

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday, November 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Sexton in the second floor Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

ROLL CALL Clerk Aparo was asked to call the roll with the following results:
Physically Present:

Mayor James Sexton
Trustee Carol Kyle
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee James McQuillan
Trustee Mary Keane
Trustee Daniel McKeown
Trustee Mark Phelan

Also present were Village Attorney Vincent Cainkar, Village Engineer Tim Klass and Village Treasurer John Sawyers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Daniel McKeown.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. Thanks to Mary Ann Carioto and the Office of Citizen Services for another successful Farmer Market season.
2. Thanks to everyone especially Mr. Duffy and the Recreation Department involved in the recent Halloween Parade, the Pass Punt and Kick contest. Special thanks to the Environmental Commission for the annual Pumpkin Smash.
3. The Chair noted a letter of thanks from Mrs. Manzanski to the Street Department regarding trees that were taken down.
4. The Chair also received a letter from Nancy Cagney, a teacher at Most Holy Redeemer School thanking the Evergreen Park Fire Department for their assistance with a student.
5. Central Junior High School will host their annual Veteran's Breakfast on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. All interested Veterans are encouraged to contact the school for info. The Chair reminds everyone to thank a veteran for their service.
6. The Village Hall will be closed on Friday, November 12, 2016 in observance of Veteran's Day. Normal hours resume on Saturday, November 13, 2016 – 9 a.m. – Noon.
7. The Mayor will give his annual State of the Village message at the Senior Center on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

8. On Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 2-6 p.m. at Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, Honor Flight Chicago will hold a fundraiser to send WWII and Korean War vets to Washington D.C.
9. Residents should dispose of leaves in yard containers as Waste Management will pick up the containers. Only excess leaves should be raked to the curb. Container pick up is scheduled to end December 15, 2016 or until weather permits.
10. Evergreen Park's own Thi Thi's Asian Fusion Restaurant will be featured on the WTTW Channel 11, Food Show "Check Please" on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, at 4:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Audience members Glenda Pence, 9600 Block of Richmond and Carol Cozze of the 2700 Block of 89th Place questioned the increased water rates. The Chair suggested they bring in their bills to Mike Knieps and the Water Department will investigate for leaks. He added the City of Chicago has raised the water cost to the Village 100 % increase of 25% - 15% - 15%. A discussion took place regarding a monthly billing vs. the quarterly billing. The Chair noted budget payments are available with the Water Department. Mrs. Cozze suggested the Village should advertise this budget payment plan to the residents.

Mr. Percy Allen, 2600 Block of 89th Street, referenced a brochure which is available at the Village Hall from the water department regarding leaks, payments and how to save water.

Ms. Debra Grand, of the 9200 Block of Ridgeway expressed concerns on how to control the cut through traffic in her area. She requested a traffic study /survey be done. The Chair agreed and stated the EP Police have been ticketing drivers on side streets. He added it was done on 87th Street to keep traffic off the side streets.

Mrs. Robin Kalasa, 9300 block of Lawndale questioned the sign stating " This area under surveillance". The Chair answered the sign is there to deter drivers speeding in the area. .

Mrs. Helen Cuprisin, 9200 Block of Homan, asked the Village to consider mailing a newsletter to residents. She used to print the Village newsletter and could do it again. She feels the small postcard just isn't large enough for all the information required. She asked why the Environmental Commission does not actively offer information on native plantings in an effort to save watering. The Chair noted all the members are volunteers and he invited Mrs. Cuprisin to come to his office anytime to share her suggestions.

A short discussion took place regarding the barn and the new additions of the horses, Turk and Jack and two new kittens, Flash and Jimmy.

A resident from the 9300 Block of Sawyer refused to give her name for fear of repercussions by her neighbors. She spoke at length about issues with her neighbor. Among the issues; projectiles being thrown in her yard, noise from car repairs being done at various hours of the day and night, loud music, fire pit burns lasting eight hours or more and an ugly structure in his yard that prohibits her from seeing what is happening in his yard.

Her concerns are dangers of blowing embers onto adjacent properties and the amount of contaminants polluting the air from the varied materials being burned in fire pits. She stated she has health issues and has spoken with the Mayor and the Clerk on numerous occasions; with no resolution of this situation. She has sent information to the Village Board on the health issues related to fire pits. She stated she is being harassed by her neighbors and ignored by the Evergreen Park Police Department.

She is asking for a stronger ordinance banning fire pits due to the negative impact on the general health of everyone where fires are allowed. The Chair stated the Village will consider reviewing the fire pit ordinance for the smoke issue. The Chair also asked her to speak to her neighbors and try to arrive at some agreement regarding these issues.

Mrs. Cozze (audience member) stated she agreed fire pits should not be used on windy, dry days when embers can spread to other people's property.

**REGULAR
AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees and approved as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 25-2016 &
RESOLUTION
NO. 1 -2017**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee McKeown, to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 25-2016** to close this fiscal year with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 611,784.16 and the Sewer and Water Fund in the amount of \$ 74,852.61 and the 95th Street TIF Fund of \$ 6,139.70 and the Street Bond Fund of \$ 27,970 for a total of \$ 720,746.47. Also included in the approval is **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2017** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund in the amount of \$ 280,631.47 and Sewer

and Water Fund, \$25,981.76 and 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 385.00 for a total of \$ 306,998.23. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, McKeown and Phelan: voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**WATER
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Water Collector's report for **October 2016** for information and file in the amount of \$ 942,934.73. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee McKeown second by Trustee Kyle to approve the Village Collector's report for **October 2016** for information and file in the amount of \$1,283,833.22. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS
CERTIFICATES**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Keane to approve the application for Business Regulation Certificate for **FRESENIUS KIDNEY CARE EVERGREEN PARK** to operate a dialysis center located at 8901 S. Kedzie Avenue. The Chair added they will be using the former Aqua property for parking. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, McKeown, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Keane to approve the application for Business Regulation Certificate for **MOD PIZZA** to operate a casual family restaurant located at 9540 S. Western Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Keane, McKeown, Phelan, Kyle, and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan to approve the application for Business Regulation Certificate for **Krispy Kreme** to operate a doughnut and coffee shop with a drive-thru located at 9100 S. Western Avenue. Trustee Marzullo asked what the hours will be for the drive thru. He asked the Board to be consistent with the hours used in other drive thru businesses.

The Chair introduced the manager, Carlos who stated it is usually a 24 hour operation. Trustee Marzullo asked the hours be amended for a 6 am start to midnight. The Chair noted these are temporary hours and will be revisited. The Chair stated this was formerly approved for an IHOP restaurant and the deal fell through. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Keane, McKeown, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Keane to approve the application for Business Regulation Certificate for **Cera & Love** to operate a retail vintage and handmade finds for home decor located at 9539 S. Pulaski Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McKeown, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, and McQuillan and by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 8-2016**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee McKeown to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 8-2016, 'A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.'** The Chair noted the amount is \$125,000 to be used to re-line Village sewers. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane and McKeown; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**POLICE
INTERNSHIP**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee McQuillan to approve Police Chief Saunders request to approve Illinois State University student Alex Engraffia's application to participate in the EPPD College Student Internship Program. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, McKeown and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Engineer Tim Klass had no report.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Attorney Vincent Cainkar had no report.

DEPT HEADS

The Chair donned a 'CUBS WORLD SERIES WINNERS 2016' Baseball cap. Mr. Jim Feltz, Youth Director and die hard Sox fan congratulated the Mayor and the Cubs on their 2016 World Championship World Series Win. He reported the annual coat drive is on until November 30, 2016. Open gym for grades 5-8 have begun. Teens are available for leaf raking and household chores. Mr. Feltz presented the Chair with an authentic piece of turf from Wrigley Field on behalf of himself and Mr. Duffy. The Chair thanked them and the audience gave them a hearty round of applause.

Recreation Director, Dennis Duffy also congratulated the Mayor on the Chicago Cubs World Series win. He reported over 200 athletic participated in the recent outdoor soccer program. Dickens Christmas is December 3, 2016 and the annual Christmas concert is Sunday December 11, 2016 as performed by Rich

Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra, tickets are available at the Recreation Department.

OCS Director, Mary Ann Carioto announced the EP High School is sponsoring the Village Thanksgiving dinner on November 24, 2016 from 11 am to 1:00 p.m. Dinners are available at the school or for home delivery. Parties should contact EPCHS Lisa Shields at 424-7400 ext. 253 for more info. The Mayor's Tree lighting ceremony is Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with hot chocolate with Santa to follow. The Chair thanked Pete's Fresh Market for their wonderful donation of much of the food used for the Thanksgiving dinners.

BIDS

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the request from Public Works Director Lorenz to solicit bids for the demolition of a two-story building located at 9318 S. Kedzie Avenue. The lot will be seeded with grass and it is a TIF item for this fiscal year. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, McKeown, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

MISC.

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation at tonight's meeting. He reminded everyone to vote tomorrow and polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield (audience member) asked the Chair to help him obtain a job. He stated he is still having difficulty finding employment and keeping his apartment. The Chair noted he has spoken to Mr. Mayfield's landlord and as promised he will continue to try and help him find employment.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Keane, McKeown, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:35 p.m.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk