

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

- I. Village Manager, Michael Allison called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: Trustees Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda, and Koch. President Byrne and Schwartz were absent. A quorum was established.

Motion to appoint Trustee Koch as President Pro-Tem. Motion by Trustee Schultz and second by Trustee Hebda to appoint Trustee Koch as the President Pro-Tem.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz, Byrne

Motion carried

Also present were: Village Manager Allison, Assistant Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Building Commissioner Atkinson, Police Chief Fleischhauer, Attorney Kenny and Recording Secretary Fischbach

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board.  
None
- V. Officials Reports
- A. Village President
- i. The presentation of the Lifesaving Award to Officer Deanna Manke was postponed until December 7, 2010
- B. Village Manager
- i. PACE Route 572, Alternative Service Presentation: Mr. Dick Welton, Director; Mary Donner, Community Relations Representative; and Eric Llewellyn, Planner of Pace were present to discuss the reduction in the Route 572. Eric Llewellyn stated that on December 13, 2010, Route 572 will be discontinued from the Hawthorn Westfield west to Westmoreland Drive due to severe on-time performance issues, lack of ridership and budgetary constraints. The Board expressed concerns about stopping service to people who needed transportation for employment and wanted to know what alternatives were available to the riders. Mary Donner provided information on locally based services and municipal vehicle programs and suggested partnering with the Vernon Township to provide service to residents in the Westmoreland area. Mr. Welton indicated that PACE would be more than happy to work with the Village by providing transportation through a mutual funded program. Trustee Schultz inquired if the Seniors Bus could accommodate some of the passengers. Trustee Marquardt asked it was possible to survey the riders to see what their needs are. Trustee Koch wanted to know if the completion of the construction of the Route 45 would help with Route and Eric Llewellyn stated they would conduct surveys to determine if it was possible to re-establish the route in the future.

C. Assistant Village Manager

- i. No report

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

- i. Request for T-1 Line and Redundant Radio Equipment: Finance Director Nakrin briefed the Board that on Saturday Night, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Public Work's microwave radio and dish and the radio antenna took a direct lightening hit passing the lightening rod. As a result, the Village's internet and Public Works radio network were disabled. Convergent Technologies came out to assess the damage but were unable to get the overnight shipment of the replacement transmitter started until Monday morning due to policies of the manufacturer and wind issues prolonged the outage until Wednesday. ABN was able to restore limited internet capability using a T1 line that the Village was in the process of abandoning as it migrates to internet access through the microwave radio system. The Police Department's CAD system was inoperative. Once the T1 internet connection was restored, certain functions that require large amounts of internet bandwidth were not able to resume. Loss of internet interfered with Countryside's camera monitoring of their fire stations, their ability to remotely operate their doors, their firehouse reporting, the internet based weather reporting, alpha paging and access to their email system.

With Public Works radio network down, the Police Department was forced to run most of its radio communications through the shared F1 network which serves Libertyville, Mundelein, Lincolnshire and Vernon Hills. This limited the amount of available radio traffic and made communication from the base station at the Communications Center more difficult.

When the Village selected the microwave system, it was based on a high degree of reliability. The direct lightening strike may have been a fluke, but there is a possibility the T-Mobile did not ground the tower properly. However, this incident has shown that we should have maintained the T1 access to the internet. Although the lines are limited in their data carrying capability, and have problems after heavy rains, having the lines in conjunction with microwave radios provides diversification and some redundancy. We were in the process of going from four T1 lines to two. As a result of the lightning strike, we suggest the Village Hall be connected to Public Works and the Police Department by two T1 lines and the third T1 line would connect the police department to the ABN back up location in Bannockburn. The microwave dish is aimed at ABN's primary location across from Gregg's Landing in Mundelein. If we continue to run into problems with the microwave system, we may consider leasing the Village's space on those towers, and using those funds to help finance high bandwidth fiber connections between the three Village buildings and as well as to ABN.

The Police Department has determined the cost of a second radio system would be \$8,000. We have the funds and feel the redundancy is important in keeping the police and fire departments up and running 24 hours

Trustee Koch inquired as to what percentage of towers in the area have ever been hit by lightning and if it has been determined if the tower was grounded. Mike Allison indicated that we did observe them doing more ground work, but we have not communicated with T Mobil. Trustee Marquardt asked that we research the safety features that can be put in place before funds are spent. Larry Nakrin stated the costs should be covered by insurance. Mike Allison stated that we needed to act quickly because the emergency warning system is inoperative. The Board had no problem with making the needed repairs to get the system up and running, but before addressing the

redundancy factor, the request more information. Mike Allison stated Staff will research the Boards concerns and come back at a later date.

E. Chief of Police

- i. No report

F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer

- i. No report

G. Building Commissioner

- i. No report

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

Village President Byrne read the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Items A-J. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Schultz approval of the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-J.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultzh, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz, Byrne

Motion carried

A. Department Reports:

- i. Finance And Treasurer's Report – September 2010  
ii. Vernon Hills Golf Course Report – September 2010

B. Approval of voucher list of bills dated November 3, 2010 in the amount of \$199,789.52

C. Release of Apple Orchard Letter of Credit #1348

D. Release of Autumn Leaves Maintenance Bond #563812P

E. Release of Jason's Deli Letter of Credit #796

F. Release of Staples Letter of Credit #DC110899

G. Release of The Multi Tenant Building Letter of Credit #DC110881

H. Approval of Public Improvements – Congregation Or Shalom

I. Approval and passage of Resolution 2010-136 acceptance and approval of the cost adjustment to the contracts between the Village of Vernon Hills and International Piping Systems, Inc. for quarterly preventative maintenance service of the HVAC equipment at the Vernon Hills Village Hall, Public Works Facility, Police Department, Communications Center, Metra Station and Golf Course

J. Approval And Passage Of Resolution 2010 waiving the competitive bid process and approving Umbdenstock Electric, Inc. to install six (6) electric meters on the Loyola Cuneo Museum and Gardens Property for Commonwealth Edison Metering of the Annual Holiday Light Show in an amount not to exceed \$22,000

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

A. Approval of the Village Board Minutes of October 19, 2010. Motion by Trustee Williams second by Trustee Marquardt approval of The Village Board Minutes of October 19, 2010.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried

B. Approval of Kemper voucher list of bills dated September 21, 2010 in the amount of \$10,525.47. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams approval of Kemper voucher list of bills dated November 3, 2010 in the amount of \$10,525.47.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz,

Motion carried

VIII. New Business/Communications

Trustee Koch indicated he has received several compliments from residents regarding the presence of the Vernon Hills Police Department Bike Patrol on October 31 in the Westmoreland area.

Trustee Schultz also requested that congratulatory letters be sent to the new elected officials.

Village Manager Allison provided an update on the passing of the Pension Reform Referendum.

IX. Recess

On a motion by Trustee Williams and second by Trustee Hebda the Village Board Meeting was recessed.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried

X. Reconvene

On a motion by Trustee Schultz and second by Trustee Hebda the Village Board Meeting was reconvened.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried

i. Approval and passage of Resolution 2010-138 a resolution to adjust the current wages of certain positions of the Village of Vernon Hills by 2.0% . Village Manager Allison discussed a letter to be distributed to the Village Employees after review by President Byrne. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of Resolution 2010-138 a resolution to adjust the current wages of certain positions of the Village of Vernon Hills by 2.0%.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None  
ABSTAIN: 0 - None  
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz  
Motion carried

- ii. Approval and passage of Resolution 2010-139 a resolution transferring \$53,027 from general purpose contingency to various accounts to fund two percent wage adjustment for certain employee positions enumerated in resolution 2010-138 effective November 1, 2010. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Hebda approval of Resolution 2010-139 a resolution transferring \$53,027 from general purpose contingency to various accounts to fund two percent wage adjustment for certain employee positions enumerated in resolution 2010-138 effective November 1, 2010.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Marquardt and second by Trustee Hebda the Village Board Meeting was adjourned.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried

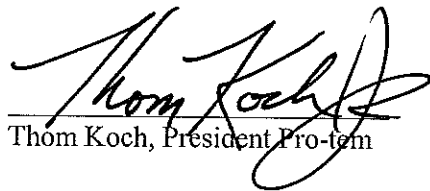
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of November, 2010.



Michael S. Allison, Village Manager/Clerk

MSA/LLF



Thom Koch, President Pro-tem