

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the  
**PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

**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 Norman Anderson  
Trustee Mark Phelan

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Keane.

**2017 PARADE WINNERS**

There was a large contingent of students in the audience and the Chair moved the parade awards to the first item.

The Chair welcomed the new superintendent of the Evergreen Park High School, Mr. Tom O'Malley. The audience gave him a hearty round of applause.

The Chair introduced Laura Shallow, acting on behalf of the Parade Committee and Dennis Duffy, Recreation Director for the Village of Evergreen Park. Laura thanked Mayor Sexton, Clerk Aparo and the Board and all the Village Departments that make the parade a huge success. She also thanked the committee, the businesses, participants and the sponsors for their continued support.

Mayor Sexton and Laura Shallow presented trophies to the winners for the 2017 parade themed, "*Appreciate What It Means To Be An American in 2017*". Winners were awarded trophies and took a group picture with Mayor Sexton.

The 2017 winners were as follows: Category color guard, Evergreen Park American Legion Post, Marching band, Evergreen Park Marching Mustang Band, and River City Rhythm, Cheerleading Group, Evergreen Park Community High School Cheer Group, Children Walker, Cub Scout Pack 3637, Decorated

car with marchers, Daughters of the American Revolution, Musical Float, Thompson-Kuenster Funeral Home, Professional Float, Holiday Outdoor Décor, (first year in the parade), Recreational Vehicle, Home Base Services, Specialty car, Medinah Car Club, Sports Team, Evergreen Park Stallions, Specialty Truck, Pappy's, Unique Group, Stanford Battery, Vehicles (Motorcycle) St. Bernadette Church,( driven by Father Ben dressed as a cow) Vehicle with Marchers, First United Methodist Church, Walkers, LePar Animal Hospital, New Entry, Disability Defender, and Village Recognition Award to Village Clerk, Cathy Aparo.

Laura presented a special Village recognition award to the Evergreen Park Village Clerk, Cathy Aparo for all her help over the past (33) thirty three years with the parade. Clerk Aparo accepted the trophy and thanked all the other members of the committee and the Village for this wonderful honor.

The Mayor congratulated all the winners and thanked Laura Shallow and Recreation Director Dennis Duffy for another great year. The audience gave the winners a hearty round of applause.

## **OPEN PUBLIC**

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. Former License Inspector, Bill Ward passed away and the wake will be at Thompson Kuenster Funeral Home Sunday and funeral at St. Bernadette on Monday. The Chair stated Bill was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.
2. Related an email from a former State Police Officer and resident commending the EP Police on their quick response to a situation at his home.
3. There will be a Public Hearing on September 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Board Room to consider the proposed issuance not to exceed \$1,800,000 aggregate principal amount of Revenue Bonds. Proceeds go to (Gateway Montessori Project), Series 2017- to be loaned to Gateway Montessori School, Inc. There is no fee or liability to the Village.
4. Thanks to our County Commissioners, Stanley Moore and John Daley for the generous monies of \$150,000 for sewer lining projects. Thanks to Tim Klass, Bill Lorenz and Mike Knieps for overseeing this project.
5. Village vehicle stickers remain on sale at the Village Hall. The deadline is September 15, 2017 for purchase and display. The currency exchange on 95<sup>th</sup> & Kedzie is also selling stickers. New this year PLS Check Cashers at 2507 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street is also selling stickers 7 days a week from 6 am to midnight.
6. On Sunday, September 10, 2017 Evergreen Park's own, Perry Danos, and his Band Back Street, will give a free concert at 5:00 p.m. at our new Park.

7. Everyone is encouraged to attend a free Sunday concert on September 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Park; Katie Quick performs a variety of live music.
8. Friday, September 22, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. the Evergreen Park Community High School will host the annual Homecoming Parade with the football game to follow.
9. The Village of Evergreen Park will host the annual Hot Rod Classic Car Show at Yukich Field on Friday, September 29, 2017 from 3-10 p.m. proceeds benefit the March 4 Meg.
10. Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Knight Family will host a 5k for TK walk event followed by a picnic in honor of Tony Knight.
11. Farmers Market continues on Thursdays from 7:00 am-1:00 pm at Yukich Fields.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
AUDIENCE**

NONE.

**REGULAR  
AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee McQuillan to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting by the President and Board of Trustees and approved as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 21-2017**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle, to approve **Resolution NO. 21-2017** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 931,777.54 and the Water Management Fund in the amount of \$ 114,437.81 and the 95<sup>th</sup> Street TIF Fund, \$ 23,971.05 and the Street Bond Fund \$ 25,420.00 for a total of \$ 1,095,616.40. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, Anderson 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 Keane to approve the Water Collector's report in the amount of \$ 743,437.05 for August 2017 for information and file. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**COLLECTORS  
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Phelan to approve the Village Collector's report for August 2017 for information and file in the amount of \$ 3,244,233.06. The Chair noted

approximately \$1.3 million is property tax. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS  
CERTIFICATES**

*NO BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.*

**RECOGNITION  
OF DEPUTY CHIEF  
DENNIS O'DOWD**

The Chair recognized Deputy Police Chief, Dennis O'Dowd who is retiring on September 15, 2017 after (3) thirty six years. Dennis started as a patrol officer in June 16, 1981 and steadily advanced through the Police ranks. On September 15, 2000 he was named Deputy Chief of the Evergreen Park Police Department. The Chair introduced Dennis's wife, Linda and their family and friends in the audience. He thanked them for the many sacrifices they made while Denny kept the people of Evergreen Park protected.

Deputy Chief O'Dowd thanked the Mayor and the Board and the entire Police Department for their support. He also thanked all the Village Department Administrators that have been part of his team of support. The audience gave him a hearty round of applause.

Police Chief Michael Saunders stated he and Denny were partners in patrol and in the Detective Division. Chief Saunders stated he thinks of Denny like a brother. Adding he owes a great deal to Denny because his success was made possible by Denny's unwavering commitment to the people of Evergreen Park. The Board and the audience gave Deputy Chief O'Dowd a standing ovation.

**POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
PROMOTIONS**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve Police Chief Saunders request to promote Captain Keith Hojek to the appointment of Deputy Chief of Police. Sergeant Stephen Hart was appointed to Lieutenant and Officer Richard Soso was appointed to Sergeant. The Chair introduced Deputy Chief John Eisenbeis in the audience. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Keane, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair. The Board and the audience gave all of them a hearty round of applause.

**POLICE  
VEHICLE**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan seconded by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Police Chief's request to purchase one (1) Police vehicle from Currie Ford for the price of \$27,576. This will be purchased with a JAG Federal Justice Assistant Grant total \$30,000. The remaining grants funds \$2,424 will go toward the

purchase of Mobile Data Terminal (in car computer) in accordance with the grant. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Keane, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PROCLAMATIONS  
MVCC 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
AND  
CONSTITUTION  
WEEK**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle to approve (2) proclamations, “PROCLAIMING *THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2016 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS;*” and *Proclamation of “Congratulations to Moraine Valley Community College upon its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*” Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Keane, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**QUEEN OF  
MARTYRS**

Motion by Trustee Anderson second by Trustee Kyle to approve the request from Queen of Martyrs for a Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 16, 2017 (with a route change). Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan and Keane; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**ENGINEER’S  
REPORT**

Mr. Klass had no report.

**ATTORNEY’S  
REPORT**

Attorney Cainkar had no report.

**DEPT. HEADS  
REPORTS**

Mr. Feltz, Youth Director reported October 1 through November 30<sup>th</sup> the annual coat drive will begin. Drop off is Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm. at the Community Center, Room 105.

Dennis Duffy, Recreation Directed reported the fall /Winter Rec. Book is on line and available at the Community Center and the Village Hall.

He added 200 athletes are participating in soccer and there are 90 children are signed up for preschool.

**BIDS**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee McQuillan to approve PW Director Lorenz’s request to sell on the web a 1994 L-8000 Ford dump truck and 2 old plows (11 feet wide). He also requested permission to junk the old #36 F-250 with 120,000 miles. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan,

Keane and Anderson; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**MISC.**

The Chair noted a payout to Strada Construction for \$142,277 for the 2017 50-/50 sidewalk program. No action taken. Information Only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan and Keane; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:02 P.M.

The Chair invited everyone to stay and enjoy a piece of celebratory cake.

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Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk