

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2021
CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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."

- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: President Byrne, Trustees Marquardt, Koch, Schultz, Oppenheim, Takaoka and Forster. 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 Feroles, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

- V. Officials Reports

A. Village President

President Byrne congratulated Ms. Genevieve Lange who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 22, 2021. Happy 100th birthday from the Village of Vernon Hills!

B. Village Manager

1. Village Manager Fleischhauer advised that the State of Emergency in the Village of Vernon Hills is extended until March 2, 2021 per Declaration 21-04.
2. Village Manager Fleischhauer asked about when we will be moving to regular in person meetings. Consensus by the Board was to begin in person meetings at the next Village Board meeting scheduled for March 2, 2021.
3. Village Manager Fleischhauer presented the 2021 Village Events Plan. He stated that the Arbortheater Concert Series should be ok to move forward with and we are already planning to hold them.

July 4th Parade is tentative, we are planning and hoping for the best to hold this event, but we are unsure if this will be practical. We may be able to move ahead with the Fireworks display if we only do fireworks without having entertainment prior, to discourage large gatherings. We are hoping that the area in Century Park will be large enough to have spectators safely social distance themselves. We are planning this unless the Board or Governor feel otherwise.

The Jim Heier Fishing Derby is cancelled, due to the participants from the Veteran's Hospital being in a high-risk group.

We are facing the same challenges with Summer Celebration, and are planning some form of the event. This will not be the same as past events, and will be much different than people are used to, due to the extremely long planning that is required. If we are able to do something, the scale of the event will be much less and smaller. It is just too early to make the determination with today's circumstances.

Our hope is that the Village may join with the Park District's Rib Fest in August, and perhaps increase the duration of that event, to include local bands and our fireworks at that time. Since we already have fireworks secured, and if fireworks cannot be included in this event, Village Manager Fleischhauer suggested that we do fireworks on New Year's Eve, as we have done in the past.

If none of these options are able to be done, we still have an option of doing some type of pop-up event later in the year. We are all planning for the best.

C. Assistant Village Manager

1. Hawthorn Mall Time Capsule – Human Resource Specialist Svendsen gave a presentation, and asked the Board for approval to solicit ideas from the community. Please send ideas of things to include in the time capsule to the Village at social@vhills.org.

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

E. Chief of Police

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-H.

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

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2021

B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,653.45 (detail at end of packet)

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021

D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-018 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO TRANE COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 1978 HVAC RTU SYSTEM AT PUBLIC WORKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000 (PW Dir Brown)

E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO KEMPER SPORTS MANAGEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF THE 2020 MANAGEMENT FEE FOR THE VERNON HILLS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 (Fin Dir Fairbairn)

F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THIRD YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ACRES GROUP TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE VHAC DURING THE 2021 SEASON FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,000 (PW Dir Brown)

G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2021-026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-077 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT OF \$15,000 FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (VM Fleischhauer)

H. ASPEN LIBRARY EXPANSION PERFORMANCE SECURITY RELEASE

VI. Unfinished/Additional Business

VIII. New Business/Communications

IX. Recess / Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Schultz second by Trustee Forster to adjourn the Board Meeting and move to the Committee of the Whole meeting. There will be an Executive Session following the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss litigation and personnel.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

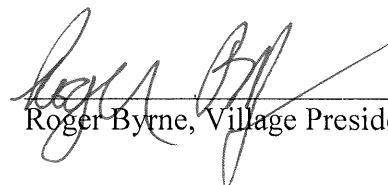
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.

Approved (this 2nd day of March 2021.


Mark Fleischhauer, Village Manager


Roger Byrne, Village President

A closed session to discuss litigation-[sec. 2(c) (11)]; personnel-[sec. 2(c)(1)] is scheduled

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