

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS,
LAKE COUNTY, IL HELD JULY 5, 2022**

- I. Village Manager Timony called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present Trustees Koch, Forster, Schenk, Takaoka, and Oppenheim. President Byrne and Trustee Marquardt have given prior notice that they would not be in attendance. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Timony, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Chief Kreis, Finance Director Flori, Village Attorney Ferolo, and Recording Secretary DeAnda

Village Manager Timony called for a motion to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem for the duration of the Village Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Forster, to appoint Trustee Koch as Chairman Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Schenk, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Byrne, Marquardt

Motion carried.

Chairman Pro Tem Koch called for a moment of silence in memory of the July 4 tragedy in Highland Park.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
Chris Maier, 371 Cherry Valley Road asked what extra precautions would be taken to keep citizens safe at Summer Celebration. Chief Kreis responded that all events have coordination with all local agencies and detailed preplanning for security measures. Ms. Maier further stated she was surprised to hear that only 8% of plastic was recycled. AVM Petrillo outlined the Village's efforts towards increasing recycling.
- V. Officials Reports
 - A. Village President
 1. Chairman Pro Tem Koch read a proclamation and wished Ms. Hannah Hogan Happy 100th Birthday
 2. Proclamation Recognizing Lindsey Pearlman Miss Illinois for America Strong - 2022 (**Pulled due to recipient was unable to attend this meeting**)
 - B. Village Manager
Cancellation of July 4 concert and fireworks
VM Timony stated due to the July 4 Highland Park tragedy, the Board determined to cancel its concert and fireworks display. The fireworks display has been rescheduled to the Park District's Ribfest on August 19.
 - C. Assistant Village Manager
 - D. Finance Director/Treasurer
 - E. Chief of Police
 - F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer
 - G. Director of Community Development

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

Chairman Pro Tem Koch called for a motion to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-F.
Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Schenk, to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-F.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Schenk, Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Byrne, Marquardt

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – MAY 2022

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED JULY 5, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$457,966.83

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2022

D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2022-082 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN VILLAGE PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE BY PUBLIC OR INTERNET AUCTION

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2022-083 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO CERTAPRO PAINTERS TO PERFORM PAINTING AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,000

F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2022-084 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRODUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 VERNON HILLS SUMMER CELEBRATION

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

VIII. New Business/Communications

1. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2022-085 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

Motion by Trustee Schenk, second by Trustee Oppenheim, to approve ORDINANCE 2022-085 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Schenk, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Byrne, Marquardt

Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2022-086 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO LIGHTNING PREDICTION SERVICES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THOR GUARD LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,000

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Forster, to approve ORDINANCE 2022-086 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO LIGHTNING PREDICTION SERVICES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THOR GUARD LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,000 (at Vernon Hills Golf Course)

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Schenk, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Byrne, Marquardt

Motion carried.

July 4 Highland Park Tragedy

Chairman Pro Tem Koch restated VM Timony’s phrase that canceling the July 4 festivities was the “easiest difficult decision” to make in light of the Highland Park tragedy. He expressed deepest condolences to the Highland Park community, stated the right to own guns was not unlimited and it was time to address this issue, and that an assault rifle was a weapon of war. He then opened the floor to comments from the Board.

Trustee Oppenheim thanked Chief Kreis and Vernon Hills Police Department for their participation at the scene.

Trustee Forster reminded local communities were affected by these tragedies but there were good people that come together and help each other.

Trustee Schenk stated the community would understand that the Village’s focus was on families in regard to canceling the festivities. He felt the community was strong and was able to reach out beyond our borders to help others.

Chief Kreis stated the one thing everyone can do was if you see something/say something, call 911, the Police Department can be a resource, and help others.

With regard to the passing of Vernon Hills High School student, Adam Jablonski, Trustee Takaoka thanked Executive Director Fougousse, Vernon Hills Park District, for the bench/plaque dedication for Adams’s friends to use. He also thanked VM Timony, PWD Brown, and Landscape Tech Josh Hansen for the magnolia tree planted at the Arbortheater. He stated the response from the people of the Village was phenomenal.

Chairman Pro Tem Koch thanked Park District Executive Director Fougousse for the Park District’s involvement with the July 4 decisions. VM Timony stated the decision to cancel the festivities was a difficult decision, but easy to do because of the cooperation from all the local agencies.

IX. Recess/Adjournment

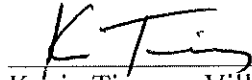
Motion by Trustee Schenk, second by Trustee Oppenheim, to adjourn the Board Meeting and go into Committee of the Whole.

All in favor vote.

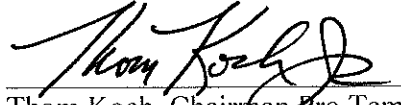
Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Approved this 19th day of July 2022



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



Thom Koch, Chairman Pro Tem