

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS,
LAKE COUNTY, IL HELD OCTOBER 5, 2021**

- I. Village Manager Timony called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne via telephone, Trustees Koch, Forster, Schenk, Marquardt, and Takaoka. Trustee Oppenheim was absent. A quorum was established.
- III. Also present were: Village Manager Timony, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Public Works Director Brown, Finance Director Lora Flori, Chief Kreis, Village Attorney Ferolo, Village Attorney Forte, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Forster to appoint Trustee Koch as Temporary Chairman to run the meeting for the duration of the meeting, due to President Byrne attending via telephone.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Takaoka, Schenk, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Oppenheim

Motion carried.

- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- V. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
 1. On September 21, 2021, the Vernon Hills Park District received Grand Plaque in the National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management from American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AARPA). Vernon Hills Executive Director, Jeff Fougrousse and Vernon Hills Park District Board Commissioner, Bruce Robbins gave a video presentation regarding their recent award and shared the award with the Village Board and staff.

Executive Director Fougrousse thanked the Village Board on behalf of the Park District, for their continued support of the Park District's mission. Commissioner Robbins advised that very few Park Districts in Illinois have ever received this honor, and he thanked Executive Director Fougrousse and his staff.

Village Board members and Village staff congratulated them on earning this most prestigious honor in the Park and Recreation industry. Chairman Koch stated that the entire community benefits, when all of our community members work together, such as the School Districts, Park District and Village. He also thanked the Park District for everything that they have done for the Village.

- VI. Officials Reports
 - A. Village President
 - B. Village Manager
 - C. Assistant Village Manager
 1. Assistant Village Manager Petrillo gave an update on our annual Holiday Tree & Menorah Lighting event. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM. This even will return to our traditional event, with some safety precautions still in place. Staff plans to conduct the majority of the event outside, with limited indoor activity.

Trustee Marquardt offered the use of a sled to be used in the procession, and Public Works will see if this can be accomplished for the procession from the Countryside Fire Department located on Deerpath to the Muni.

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

E. Chief of Police

1. Chief Kreis advised that Halloween 2021 falls on Sunday, October 31st. His recommendation for trick-or-treat hours is from 2-6PM.

He advised that speaking to many parents a few years ago; after moving the trick-or-treat hours to the weekend rather than on the actual holiday due to inclement weather, an overwhelming majority of people liked the idea of trick-or-treating on a weekend. This made it more of a family event. Chief Kreis stated that in the future, the Board might want to consider this, as many other communities already have. This would make Halloween a much safer and enjoyable family event.

F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer

G. Director of Community Development

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

Chairman Koch called for a motion to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-F.

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

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Takaoka, Marquardt, Forster, Schenk, Byrne, Chairman Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Oppenheim

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – AUGUST 2021

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED OCTOBER 5, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468,803.13 (detail at end of packet)

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-120 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO CERTA PRO PAINTERS TO PERFORM PAINTING AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, VILLAGE HALL ARBORTHEATER, VHAC, AND METRA BUILDINGS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 (PW Dir Brown)

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2021-034 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VILLAGE MANAGER KEVIN TIMONY AS THE TIF ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HAWTHORN MALL, MILWAUKEE

AVENUE/TOWNLINE ROAD ("MELODY FARMS"), AND ROUTE 45/21 ("TOWN CENTER") TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS

F. RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE SAM'S CLUB FUEL STATION

VIII. Unfinished/ Additional Business

IX. New Business/Communications

President Byrne reminded residents and business owners to trim and maintain trees and shrubs on their properties. Public Works will also be trimming Village owned Trees and shrubs. Assistant Village Manager Petrillo advised that this message has been placed on our website, in the Village Voice, and other social media platforms.

Assistant Village Manager advised that along with GLMV Partners, the Village is collecting new and gently used coats and winter gear for The Midwest Veterans Closet, that helps Veterans who are in need.

Trustee Takaoka spoke about a Vernon Hills resident, Sue Ghandi, who operates a charity named Sue's Pantry. She started collecting and donating food from her home to help people in need twelve years ago. Trustee Takaoka would like staff to arrange to meet with Ms. Ghandi and President Byrne suggested we help her secure a location that her charity can use.

President Byrne also said that he saw the information we put out on our various platforms regarding panhandling in the Village. This subject will be coming up at a future Board Meeting.

X. Recess Adjournment

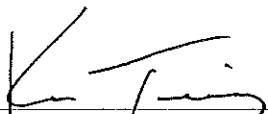
Motion by Trustee Byrne second by Trustee Marquardt, to adjourn the Board Meeting and move into Committee of the Whole, which will immediately be followed by Closed Session.

All in favor vote.

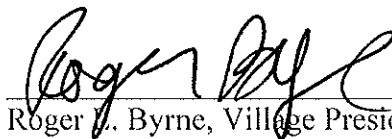
Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Approved this 19th day of October 2021.



Kevin Timony, Village Manager/ Clerk



Roger J. Byrne, Village President

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A closed session to discuss land acquisition-[Sec. 2(c)(5)]; approval of minutes is scheduled