

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, IL
HELD APRIL 20, 2021**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne, Trustees Koch, Forster, Schultz, Marquardt, Oppenheim, and Takaoka. A quorum was established.
- III. Also present were: Village Manager Fleischhauer, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Public Works Director Brown, Chief Kreis, Fin Dir Fairbairn, Attorney Ferolo, Village Attorney Forte, and Recording Secretary Koehl.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- V. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
Julie Simpson thanked Trustee Schultz for his service and presented him with a proclamation from the Lake County Board.

Dave Doerhoefer, President of the Vernon Hills Park District Board and Park Board Commissioner Carol Sente, thanked Trustee Schultz for his support and commitment to the community. The Park District will be planting a tree with a plaque in his honor at Laschen Park. They wished him all the best.

Todd Renihan saluted and thanked Trustee Schultz for his service. He also let the Board know that the American Legion would be doing a small socially distanced Memorial Day Ceremony at both the Vernon Township Cemetery at 9AM, Willow Lawn Cemetery at 10AM and at 11AM at the Arborthheater.

Trustee Schultz asked for volunteers to lay flags at the cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed at Vernon Township Cemetery at 9AM on Friday May 28, Willow Lawn Cemetery at 10AM on Saturday May 29.

VI. Official Reports

A. Village President

1. Proclamation – Telecommunicators Week

President Byrne read a proclamation that stated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was observed during the week of April 11 – 17, 2021 in the Village and he thanked them for their dedicated service.

B. Village Manager

1. Declaration 21-08 - Continuation of a State of Emergency in the Village of Vernon Hills

Village Manager Fleischhauer advised that the State of Emergency in the Village of Vernon Hills was extended until May 4, 2021 per Declaration 21-08.

Chief Kreis also advised that the Police Department is currently taking applications for the position of Police Officer. Remote testing will be used for this process, and testing will take place until May 17th with interviews being held in June.

- C. Assistant Village Manager
- D. Finance Director/Treasurer
- E. Chief of Police
- F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer
- G. Director of Community Development

VII. Omnibus Vote Agenda

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

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

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT- MARCH 2021

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED APRIL 20, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$391,945.11 (detail at end of packet)

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VERNON HILLS HELD APRIL 7, 2021

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2021

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-052 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THIRD YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TGF ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR BRICK PAVER MAINTENANCE WORK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 (PW Dir Brown)

F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-053 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO MORTON SALT INC. TO FURNISH BULK ROCK SALT UNDER THE SECOND YEAR OF THE LAKE COUNTY JOINT BID FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$112,000 (PW Dir Brown)

G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-054 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000 (PW Dir Brown)

H. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-055 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$64,000 (PW Dir Brown)

- I. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-056 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON WITHIN THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 (PW Dir Brown)**
- J. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-057 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF MISC. BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND STREET LIGHTING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM STEINER ELECTRIC COMPANY THROUGHOUT THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000 (PW Dir Brown)**
- K. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-058 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO THE HOME DEPOT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL PURPOSE TOOLS AND MISC. BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND GROUNDS SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 (PW Dir Brown)**
- L. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-059 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO AEP ENERGY, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE FY2022 BUDGET YEAR NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000 (PW Dir Brown)**
- M. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-060 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000 TO ALPHA BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, ARBOR THEATRE, METRA STATION, VILLAGE HALL, POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, AND MUNI GOLF COURSE, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SAID SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000 WITHIN FY2022 (PW Dir Brown)**
- N. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-061 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS FOR 2021/2022 (VM Fleischhauer)**
- O. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-062 AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE CURRENT SENIOR STAFF SALARIES IN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS PAY PLAN (VM Fleischhauer)**
- P. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-063 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO CONTRACTING SERVICE, LLC TO PERFORM AN EXPANSION TO THE EXISTING FITNESS ROOM AT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BUILDING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 (PW Dir Brown)**
- Q. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-064 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-077 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT OF \$20,000 FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (Fin Dir Fairbairn)**
- R. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-065 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 (Fin Dir Fairbairn)**
- S. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-066 AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE CURRENT WAGES OF CERTAIN NON-UNION POSITIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS (VM Fleischhauer)**

T. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2021-010 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS AND HGC WHITE DEER RUN, LLC., FOR THE OPERATION OF THE WHITE DEER RUN GOLF COURSE (VM Fleischhauer)

U. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR 775 CORPORATE WOODS – BLITT & GAINES

V. APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RANGE VENTILATION SYSTEM

VIII. Unfinished/Additional Business

1. Summer Events Schedule

Village Manager Fleischhauer gave a summary of the current state of the COVID crisis and gave his recommendations to the Board regarding the Village events. He advised that he believes that the Arborthater Concerts can be scheduled safely, due to them being smaller events, and the outdoor venue allows for social distancing.

He recommended that the July 4th Parade be cancelled, due to the large crowds that typically attend. He stated there would be no way to enforce wearing of facemasks or keeping the public appropriately socially distanced. He did however believe that the Village could plan to go on with the July 4th Fireworks without providing entertainment. Without entertainment, people would not tend to gather in one area and can be spread out appropriately since the park is very large.

He recommended canceling Summer Celebration, because it is a very large event that is usually well attended. It would be very difficult and nearly impossible to make sure that all guidelines set forth by the state are followed. He is recommending that the Village join in with the Park District's Rib Fest. His suggestion would be to contribute to the cost of entertainment (roughly \$12,500, which is already in the budget) and use the Summer Celebration fireworks at this event instead. Park District President Doerhoefer advised that Rib Fest is an event that is fenced off and temperature monitoring, and crowd control can be done easily at this event. In the event that Rib Fest does not happen, the fireworks would be postponed and done on New Year's Eve.

The Board concurred with these suggestions.

IX. New Business/Communications

1. Butterfield Road Bikepath Letter of Intent and Concurrence with LDOT

PW Director Brown gave a summary about the project and asked the Board for approval for the Village President to execute the letter of intent.

Motion by Trustee Koch second by Trustee Schultz to authorize the Village President to execute the letter of intent and concurrence as described.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

Trustee Schultz thanked the Village Board, Staff, Lake County Board member Julie Simpson, Park District President Dave Doerhoefer and Park Board Commissioner Sente, the voters of Vernon Hills and the community.

He also reminded people stop the violence and killings with weapons of mass destruction. Let's try to do something as a community and Nation to stop killing each other.

Trustee Takaoka complimented Trustee Schultz for being so knowledgeable about the issues and being someone who truly cares. Trustee Takaoka stated that he has learned quite a bit from him and respects everything that he has done.

X. Recess / Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Schultz second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Board Meeting and go into Committee of the Whole.

Roll call vote:

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

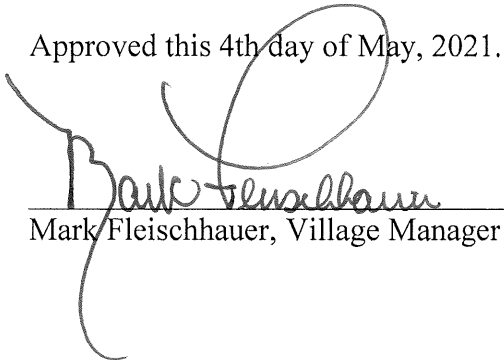
NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

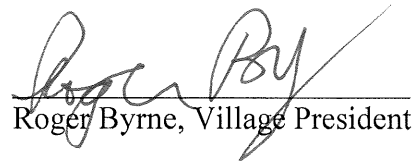
Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Approved this 4th day of May, 2021.



Mark Fleischhauer, Village Manager



Roger Byrne, Village President