



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

Board of Trustees Meeting

October, 22, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll call was answered by Trustees Bogdanowski, Harlfinger, Bojarski, Dustin, Murphy, and President Ruzanski.

Motion to allow Trustee Huckins to attend telephonically was made by Trustee Harlfinger and seconded by Trustee Dustin. On roll call vote Trustees Bogdanowski, Harlfinger, Dustin, Bojarski and Murphy voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Also present were Village Administrator Fred Mullard, Assistant Village Administrator Shannon Andrews, Interim Finance Director Wayde Frerichs, Chief of Police Dave Brey, Public Works Director Tom Migatz, Interim Community Development Director Ann Marie Hess, Village Attorney Brad Stewart and Village Clerk Cecilia Carman.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ruzanski.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda

A. Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the October 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

B. Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Village Board meeting.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A-B was made by Trustee Harlfinger and seconded by Trustee Dustin. On roll call vote Trustees Bojarski, Dustin, Harlfinger, Murphy, Bogdanowski, and Huckins voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried.

Omnibus Agenda

The Omnibus Agenda is comprised of several items which will be acted upon in one Motion unless any Trustee wishes to remove one or more items from the Omnibus Agenda. For members of the public, the agendas have been posted and copies are available during the meeting if you are not sure what items are included on the Omnibus Agenda. Let staff know if you wish to obtain a copy before the Board takes action on the Omnibus Agenda.

Trustee Dustin made a Motion to remove Item E.

A. Motion to approve the Raffle License Request and waive the Fidelity Bond Requirement for the Lake in the Hills American Legion Post #1231.

B. Motion to approve the Raffle License Request and waive the Fidelity Bond Requirement for the Lake in the Hills Property Owners Association.

C. Motion to approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Faro Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale.

D. Motion to waive the competitive bidding process and approve the purchase of four Watch Guard in-squad camera systems.

Motion to approve the Omnibus Agenda items A-D was made by Trustee Harlfinger and seconded by Trustee Dustin. On roll call vote Trustees Dustin, Bogdanowski, Murphy, Huckins, and Harlfinger, voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried. Trustee Bojarski was not included in the roll call for this vote.

Approval of the Schedule of Bills:

Motion to approve the October 23, 2020 Schedule of Bills total of all funds \$102,864.78 was made by Trustee Bogdanowski and seconded by Trustee Murphy. On roll call vote Trustees Harlfinger, Bojarski, Murphy, Huckins, Dustin, and Bogdanowski voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the September 2020 Manual Bills total of all funds \$593,905.87 was made by Trustee Bogdanowski and seconded by Trustee Murphy. On roll call vote Trustees Dustin, Bojarski, Murphy, Harlfinger, Huckins, and Bogdanowski voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried.

Village Administrator and Department Head Reports: None

Board of Trustee Reports: None

Village President Reports: President Ruzanski began a discussion concerning the County may return to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan before the next set of meetings. He mentioned there could be a need for a special meeting. He also asked the Trustees if they are agreeable to having the executive orders be re-instated if the County is placed under Phase 3.

Trustee Bogdanowski mentioned the need to help businesses during this time. He has reached out to some businesses but has not had any feedback at this point. President Ruzanski and Trustee Bogdanowski discussed helping businesses with heaters or outdoor shelters. Trustee Bogdanowski wants the Board to have a solid plan if we are put in Phase 3 again. Trustee Harlfinger does not agree with the Governor and the mandates issued. He stated the Village should not encourage local businesses to comply. He mentioned the Illinois State Police is not complying with the executive orders and asked what legal issues could be at risk if it does not follow the executive orders. Attorney Stewart explained there are pending lawsuits against the mandates and he is unable to predict the outcomes. Also there is no mandate for local police to enforce the restrictions. The Village will continue to use the complaint driven policy. Chief Brey commented the design is working. They have educated businesses and they are all willing to comply. Trustee Bojarski stated she disagreed with Trustee Harlfinger. She believes advising a business to defy the executive orders only puts that business at risk. As a Board we should help the businesses stay open and not open them up to any liability. Trustee Murphy stated the Board should not take a position on the issue of complying with the mandates. She believes each business needs to make their own decision. Trustee Dustin mentioned the weather is now an issue for our businesses. A discussion ensued concerning shelters and building codes.

The Trustees came into agreement if the County returns to Phase 3 to allow President Ruzanski to reinstate the executive orders that were placed.

Unfinished Business

E. Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2020- _____, An Ordinance Granting a Variation to Section 15.3-2, Permitted Fencing, Rear and Side Yards, to Allow a Six-Foot High Solid Fence Along the Side and Rear Lot Lines on Parcel 18-26-179-007 at 261 Wright Drive made by Trustee Harlfinger and seconded Trustee Huckins.

Discussion

Trustee Dustin and Murphy wanted this request to be given back to Planning and Zoning Committee. Trustee Dustin was concerned about the fence being offset and may affect neighbor's property value. Trustee Huckins disagreed and saw no issues with the variance. Trustee Murphy was concerned about setting a precedent of allowing solid fences and asked for a text amendment added to the ordinance. Trustee Bogdanowski stated this should be allowed to pass and agreed to have the Planning and Zoning Committee look at a text amendment. Administrator Mullard stated he can have the Planning and Zoning Board look at a text amendment. Interim Community Development Director Ann Marie Hess explained most fence permits are completed in 15 minutes. If the staff needed to review ascetics concerns the process could now take hours.

On roll call vote Trustee Dustin voted Nay. Trustees Bojarski, Murphy, Harlfinger, Huckins, and Bogdanowski voted Aye. 1 Nay and 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

New Business – None

Audience Participation: - None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn meeting was made Trustee Harlfinger and seconded by Trustee Dustin. All in favor by voice vote. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Lake in the Hills Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by,

Cecilia Carman
Village Clerk