

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS HELD JANUARY 19, 2021
CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne, Trustees Koch, Forster, Schultz, Marquardt, Oppenheim and Takaoka. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Fleischhauer, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Public Works Director Brown, Chief Kreis, Fin Dir Fairbairn, HR Specialist Svendsen, Village Attorney Ferolo, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Byrne read the following statement. "We are conducting this meeting tonight by Zoom in light of the ongoing pandemic and the continuing declaration of disaster by the Governor. I have determined that in person Village Board meetings are not practical or prudent at this time due to the ongoing public health emergency."

- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

- V. Officials Reports

A. Village President

1. President read a Proclamation for HINDU SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH, or HSS Yogathon - January 16-31, 2021.

B. Village Manager

1. Village Manager Fleischhauer advised that the State of Emergency in the Village of Vernon Hills is extended until February 2, 2021 per Declaration 21-02.

C. Assistant Village Manager

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

E. Chief of Police

1. Chief Kreis gave a summary on the recent Omnibus Police Reform Bill passed during lame-duck session in the House of Representatives. Staff is directed to compose a letter to our State Representative to add this topic as well as other issues to be brought to their attention.

F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer

G. Director of Community Development

- VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

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

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-D.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 –Schultz, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020, DECEMBER 2020 (detail at end of report)

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED JANUARY 19, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485,468.16 (detail at end of packet)

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 05, 2021

D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2021-002 A RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

1. Financial Assistance to Businesses Discussion

Village Manager Fleischhauer discussed a plan to identify and assist businesses that have been affected by the State of Emergency declared by Governor Pritzker. This may include waiving of Business License fees, Liquor License fees, abatement of the 1% Food & Beverage Tax, for a 6 month period and to be re-evaluated at a June Village Board Meeting.

Assistant Village Manager Petrillo gave a summary of steps that staff has already taken to help our struggling businesses.

There was a consensus of the Board directing staff to prepare an ordinance to allow Business License and Liquor License fees to be waived for the next twelve months. Also, abating the 1 % Food & Beverage Tax for the period of January to June 2021 and to be re-evaluated at that time.

2. Community Engagement Diversity Inclusion

Assistant Village Manager Petrillo gave a summary and stated that the Public Comment period will be from January 21, 2021 to March 19, 2021. If the public would like to comment or has an opinion, they are asked to reach out by visiting the Village website at: <https://www.vernonhills.org/916/Diversity-and-Inclusion>.

VIII. New Business/Communications

1. West End Parking Restrictions

The Village was approached regarding the existing parking along West End Lane. The specific concern is outlined in the attached January 1, 2021 email to the Village Board. Based on this request, staff reviewed the conditions and share our findings and recommendations:

Findings:

- Parking is currently restricted along the southbound direction.
- Cars are parked very close to the intersection at Hawthorn Pkwy.
- The specific time of concern was during a holiday and internal HOA snow & ice operations.
- The parking for residents in the adjacent homes is limited especially during holidays.
- Accidents do not appear to be of concern, but drivers do have to be respectful of one another.

- West End Lane is well traveled by local drivers who desire to avoid using Butterfield to access Hawthorn Pkwy or Greenleaf Drive.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends adding parking restrictions in the northbound direction along West End from the Hawthorn Parkway ROW to a point 70 feet north. Signage would be added to the adjacent light pole thus not permitting parking in the northbound lane.

The Village Board concurred, and directed staff to prepare an amendment to bring before the Village Board at the next meeting.

2. Trustee Oppenheim asked about information that the Village received regarding ComEd requiring that all new sub-divisions have utilities located in the right of way located in front yards. PW Dir Brown advised that this change will only be required for new sub-divisions in the future, but didn't see this being an issue, since we will no longer have any new sub-divisions in the Village.
3. Trustee Schultz asked for an update on Lake Charles and Attorney Ferolo gave a brief summary and advised he would give an update at the next Village Board Meeting.

IX. Recess/Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim second by Trustee Schultz to adjourn the Board Meeting and go into a closed session following the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

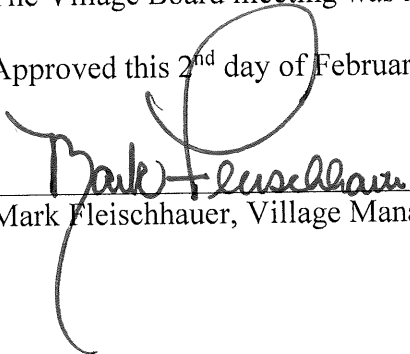
AYES: 7 – Koch, Schultz, Oppenheim, Forster, Marquardt, Takaoka, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

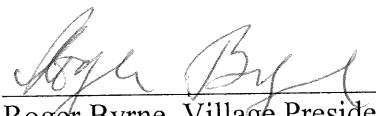
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Approved this 2nd day of February 2021.



 Mark Fleischhauer, Village Manager



 Roger Byrne, Village President

A closed session to discuss land acquisition-[sec. 2(c)(5)]; litigation-[sec. 2(c) (11)]; personnel-[sec. 2(c)(1)]; approval of minutes is not scheduled

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