

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD JANUARY 9, 2018**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne, Trustees Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Schultz, and Takaoka. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Kalmar, Assistant Village Manager Carey, Building Commissioner Atkinson, Deputy Chief Zimmerman, Public Works Director Brown, Finance Director Larson, Assistant to the Finance Director Bourdeau, Village Attorney Brankin and Recording Secretary DeAnda

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board.
- V. Officials Reports

A. Village President

1. Proclamation – Cecil C. Blevins - In Appreciation For His Dedicated Service To The Village of Vernon Hills

President Byrne read the proclamation prepared for Cecil Blevins and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Village. Public Works Director Brown stated there will be a celebration on January 17 with the Senior Club for Cecil.

2. Lake County Climate Action Pledge

President Byrne read the excerpts from the information provided by Lake County and Sierra Club.

Introduction

The Lake County Climate Action Pledge is an initiative launched by Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor and the Sierra Club to inspire and engage community leaders and elected officials representing Lake County at all levels of government to use their voices and power to deliver local and bipartisan action on the climate crisis. As the Federal government abdicates its role in climate leadership, local governments, states, counties, and municipalities, must lead the way. The science is clear, calling on us to take bold action to reduce our carbon footprint. By doing so we can also improve public health, create new jobs in the clean energy economy, and make sure Lake County's communities are healthy and resilient for decades to come. Add your voice to our pledge and show that our communities are ready to lead.

The pledge outlines three (3) key pillars of climate action for Lake County:

1. Move Lake County Beyond Coal

Coal is responsible for 68% of our country's carbon emissions in the electric sector and one of the greatest threats to stabilizing our climate. Indeed, here in Lake County, the Waukegan coal plant is our largest single source of carbon pollution. While economically disadvantaged communities disproportionately shoulder the burden of pollution, more low-income families live next to the Waukegan plant than any other operating coal plant in Illinois. As President Trump works to dismantle the Obama Administration's signature climate policies to address coal pollution, communities are now left to take action plant-by-plant. I pledge to support a responsible transition plan beyond coal in Lake County as well as support new, sustainable investment opportunities for energy companies in our county. It is our shared responsibility to support a healthy, revitalized lakefront for Lake County's largest city.

2. Adopt Ambitious 100% Clean Energy Goals

The clean energy industry is one of the fastest growing sectors of the U.S. economy. I pledge to support a long-term vision of Lake County powered by 100% clean energy that delivers consumer and revenue savings, local job creation, and new business investment. While we can't make this jump tomorrow, we know this is the direction we need to go. I believe in expanding access to the clean energy economy especially in Lake County communities that are economically disadvantaged and disproportionately burdened by pollution. The first step is seizing the opportunities of Illinois' new clean energy policies from the Future Energy Jobs Act by strengthening local job training programs and working with clean energy developers to build public and private solar and energy efficiency projects.

3. Build Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

Lake County is already footing the bill for climate change as our communities brace for each big rain event that puts a strain on our aging pipes and threaten Lake Michigan. Climate change calls for new infrastructure and stormwater management to protect our communities from costly flooding damage. Additionally, cars, trucks, and buses burning oil are emitting carbon pollution, and contributing to unsafe smog pollution in our communities, and as temperatures rise, the risk of bad air days increase. I pledge to support climate-resilient infrastructure development and a modern and sustainable transportation plan for Lake County that improves access to public transportation, biking, and electric vehicles.

Join the Pledge:

"With vision and determination, Lake County can move beyond coal, towards 100% clean energy future, and invest in fiscally and environmentally sustainable infrastructure. Climate action isn't just an issue for our President to fail on or Congressional leaders to ignore. Climate action needs local leaders to step up and lead us forward, and it's going to start right here in Lake County!" –Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor

The official Lake County Climate Action Pledge Statement:

"I am proud to add my name to the Lake County Climate Action Pledge. Our communities are already feeling the impacts of climate change but the actions we need to take will improve public health, strengthen our local economy, and build a more resilient County for decades to come. I support Lake County moving beyond coal, a long-term vision of 100% clean energy, and building smart, sustainable infrastructure and transportation plans. With a bold vision and courageous, bipartisan action at the local level, we can work together to make sure Lake County has a prosperous and sustainable future."

The Board directed President Byrne to sign the Lake County Climate Action Pledge and send copies to Aaron Lawlor, Lake County, and Sierra Club.

B. Village Manager

C. Assistant Village Manager

1. Hawthorn Elementary School District 73 and Vernon Hills Park District – Request to Waive Permit Fees for Kindergarten Center Addition

Assistant Manager Carey stated Hawthorn Elementary School District 73 and Vernon Hills Park District appeared at a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 28, 2017 to discuss the proposed expansion of the Sullivan Community Center for a kindergarten addition. Consistent with past practice, the Village has typically waived all review and permit fees for other taxing districts.

Permit fees (including Special Use, Technical Review, and inspection fees) are based on total construction costs and square footage of the building. Based on a 34,950 square foot building and estimated cost of construction of \$12 million, permit fees would total approximately \$160,000.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Hebda, to waive permit fees for the Kindergarten Center Addition.
Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Hebda, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Schultz, Takaoka, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSTAIN: - 1 - Koch

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

1. Personnel Rules Amendment

Finance Director Larson stated on November 16, 2017, Governor Bruce Rauner signed Senate Bill 402 which requires that all governmental units must adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a policy prohibiting sexual harassment. To comply with this bill, policies must include a prohibition on sexual harassment, details on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, a prohibition on retaliation for reporting allegations and the consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual harassment and the consequences for knowingly

making a false report. The Act requires that policies, or updates to existing policies, be updated before January 15, 2018.

She stated the Village of Vernon Hills Personnel Rules includes Section 3.02 – Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy. The Village's existing policy met the majority of the requirements under the new Act; however, the policy did require a few updates to expand definitions of what was covered under the Act and to provide specific references to protections provided by the Whistleblower Act to bring it into compliance. Proposed amendments are included in the packet in a redlined format, and have been reviewed by the Village's Insurance Carrier (ICRMT), their law firm (OKGC LLC) and the Village's Corporation Counsel.

Resolution 2018-002 was recommended for approval.

- E. Chief of Police
- F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer
- G. Building Commissioner

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

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

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Oppenheim, granting approval of the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-I.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Schultz, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 1. FINANCE & TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017(detail at end of packet)**
- 2. VERNON HILLS GOLF COURSE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017(detail at end of packet)**
- 3. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017(detail at end of packet)**

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED JANUARY 9, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$211,414.13 (detail at end of packet)

C. RATIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED JANUARY 9, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,763,786.41 (detail at end of packet)

D. APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS NEIL ENTERPRISES, 1000 WOODLANDS PARKWAY

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2018-001 – RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017- 040 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS PERSONNEL RULES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017 PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 100-0554

G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2018-003 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

H. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-001 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO UPGRADE FOUR VILLAGE MAINTAINED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATIONS WITH NEW LED MODULES, AND ARM BRACKETS, AND

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MEADE, INC. TO COMPLETE SAID SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500

I. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2018-004 - A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING 2018 PROJECT

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

A. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2017

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch, granting approval of the December 12, 2017 Special Village Board meeting minutes.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Koch, Hebda, Oppenheim, Schultz, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSTAIN: 1 - Marquardt

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

VIII. New Business/Communications

A. OTHER ITEMS

IX. Recess/Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Marquardt, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Schultz, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

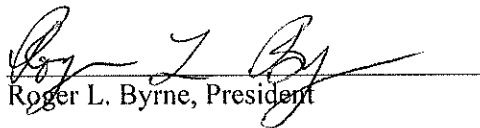
Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of January 2018



John M. Kalmar, Village Manager/Clerk



Roger L. Byrne, President