

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday, July 20, 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 Clerk Aparo was asked to call the roll with the following results:

Physically Present:

Mayor James Sexton
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee James McQuillan
Trustee Kelly Burke
Trustee Norman Anderson

Trustees Carol Kyle and Mark Phelan were absent due to limitations on the number of people in attendance. Also present the Village Attorney Vincent Cainkar. Due to mandated limited capacity of meeting gatherings all Department Heads were asked to stay home from tonight's meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Anderson.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. There will not be a Village Board Meeting on August 3, 2020. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020.
2. Please take a few minutes to respond to the US Census. The more we complete the count the more funding is appropriated for the Village.
3. Read a portion of a thank you letter to the EPFD Paramedics. A record breaking 297 calls were responded to June of 2020.
4. The Chair received many thank you notes for the EP Police Department and EP Public Works Department. He praised their efforts and thanked Public Works Director Bill Lorenz for the clean-up of recent storm damage. Retail stores, Binny's and Walgreen's also thanked PW for their help during recent peace protests.
5. Ms. Kathleen Kinsella has been named the new President of OSF Little Company. She replaces Dr. John Hanlon as he retires. The Chair thanked Dr. Hanlon for his commitment to the Village of Evergreen Park and looks forward to working with Ms. Kinsella.

6. All Village storm sewers have been treated with larvacide. West Nile is still an issue and precautions are still necessary.
7. Waste Management reports 754 tons refuse collected and 129 tons of recycle material collected in June 2020.
8. Special thanks to Geno Caruso for the great job he is doing an EP Driving Range. Usage has risen exponentially under this supervision.
9. The Chair stated Dick's Sporting Goods is locating to Chicago Ridge. He questioned why they did not come to the EP Plaza?
10. Vehicle Sticker renewal applications will be mailed out the end of July. Stickers must be displayed by September 15, 2020. For added convenience and extended hours the Currency Exchange at 95th & Kedzie will also sell stickers for a nominal service fee. The Clerk explained The Village is rolling out the "Sticker Quicker Program" which allows on line purchases. This will reduce contact with the public and keep social distancing protocols. Special thanks to Deputy Kim Cericola and Treasurer Sawyers and the entire office for their implementation of this program.
11. Farmers Market is open every Thursday at Yukich Field from 7 am to 1:00 pm and will continue through October 2020. Congrats to OCS Director, Beth Novotney for a job well done.
12. The EP Chamber is hosting the annual Golf Outing at Fountain Hills on Friday, August 7, 2020.

**CHAMBER
PRESENTATION**

Ms. Kelly Moroney, EPCC Executive Director presented a gift card from Cousins Subs and a Chamber Shirt to Mayor Sexton in appreciation of his dedication to local businesses during this pandemic. Also present were Chamber President, Laura Freeman and Chamber Director, Laura Shallow. They reminded everyone to participate in the upcoming Golf Outing. The Chair thanked them for their support.

**OPEN PUBLIC
AUDIENCE**

Mrs. Helen Cuprisin, 9200 Block of Homan, questioned when she will be able to return to OCS office as a volunteer. She stated she misses the people and said it is a pleasure to be there. The Chair responded due to Gov. Pritzker's mandated restraints the office has opened full time but without volunteers. Senior programs have been limited and Senior Council intends to resume lunches in September. The Recreation and Youth Department are open with limited staff. He fully expects volunteers will be able to return shortly. He thanked her and all the other volunteers for their dedication to the Village.

The Chair added the Village Pantry usage has been off the charts with customers during this challenging time. He thanked all the volunteers for their Herculean efforts.

**REGULAR
AGENDA
MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Burke to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees as presented and passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION REVIEW**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Anderson to maintain confidentiality and not release minutes upon the six month review of Executive Session minutes from June 6, 2011, September 6, 2011, November 7 and November 21, 2011 and December 19, 2011 and April 2, 2012 and July 16, 2012. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke and Anderson; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**RATIFY
MEETINGS**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to ratify the actions of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees taken at the April 6, May 18, and June 15, 2020 meetings while the Governor's Executive Orders on COVID-19 were in effect. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Burke, Anderson and Marzullo; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTIONS
NO. 17-2020 &
NO. 18-2020**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Anderson to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 17 & 18-2020** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 522,211.84 and Water Management Fund in the amount of \$ 146,455.88 and the 95th St. TIF Fund, \$ 329,325.00 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$ 116.79 and the Street Bond Fund, \$ 33,750.00 for a total of \$1,031,859.51 for **RESOLUTION NO. 17-2020**.

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Anderson to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 18-2020** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 522,005.82 and the Water Management Fund \$ 85,264.16 and the 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 6,139.80 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$7,464.67 and the Self Insurance Fund, \$ 7,464.47 and the Street Bond Fund, \$

36,770.00 for a total of \$ 657,644.25. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Burke, Anderson, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the Village Collector's report for **June 2020** for information and file in the amount of \$ 1,806,374.61. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**WATER
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Anderson, to accept for file and information the Waters Collector's report for **June 2020** in the amount \$ 608,005.29. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**TREASURERS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Burke to approve the Village Treasurer's report for **June 30, 2020** for information and file in the amount of \$ 6,541,776.34 in the General Fund and \$ 4,429,116.23 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS
CERTIFICATES**

Motion by Trustee Anderson second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Business Regulation Certificate for **Advocate Children's Medical Group Suite # 660** to operate a call center located at 9730 S. Western Avenue in Evergreen Park. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Marzullo, McQuillan and Burke; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the Business Regulation Certificate for **Masterwireless-87th Inc. /DBA Boost Mobile** to operate a retail store for cellular sales and service located at 8734 S. Kedzie Avenue in Evergreen Park. The Chair noted they are moving from a previous location of 8730 S. Kedzie Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke and Anderson; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**SOUTHWEST
CONFERENCE OF
MAYORS DUES**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the Mayor's request for membership dues for FY 2021

from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for the Southwest Conference of Mayors in the amount of \$ 5,500. The Chair noted this is a valuable membership. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Burke, Anderson and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**DISCUSSION OF
REDUCTION OF
LICENSE FEES**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to authorize the Mayor as Liquor Commission to use discretionary judgement and apply discounts on an individual basis for 2020-21 Liquor Licenses. A short discussion took place regarding the closure of many businesses in EP due to the Co-Vid pandemic shut down. The closures meant many active businesses had no ability to stay open while others were allowed only carry-out orders for (3) three months. Restaurants and bars have taken a hard hit during this pandemic. Trustees agreed this has been a difficult time for business owners. Suggestions included charging half year fees to the affected businesses and no fees to businesses that did not open. The Mayor will meet with business owners and report his decisions for approval at the next Board meeting. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Burke, Anderson, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Sawyers was absent tonight. The Chair reported the findings of a recent discussion with the Treasurer. The Chair reported until the pandemic struck in March the Village was operating at a record pace. The Plaza is suffering from the imposed lockdown. Due to the shelter in place, gas taxes were down, transfer taxes also declined. A brief discussion took place regarding reducing capital expenditures and possible revenue enhancements. The Chair asked the Trustees for their input regarding next year's budget.

The Chair implemented a hiring freeze and Department heads cut \$750,000 from their collective budgets. The Chair added he will never defund the Police Department. We are down (6) six full time Police officers due to retirement. When the academy re-opens these positions will be filled and are not part of the hiring freeze. An estimated \$113,000 is coming from Cook County reimbursements. The Chair stated everything will be considered and decided as a group when the November budget is finalized. No Vote taken only a discussion.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Mr. Klass was asked not to attend tonight's meeting.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

The Attorney had no report.

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS**

All Department Heads were asked not to attend tonight's meeting.

BIDS

The Chair reported expenditures including emergency sanitary sewer repairs done at 101st and Clifton Park at a cost of \$35,456 and \$12,073 for gun range work at the EP Police Department.

MISC.

The Chair noted he received a request from the 9800 Block of Artesian for " Permit Parking Only " but he has not received a completed request for Board approval.

Mr. Percy Allen, from the audience questioned the 2.5% Chicago water rate increase and also the possible revenues from gaming machines. The Chair answered the June 1st; increase from the City of Chicago has been postponed for the time being. The Chair noted the State allows (6) six machines per license. He added other towns around us are doing well with gaming by charging \$500.00 to \$1,000 per machine and collecting 5% of wagered monies.

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. The Chair thanked everyone for coming back to our meeting. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Marzullo, McQuillan and Burke; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:10 P.M.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk