping chickens in the Village. Staff has been doing a lot of research on the subject and have contacted other communities about whether they allow chickens and what kinds of restrictions are in place. The proposed ordinance would allow one coop or pen per lot with no more than 5 hens; no roosters are allowed; hens must be kept within the coop; the coop and pen shall be in the rear yard no less than 25 feet from a dwelling other than the dwelling of the owner; coops shall not be visible from the street; and coops must be cleaned at least once every 24 hours among other restrictions. Hens would only be allowed in the ER-1 – state residential (Medinah), R-1 – Indian Lakes, and R-2 – SE areas of Bloomingdale with lots of 12,000 sq. ft. or larger will be able to have hens. The Director of Public Safety will be contacting other communities to research issues that have been raised by the keeping of hens. This would result in enforcement of Police Department and Building Department personnel.

Trustee Von Huben asked who would handle noise complaints. Mr. Scalera noted that the Police Department would handle noise complaints and the Building Department would oversee pen cleaning. Mr. Giammarese also would like to research Department of Agriculture or Health Department requirements. Trustee Shannon asked if there would be an increase in predators in the area. Director Giammarese said that he would talk with the scientific research people to see if they have any information on that.

Trustee Belmonte asked about odor issues. Mr. Scalera replied that the Building Department would also deal with odor complaints. Mayor Coladipietro asked if there are certain breeds that are best for suburban settings. Mr. Gascoigne noted that they will research that issue and look at incorporating them into the ordinance.

Trustee Ackerman asked how we got to the number five. Mr. Gascoigne noted that it is based on lot size. Trustee Ackerman also noted that there was no restriction on slaughtering of chickens. Mr. Scalera noted that staff performed a survey of neighboring Villages. Mayor Coladipietro noted that he would like to see historical research from other villages of issues that they have incurred with this practice. That research will be forwarded to the Board. Discussion on this issue will continue. And the resident that made the inquiry wants to attend a future meeting.

D. Public Safety

1. Discussion of Ordinance Amending Title 5 Chapter 5 of the Village of Bloomingdale Code of Ordinances – Noise Control

Mr. Scalera reported that this ordinance came about due to a resident concern about the modification of car exhaust systems. This ordinance cleans up this ordinance and adds some new language to the ordinance. Trustee Von Huben asked if this would allow more control over violations. Mr. Scalera noted that it is based on the Police Department being able to catch the offender. Mr. Giammarese added that this ordinance would allow the Police Department more control over enforcement. He will be taking a harder look at it.

Attorney Castaldo noted that to clarify that the sound issues were already on the code. The only addition to the existing ordinance would be Section 5-5-5 subsection 4 which directly speaks to the mufflers.

INFORMATION

None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS:

Village Administrator, P. Scalera

Mr. Scalera noted that the new owners of Indian Lakes hotel will be addressing the landscaping along Schick Road to make it comparable to the other landscaping. This is to insure consistency along the length of the property.

The utility work on Lake Street is "ramping up". Everstream will begin their work on Thursday, May 12, 2022 and will be restoring areas as they progress. Comed is also performing work along Lake Street. The Village has asked Comed to also restore areas as they progress – not at the end of the project. They have not been as receptive.

The Village Paint Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Department.

Assistant Village Administrator, B. E. Weber
Absent

Village Attorney, M. Castaldo, Jr.
No report

Director of Public Works, J. Monkemeyer

The Department of Public Works is finalizing preparation for the Public Works space needs assessment and they will be coming back to the Board with that report.

Director of Finance, G. L. Szott
No report

Director of Public Safety, F. Giammarese

Mr. Giammarese noted the Police Department held their police test last Saturday at Lake Park East High School. There were 60 applicants there which is a low number. Years ago there were as many as 400 who tested.

He continued by noting that there was a recent indictment of a sexual offender who committed his crime in Bloomingdale. He is very proud of the work that our department did on this crime.

Bike and foot patrols begin tomorrow and the Police Department continues to work on staffing issues.

Director of Community and Economic Development, S. Gascoigne
No report

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ackerman, seconded by Trustee Bolen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. on May 9, 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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