

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday June 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke in called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
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 Kelly Burke
Trustee Carol Kyle
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee James McQuillan
Trustee Norman Anderson
Trustee Mark Phelan

Village Attorney Vincent Cainkar was also present. Some Department heads were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Phelan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. The Chair stated with regret the passing of (2) two longtime residents. She extended condolences to St. Department employee Jim Vos and his family on the passing of his father, James Vos, longtime resident and friend to many.
2. Sympathies were also extended to the Mr. Gil Drucker and family on the passing of Josephine “Jo” Drucker. Jo served on District 124 School Board for (12) twelve years and was President of the Board for ten of those years. Her dedication to families and children of EP will not be forgotten. Thanks to Trustee Kyle for sharing this information with the Board.
3. The railroad crossing at 99th Street and Rockwell be closed for repairs beginning Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and is expected to be closed for one week. Please use alternate routes and slow down while traveling our side streets.
4. The Chair announced the retirement of three longtime Village employees and wished them all the best. All of them were exemplary employees and did their jobs with humor and efficiency. Chis McCann, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, Payroll Clerk, Judy Phelan and OCS employee, Beverly Nolan enjoy your retirement.
5. The Chair congratulated and wished EPBC good luck in the upcoming playoffs. Congrats to Girls Softball on a great season.
6. The Chair commended the EP Police Department for great work done in a variety of incidents.
7. Everyone is encouraged to Decorate for Independence Day. Submit a photo to epjuly4homes@gmail.com Winners will be notified on

- July 1, 2021 and recognized at the July 19, 2021 Board meeting. For more info, contact eh EP Recreation Dept. at 708-229-3373.
8. The Village Hall close on Monday, July 5, 2021 for Independence Day. Normal hours resume Tuesday, July 6 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 9. The Chair gave an West Nile update on June 2, 2021 Cook County Mosquito Abatement treated sewer catch basins with 30 day pellets. EP Water Management will begin a 90 day treatment on June 22, 2021 in Village storm sewers.
 10. Farmers Market is every Thursday at Yukich Field from 7 am to 1:00 p.m. Mayor Burke invited everyone to shop the market and stop by to chat with her from 9-10 am for “Mornings with the Mayor”. The Chair invited everyone to attend free Yoga in the ice rink on July 1, 2021 starting at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00. Local yoga teacher, Cathy O’Grady will led the session.
 11. The Chair stated the 87th /Kedzie paving project should be completed our next Board meeting. Trustee Marzullo expressed concerns about traffic and safety due to the poorly marked signage. He asked the Village Engineer to intervene. Gavin Yeaman of PW noted the Engineer has contacted them regarding the signage issues.

OPEN PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Mr. Dennis Wilson, 9300 Block of Central Park, complimented the emergency weather alert notice for tornado issues last night. He questioned why last year the public was not alerted of ongoing civil unrest. Deputy Chief of Police, David Linn suggested Mr. Wilson and others update information on Smart 9-1-1 and check the appropriate boxes for specific notifications. DC Linn offered to help anyone needing assistance with Smart 9-1-1. The Chair noted the Village will do a better job of promoting Smart 9-1-1. Trustee Marzullo stated Fire and Police Departments did a great job keeping us safe. He added they work from real time intelligence reports and are not always able to share the information.

Mr. Michael Clark, 9200 Block of Pulaski asked why they can no longer park on the north side of 93rd Street. New residential signs have been posted prohibiting parking. He asked the signs be removed, as there is an elderly couple in wheelchairs that cannot park near their home. The Chair will look into it and contact him with an answer. A short discussion took place regarding residential / parking signs within the Village.

Mr. Paul Castille, 2600 Block of 98th Street requested 4-way stop signs at 98th Street and Washtenaw. He is concerned for the safety of the children in the area. The Chair explained the procedure is a petition to the Board is required with 75% of the neighbors requesting the signs. Mrs. Moncada, who is petitioning the Board tonight for 9600 Block of Maplewood offered to help him with the petition.

Katie Friend, 2600 Block of 98th Street, asked about ordinances against excessive fireworks. Deputy Chief David Linn stated everyone should call 9-1-1 and give a location of the offenders. She added a neighbor is feeding cats and bringing rodents into the area. The Chair asked her to

leave her information and the issue will be forwarded to the Health Inspector.

Helen Cuprisin, 9200 Block of Homan, questioned why she is not getting police alerts but only getting weather alerts. She expressed concerns about her street being used as a raceway. DC Linn responded Helen may need to update her selections on Smart 9-1-1 and the Police will help her.

The Chair addressed her speeding concerns stating the Police cannot be everywhere but they are using a roving strategy for traffic compliance. She reminded everyone to use caution and obey the 20 mph speed limit and stop at stop signs. Trustee Anderson agreed and noted there are more people out on Village streets and sidewalks since the pandemic restrictions have diminished. He asked everyone to responsibly comply with traffic laws.

REGULAR AGENDA MINUTES

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Anderson to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

ZBA MEETING MAY 11, 2021 10042 S. SAWYER

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Phelan to accept the minutes and recommendation of approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dated May 11, 2021. The Board approved the variation with an addendum to eliminate the bathroom from the garage structure and grant a 1.5 foot setback on the south side instead of 3.0 and also 1.0 foot on the west lot line and increased height to 20.9 feet. Upon roll call Trustees voting YES: Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed as amended and so ordered by the Chair.

Mr. Kris Termine, the petitioner and the owner of the property explained the variance for the garage is necessary to accommodate his future swimming pool. A consensus of the Board was reached after a lengthy discussion that the bathroom will not be allowed due to the possibility of using the structure for related living if Mr. Termine sells in the future. The height of the garage is extended for additional storage. It was agreed these improvements are costly and his investment is appreciated. Mr. Termine asked that the south lot be reduced to a 1.5 foot setback instead of the 3.0 foot as approved by the Zoning Board.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Motion by Trustee Kyle seconded by Trustee Anderson that after a six month review confidentiality still exists on Executive Minutes. Upon roll call Trustees voting YES: McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed as amended and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 15. 2020 &
NO. 16.-2020**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Burke, to approve **Resolution NO. 15-2021 and Resolution NO. 16-2021. Res. No. 15-2021** with \$ 502,302.10 in the General Corporate Fund, \$ 60,319.50 in the Water Management Fund, The 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 10,879.05 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$ 22,000.00 and the Street Bond Fund, \$11,100.00 for a total of \$606,600.65. **Resolution NO. 16-2021** \$ 387,559.20 in the General Corp. Fund, \$ 43,669.46 in the Water Management Fund, and 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 14,276.47 and \$1,520.00 in the Street Bond Fund for a total of \$447,025.13. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
TREASURER
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the Village Treasurer's report for **May 2021** in the amount of \$7,070,338.79 in the General Fund and \$ 5,086,727.82 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 Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo to untable the request for approval of the business license application for **TRUE LAWYER.** The motion to untable was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the request for approval of the business license application for **TRUE LAWYER** to conduct a law office located at 9500 S. Avers Avenue, Suites 6, 7 and 8. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan and Anderson; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the business license application for **BREWJA COMPANY** to conduct an art show venue/gallery located at 9537 S. Pulaski Avenue. The Chair introduced the owner, Esparanza who stated it would not be open full time. The Chair noted this license will be approved contingent on a review after a few events are held at the site. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson, and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the business license application for **FACE AND COMPANY UNLIMITED** to conduct a 3-4 chair facial studio located at 9204 S. Western Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

ORDINANCE**NO. 5-2021**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2021,** **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-237, SWEEPSTATES MACHINES PROHIBITED, TO THE EVERGREEN PARK MUNICIPAL CODE.** The Chair noted these are in violation of the Illinois Gaming Code. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

RESOLUTION**NO. 4-2021**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2021,** **“A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF THE LIONS CLUB OF EVERGREEN PARK.”** The Chair presented the Resolution to the EP Lions including Mr. Stan Urbanczyk and Mrs. Ruth Urbanczyk, Harry Onderwater, Jerry Werner, and Terry Summers and his son, John Summers. The Chair thanked them for their dedicated service to the EP community over these many years. The Lions have been serving the Evergreen Park community since the early 1950’s. Mr. Urbanczyk stated membership has been dwindling and during the recent pandemic, they were unable to meet and hold their annual Pancake Breakfast. He encouraged everyone to support neighboring Lions Clubs. The audience gave them a heartfelt round of applause. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

RESOLUTION**NO. 5-2021**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2021,** **“A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS CONVENIENT & SAFETY CORPORATION FOR ADVERSTING SHELTERS.”** Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan and Anderson; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

PROCLAMATION**NICKI SEIDL**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Proclamation. “Recognizing Nicki Seidl on her retirement and in Recognition of Service as Director of the Evergreen Park Library.” The Chair presented Nicki with the proclamation and thanked her for her many years of service. Her innovative ideas and social programs have made the Library an educational and fun destination for the entire community. The Chair noted that Nicki was the one who asked her to run as President of the Library Board. Nicki thanked the Chair and the Board and all her staff adding she loved her job and this community.

The audience gave her a heartfelt applause. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**POLICE DEPT.
VACANCIES**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan to declare (1) vacancy in the Evergreen Park Police Department due to retirement of Lt. Beyer. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**POLICE DEPT.
HIRING**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to authorize Police Chief Saunders request to hire (1) individual from the next Probationary Patrol Officer Eligibility List. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**POLICE DEPT.
PROMOTIONS**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Kyle to authorize an opening of one Lieutenant position due to the retirement of Lt. Beyer and approve the request from Police Chief Saunders to authorize the promotion of Police Sergeant Steven Stiers to Lieutenant. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**SOUTHWEST
CONFERENCE OF
MAYORS DUES**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the Southwest Conference of Mayors annual municipal membership dues in the amount of \$5,500 for FY 2021 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**EPCHS
HOMECOMING**

Motion by Trustee Anderson second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the request from Evergreen Park High School for a parade and Homecoming on Friday, September 24, 2021. The football game will be on Friday and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**2-WAY STOP
REQUEST**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the request from residents for a 2-way stop sign located at 9600 and 9700 Blocks of Maplewood. Mrs. Moncada and the petitioners had also requested a round a bout and speed bumps. The Chair stated only the stop signs will be voted on tonight but conversations will continue on the other requests. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees: Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo

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

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Village Engineer Tim Klass was not in attendance.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Mr. Perlman requested the Board adjourn to Executive Session tonight to discuss pending litigation.

BIDS

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Anderson to approve PW Director Lorenz request to allow the Clerk to solicit bids for the 2021 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees: Marzullo, McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

MISC.

Trustee Phelan questioned why the Village Engineer has not been at the Board meetings. The Chair noted due to co-vid we had been limiting the amount of people but the restrictions have been lifted. She will contact the Engineer requesting his attendance at future meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT
TO CLOSED
SESSION**

With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees McQuillan, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:42 P.M.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk