



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Village of Clarendon Hills
One North Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois**

October 4, 2021

President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: President Austin and Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Also Present: Village Manager Barr and Community Development Director Mendel

Also Present (Electronically): Assistant Village Manager Creer, Finance Director Potempa, Fire Chief Leahy, Police Chief Dalen, Public Works Director McLaughlin, and Clerk Tandle

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1. Trustee Jordan moved to adopt a Resolution recognizing Greg Kuhn for his many years of dedicated service to the Village. Trustee DeDobbelaere seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Jordan stated that he served with Mr. Kuhn on the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission from 1994 through 2015 and that Mr. Kuhn's contributions have tremendously benefitted the Village and its residents. Manager Barr also thanked Mr. Kuhn and stated that Mr. Kuhn is extremely well known and respected throughout the State in the area of municipal government. Mr. Kuhn stated that he is grateful to have been allowed to serve the community for the past 33 years. The Village Board extended their gratitude and good wishes to Mr. Kuhn in the future.

3.2. Trustee Jordan moved concurrence with President Austin's appointment of Wil Freve to replace Greg Kuhn as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission (term expires May 31, 2023). Trustee Jorissen seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Lori Burchett stated that she will respect the Board’s decision regarding the purchase of a replacement ladder truck. Even if a new ladder truck is not purchased, she believes that first responders will always be held accountable. She also suggested that all public servants should take an Oath of Office.

Resident Lisa Greyhill expressed concern that the alley between Prospect Avenue and Walker Avenue was paved as a roadway directly out to Park Avenue at one end and Railroad Avenue at the other. She requested that the Village consider installing a crosswalk or some other type of signage to alert motorists that the Park Avenue exit of the alley is also a pedestrian crossing.

Manager Barr read one public comment into the record from resident Rosemary Bellaire who wrote that data was presented at the September 20 Village Board meeting which suggested that the Village is too small to have its own ladder truck. She stated that there are many municipalities with similar or smaller populations that have their own ladder truck. She expressed her support for replacing the Village’s ladder truck.

5. RECESS TO STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Trustee Jordan moved to recess to the Community and Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Safety Committees at 6:55 p.m. Trustee DeDobbelaere seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Community and Intergovernmental Affairs

5.1. Staff requested input from the Board regarding future Dancin’ in the Street concert series. The success of this annual event has historically relied on the efforts of the Special Events Committee/Working Group and Village staff. Last year, due to COVID-19 and a lack of volunteers, staff created a simplified model for the concerts which included using local charitable organizations to help in the beer tent, streamlining sponsorships, streamlining the band selection process, and eliminating outside food vendors. Going forward, staff recommended soliciting feedback from a core group of volunteers and the Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”). Staff suggested that the concerts could eventually be completely outsourced to the Chamber. Staff also recommended that the use of outside food vendors should be permanently eliminated. The Board supported staffs’ recommendations because it seems to be a more efficient model which would require less staff time, provide fundraising opportunities for charitable organizations, and support downtown businesses.

5.2. The Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”) requested \$50,000 in direct funding from the Village to hire one full-time employee or two part-time employees who will focus on events throughout the Village and general marketing efforts. Chamber President Derek Berg presented information regarding the Chamber’s funding proposal and its goals. After discussion, it was the

general consensus of the Board to allow staff to work with the Chamber to pursue this concept further and to approve the Chamber's request on an annual basis to determine if the proposed model works as intended and is sustainable. Manager Barr stated that Village funding sources could be varied but TIF funds may be eligible as a partial source of the Village's funding.

Public Safety

5.3. Based on the discussion and the Board's direction at the September 20, 2021 Village Board meeting, an Ordinance was presented for adoption that amends Section SD41.2 of the Village Code by adding a new stop sign at northbound Grant Avenue where it intersects with Harris Avenue.

6. RECONVENE THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Trustee Jordan moved to reconvene the Village Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Lazar seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE – AGENDA ITEMS – There were none.

8. CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Jordan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as itemized by President Austin. Trustee Lannert seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

8.1. Approval of the Special Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021 – OMNIBUS VOTE

8.2. Approval of Claims No. 21-09-01M in the amount of \$47,375.62 – OMNIBUS VOTE

8.3. Approval of Claims No. 21-10-01 in the amount of \$293,282.27 – OMNIBUS VOTE

8.4. Waive First Consideration, Second Consideration/Adoption of “An Ordinance Amending Section SD41.2 of the Clarendon Hills Village Code in regard to Stop Intersections” (Grant Avenue at Harris Avenue) (Ordinance No. 21-10-15) – OMNIBUS VOTE

9. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – There were none.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Village Manager Barr stated that, based on the Board's direction, he anticipates bringing an Ordinance forward at the next meeting to amend the Village Code to officially begin Village Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. effective January 1, 2022. Manager Barr reported that discussions continue regarding the fire department ladder truck issue. He noted that Hinsdale's Village Board made a statement at its last meeting indicating that Hinsdale is interested in continuing discussions with Clarendon Hills regarding this matter. He also noted that there is an existing Intergovernmental Agreement between the two Villages, adopted on February 16, 2010, with respect to sharing information regarding the purchase of new fire department vehicles and potential consolidation. Manager Barr stated that a resident contacted staff regarding a potential women's wellness event next Mothers' Day. Additional details will be forthcoming. He also reported that a suggestion was made to permanently close Prospect Avenue in an effort to better support downtown businesses. He does not believe this is a workable solution, but blocking off a portion of parking spaces and increasing outdoor seating could be a consideration. Manager Barr reminded the Board that they are invited to attend the West Suburban Mass Transit District event scheduled for October 6. Finally, he proposed several options and dates for the Board to review this year's budget. It was the general consensus of the Board to conduct the annual budget review prior to the November 1 Village Board meeting. The Finance Committee will have met prior to that date.
- Community Development Director Mendel announced that the ZBA/PC is scheduled to meet on October 21 to discuss the regulation of RVs and commercial vehicle parking in the Village.
- Police Chief Dalen announced that Haley Gerstein began work today as the department's new part-time Police Assistant. A new Community Service Officer was also anticipated to begin today, but declined the position at the last minute.
- Public Works Director McLaughlin reported that contractors are anticipated to perform annual water valve maintenance on the north side of the Village this week and that tree trimming and removal is also scheduled this week. He reported that the Burlington Plaza and Alley Project is progressing well. Portions of the concrete are anticipated to be poured this week and paving should begin next week.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS** – There was none.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was none.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Jorissen seconded.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DeDobbelaere, Jordan, Jorissen, Lannert, Lazar, and Russo

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Dawn M. Tandle
Village Clerk