

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2021
CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne, Trustees Koch, Forster, Schultz, Marquardt, Oppenheim, and Takaoka. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Fleischhauer, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Public Works Director Brown, Chief Kreis, CFO Cratty, HR Specialist Svendsen, Village Attorney Forte, and Recording Secretary DeAnda.

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Byrne read the following statement. "We are conducting this meeting tonight by Zoom in light of the ongoing pandemic and the continuing declaration of disaster by the Governor. I have determined that in person Village Board meetings are not practical or prudent at this time due to the ongoing public health emergency."

- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

In an email, Todd Renihan, Post Commander of American Legion Post 1247, thanked Trustee Schultz for his service in the Army and continued service to his community as a Trustee. Commander Renihan wrote Trustee Schultz never forgot the men and women who served their country. He has supported the Veterans Closet and has been a member of his local American Legion. "To that, we salute you."

AVM Petrillo followed up stating that his brothers and sisters from Post 1247 and AMVETS regret not being able to attend tonight but are with you in spirit. AVM Petrillo outlined Trustee Schultz' support of veterans' events and servicemen's activities. Trustee Schultz was presented with a US flag flown by Marines first deployed to Afghanistan that was flown in battle and at the Village of Vernon Hills. AVM Petrillo closed with the motto "of the troops, for the troops and of the community, for the community." AVM Petrillo wished Trustee Schultz best in his next chapter and closed with "we salute you."

Julie Fievet joined the call to discuss snow removal on sidewalks, specifically in Gregg's Landing on the west side of St. Andrews. After a discussion, PWD Brown stated staff could provide snow removal on sidewalks at the northeast corner of Gregg's Parkway and St. Andrews. Ms. Fievet expressed her appreciation of the Public Works staff's snow removal efforts.

- V. Officials Reports

- A. Village President

- B. Village Manager

1. Village Manager Fleischhauer advised that the State of Emergency in the Village of Vernon Hills is extended until February 16, 2021 per Declaration 21-03.
2. Village Manager Fleischhauer thanked PWD Brown and his staff for the excellent job of snow removal during the recent snowstorm. The Village received no snow removal

complaints. PWD Brown stated the upcoming dropping temperatures would be the next challenge.

3. It was determined to hold the March 2 Board meeting as an in-person meeting.

C. Assistant Village Manager

1. Communications Update –Human Resource Specialist Svendsen

AVM Petrillo recognized the communications team of Mike Storto, Kristen Svendsen, and Lynn Brandl and their efforts to connect to the community on topics from business assistance to content featured by Visit Lake County.

HR Specialist Svendsen outlined the Communication Team’s efforts to ensure consistency and coordination of content of Village communication platforms while staying connected with the community and businesses, which include website, Village Voice enewletter Channel 4, YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. Since restrictions on local businesses were put in place, the Village staff has made efforts to outreach through visits to our businesses to be given the opportunity to be featured on the Village’s social media. She outlined efforts of “Experience Vernon Hills” to promote restaurants and shopping local. She introduced the 2021 interactive shopping and dining guide and the variety of staff developed videos. Staff collects analytics on each post provided by Facebook and Instagram to determine interest. Their next focus is to increase the reach to larger audiences and further distances.

Trustee Takaoka stated the team has done an awesome job and the business owners are appreciative of their efforts.

Trustee Koch has been asked about assistance for seniors and noted the 211LakeCounty.org website. AVM Petrillo stated information would be put on Village platforms. Staff is working with local senior facility directors to provide permitted senior activity and available resources.

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

E. Chief of Police

1. Federal Use of Force Certification

Chief Kreis updated the Board regarding the Village’s application and receipt of its certification through the Department of Justice that the Police Department exceeds all federal Police use of force guidelines, a requirement that came out of Presidential Executive Order 13929.

F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer

G. Director of Community Development

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

President Byrne called for a motion to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-I.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt, to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-I.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Schultz, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. FINANCE & TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020, DECEMBER 2020

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$631,813.14

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021

D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-017 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN VILLAGE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND HAVING LITTLE VALUE TO DISPOSE OF IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-019 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAINING TIME IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,300

F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 2019-127, 2016-043, 2012-021, 2011-007, 2010-062, 2009-033, 2009-017, 2008-051, 2007-75, 2007-44, 2007-16, 2006-46, 2006-32, 2005-49, 2004-111, 2004-81, 2004-49, 2004-16, 2003-80, 2003-53, 2002-74, 2002-58, 2002-12, 2001-37, 1997-33, 1996-63, 1990-63, 1990-24 DESIGNATING STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING

G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICLE PARKING AND UNATTENDED ANIMALS

H. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS REGARDING RESTAURANT LIQUOR AND BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

I. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS REGARDING A TEMPORARY REBATE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAXES

VI. Unfinished/Additional Business

VIII. New Business/Communications

1. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2021-003 A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR TESTING FACILITY FOR GS LABS LOCATED AT 555 TOWNLINE ROAD

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Takaoka, to approve RESOLUTION 2021-003 A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR TESTING FACILITY FOR GS LABS LOCATED AT 555 TOWNLINE ROAD.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Schultz, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

Trustee Koch thanked HR Specialist Svendsen and AVM Petrillo for their important efforts to communicate during the pandemic. Further, he stated District 73 has vaccinated over 90% of its staff. He noted District 73's incredible job with the professional development about Return to Learn.

Trustee Takaoka suggested expanding restaurant outreach by doing something as "Check Please Vernon Hills or Diners and Drive-Ins Vernon Hills," recording videos of diners interviewed for their comments. He looked forward to being interviewed himself. In addition, HR Specialist Svendsen stated staff would be asking diners to send their "I can do it better than Kristen" videos to ExperienceVH@vhills.org.

Trustee Oppenheim noted Chief Kreis' media appearances regarding police reform legislation. Chief Kreis updated the Board on the status of the legislation. He continues to work with agencies to address some of the language. He stated they were not resisting improvements/changes in law enforcement and justice systems that are necessary but felt in the haste to accomplish these changes, there were major misses, such as in the provisions of wearing of body cameras.

Trustee Schultz asked Village Manager Fleischhauer to note the Budget Review meeting schedule as Budget Workshops on March 2 and 16, Public Hearings on April 7, and approval on April 20.

Trustee Oppenheim thanked DCD Atkinson for his involvement of reestablishing the Gregg's Landing ARC Committee.

IX. Recess / Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Takaoka, to adjourn the Board Meeting. There is no Committee of the Whole or Executive Session scheduled.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Schultz, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Byrne

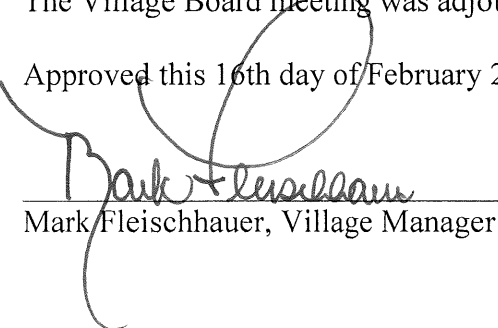
NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:13PM.

Approved this 16th day of February 2021.



Mark Fleischhauer, Village Manager



Roger Byrne, Village President