

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday April 6, 2020

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 Village Clerk Aparo was asked to call the roll with the following results:

Physically Present:

Mayor James Sexton
Trustee Carol Kyle
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee Kelly Burke
Trustee Mark Phelan

Trustees McQuillan and Trustee Anderson were requested not to attend due to the Executive Order of Gov. Pritzker limiting the amount of people legally permitted to gather to (10) ten. There is also a stay at home order for the entire State of Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Burke.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. Thank you to OSF Healthcare Little Company of Mary Hospital and Dr. Hanlon for constant communication during these unprecedented times.
2. The Annual Waste Management report will wait until we have audience participants.
3. A huge thanks to EP resident, Jim Flanagan of Nuance Solutions for providing disinfectant to the first responders of the Village of Evergreen Park.
4. Thanks to all the Village Pantry volunteers especially Beth Novotny, Kelly Duffy, OCS volunteers and Trustees Kyle and Phelan who work the weekly distribution. The Chair reported there were over 101 recipients at the pantry last Friday.
5. A huge thank you to Culvers on Kedzie, especially Cathy Hollis and Matt Herman for their donation of 225 meals for medical personnel at OSF Little Company of Mary Hospital. Thanks to Trustees Burke and McQuillan for their participation and initiation of this distribution event.
6. Nicor Gas will continue their main replacement project from 95th Street to 99th Street between Kedzie and Utica Avenue.
7. The City of Chicago will be raising water rates 2.45 % as of June 1st 2020.

OPEN PUBLIC AUDIENCE NONE.

CLERK'S EXPLANATION

The Chair asked the Clerk to explain the procedure of tonight's meeting. Clerk Aparo stated due to the pandemic (declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020) of global proportions Governor Pritzker has issued an Executive Order NO. 16, on April 1, 2020 in response to the COVID-19, a severe and deadly respiratory illness. In accordance with the Governor's order only ten (10) people are permitted to assemble for public meetings. The entire State is on a stay at home order. In an effort to reduce the number of people at this meeting and keep the six foot social distancing; Trustees Jim McQuillan and Trustee Norman Anderson were requested not to attend tonight's meeting.

All Department heads were also asked not to attend as was Village Attorney Cainkar and Village Engineer Klass and Village Treasurer Sawyers. There were no audience members and the meeting was audio taped and digitally recorded for audio playback on the Village website. Everyone sat at least 6 feet away from each other and followed social distancing protocols.

Comments were welcomed on the published agenda (sent to the papers and published on the Village website as of April 3, 2020) with any thoughts/questions or comments to be sent to the Clerk at caparo@evpkadm.org by 6:00 p.m. tonight to be read at the public meeting. Clerk Aparo stated she had not received any questions to be read in the open public portion of this meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Burke to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

Clerk's Note: The March 16, 2020 Board Meeting was cancelled due to the directive from the State of Illinois to halt all non-essential meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2020 & NO. 11. 2020

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle, to approve **Resolution NO. 10-2020 & Resolution NO. 11-2020** with \$ 511,556.56 in the General Corporate Fund, \$338,735.96 in the Water Management Fund, The 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 1,375.00 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$ 468,285.00 and the Self Insurance Fund, \$ 150.00 and the Street Bond Fund, \$ 24, 270.00 for a total of \$ \$1,344,372.52. **Resolution NO. 11-2020,**

\$528,512.06 in the General Corp. Fund, \$ 25,124.06 in the Water Management Fund, \$6,139.80 in the 95th Street TIF Fund, and \$419,235.00 and \$11,000.00 in the Street Bond Fund, for a total of \$ 990,010.92. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees, Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion Was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**WATER COLLECTOR
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Phelan to approve the Water Collector's report for **February 2020** in the amount of \$637,062.97 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
COLLECTOR
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the Village Collector's Report for **February 2020** in the amount of \$2,309,630.23. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
TREASURER
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Village Treasurer's report for **February 2020** with \$5,174,627.98 in the General Fund and \$ 4,673,856.19 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The Chair stated he has met with Treasurer Sawyers in response to possible financial losses due to the pandemic. The Village has stopped all capital expenditures and hiring. Department heads have been asked to trim their budgets. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS
CERTIFICATES**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Burke to approve the business license application for **ELECTRIFY AMERICA** to conduct electric vehicle charging stations located at 9200 S. Western Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, Burke, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve **CHICAGO INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED SURGERY** to conduct a medical office located at 2950 W. 95th Street, Suite 300. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Burke, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve **EBT& T, LLC.** to conduct the management of the former racquet and fitness club located at 2700 W. 91st Street. This is the property recently purchased by District 231, Evergreen Park High School

for indoor/outdoor athletic facilities. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and Burke; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**ORDINANCE
NO. 2-2020
TABLED**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle to table **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2020, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF 96TH STREET SOUTH OF THE CHI TUNG RESTAURANT IN THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS."** The Chair requested this be tabled until all the six (6) Trustees are present to vote on this proposed closure. He added the current financial climate may dictate a hold on this proposed development.

Trustee Marzullo asked if notification was sent to adjacent property owners regarding the street closure. The Chair answered no they were not required to be notified; as this is not a zoning issue. A Zoning Board meeting will be required if there is a change in the zoning classification. Such as the demolishing of the residential home and a change in the property purpose, such as a parking lot.

Trustee Marzullo said he anticipates a large loss of revenue due to the pandemic restrictions ordering the closure of so many businesses. He stated it is time the Village revisits its position on gaming licenses. He noted the additional revenue will be needed by the businesses as well as the Village. The Chair answered depending on the duration of the lock down restrictions many items will be up for discussion including gaming. A brief discussion took place regarding restrictions on gaming. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, Burke and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**ORDINANCE
NO. 3-2020**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE RESERVATION OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES, AND RELATED MATTERS."** Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, Burke, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**ORDINANCE
NO. 4- 2020**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Burke to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020, ' AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK APPROVING A REAL ESTATE SALE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9148 SOUTH KEDZIE AVENUE, EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS."** The Chair noted the Village bought the property and will sell to Thi Thi's for additional parking. The Chair added due to the current financial crisis this may be on hold for a while. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Burke, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**TEMPORARY
REDUCTION OF MONTHLY
BOARD MEETINGS**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo to reduce the Village Board meetings to one meeting per month. This is a temporary schedule to abide by the State order limiting public meetings until it is safe to resume normal (2) two meetings per month. Meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month until the restrictions are lifted. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and Burke; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE
LETTER**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo to accept the letter for information and file and be memorialized in the public record minutes from Trustee Burke regarding her employment with the law firm of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, Burke and Phelan. Motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

The Chair read the entire letter dated March 29, 2020 from Trustee Kelly Burke to the Board with her request it be memorialized in the minutes as part of the permanent record. It is as follows; Dear Mayor and Board Members:

You are hereby advised that I am an employee of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. and receive an annual salary from them which is not based upon any moneys paid by the Village of Evergreen Park to them. I am not a shareholder in Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. and have no direct or indirect financial interest in Odelson & Sterk, Ltd.

I do not handle any legal matters for the Village of Evergreen Park. Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. has been appointed as the hearing officer of the Village for certain administrative adjudications before I was elected as Village Trustee. I am abstaining from all deliberations and votes concerning the appointment of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. I am abstaining from all deliberations and votes concerning the compensations to be paid to Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Please do not ask me or involve me in any matters concerning Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. I request that this letter be publicly disclosed and become memorialized in the minutes.

Sincerely, Trustee Kelly Burke

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Village Engineer Klass was not in attendance.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Village Attorney Cainkar was not in attendance.

BID REQUESTS

NONE.

MISC.

The Chair asked everyone to check on their neighbors especially seniors. The Village is here to help anyone in need with Police and

Fire and Pantry and OCS. He thanked OSF Little Company for their medical help during this time. He noted recent reports of work on a possible vaccine and some signs that certain medications may help those suffering with Co-Vid 19. It is hoped that State of Illinois may peak soon with smaller numbers of those dying and those afflicted with this virus. He added only God can help us through this.

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. Marzullo, Burke, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:00 P.M.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk