



## MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Board Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

October 2, 2017

8:00 PM

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Blackwood, LaBedz, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia, Rosenberg, Glasgow.

Trustee Baldino was absent.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Tom Kuehne, Scott Shirley, Bill Enright, Robin Ward, Mark Burkland, Ken Koeppen, Bernie Lyons and Becky Hume.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Village Board 09/18/2017

Approved

Trustee Thomas Glasgow moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz  
Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg

Abstain: Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

### **V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A. Warrant Register 09/30/2017

Approved

Melissa Cayer asked what the charge to Corner Bakery was for. Mr.

Recklaus said most likely for a business meeting where coffee was served.  
Trustee Bert Rosenberg moved to approve in the amount of \$2,281,455.86.  
Trustee Thomas Glasgow Seconded the Motion.  
The Motion: Passed  
Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

## **VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Swearing in of Richard Manthy as Fire Department Battalion Chief

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Manthy.

- B. Swearing in of Kazimierz ("Casey") Krzeczowski as Fire Department Lieutenant

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Krzeczowski.

- C. Presentation of the 2017 Disability Employment Awareness Award to Peggy Kinnane's Restaurant by the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

The Disability Employment Awareness Award was presented by the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities Chair Roxanne Calibraro to Peggy Kinnane's which has made inclusion a core value. The award was established in 2009 to serve as an example to other employers to inspire them to include people with disabilities in their work force. Peggy's employees 6 people with disabilities presently. President Hayes acknowledged Derek Hanley's commitment to the Village. Mr. Hanley cited his employee's enthusiasm and encouraged more businesses to hire people with disabilities.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Keith Moens asked if the solicitation ordinance applies to political solicitations. Ms. Ward said no. He asked that the Police Department be informed of this. Mr. Moens said he worries that the removal of the fence on the Metra tracks is a safety concern.

Melisa Cayer asked who owns the cameras in the Board Room. Mr. Shirley said the Village owns the cameras. President Hayes said the program to broadcast the Village Board meetings began in 1999. The cameras allow residents watch the Board meetings in their homes so they know what happens at Village Board meetings.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Report of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Approved  
of October 2, 2017

Interview of Andrew Tripp for Appointment to  
the Housing Commission - Term Ending:  
4/30/2020

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Tripp.

Trustee Thomas Glasgow moved to approve. Trustee Carol Blackwood  
Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor,  
Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- B. Report of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Approved  
of October 2, 2017

Interview of Parth Shaha for Appointment to the  
Arlington Economic Alliance (Hospitality) - Term  
ending: 4/30/20

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shaha.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded  
the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor,  
Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- C. Report of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Approved  
of October 2, 2017

Interview of Charlie Goldberg for Appointment  
to the Youth Commission - Term Ending:  
4/30/2018

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Goldberg.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded  
the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor,  
Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- D.      Proposed variance request from Chapter 23,      Approved  
            Section 9 of the Arlington Heights Municipal  
            Code at 401 S. Evergreen Ave.

Mr. Recklaus said this item was continued from September 5th as the petitioner was not present at that meeting.

Ghanshyam Patel said the church has an existing shed and they want to replace it with a bigger one. The variance is to waive the requirement for a sprinkler. Trustee Rosenberg asked what would be stored in the shed. Mr. Patel said it is a garden shed, 1 or 2 gallons of gasoline would be stored there to keep up with the lawn mowers. Trustee Rosenberg said for safety purposes to keep the minimum amount of gasoline in the shed.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- E.      TIF 4 - RFP Award for Market Analysis and      Approved  
            Consulting Services

Mr. Recklaus said this item was brought before the Board in August. The Board had concern that the property owner might not be interested in participating in the process. Representatives of the property owner said they are interested in pursuing next steps, whether to sell or look at redevelopment. They appreciate this process using a consultant who will share information with them. Mr. Enright said the report should be finished in 6-8 weeks, before the end of the year is the goal.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

## **X.      CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSENT OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS**

- A.      Parking Garage Stairwell Painting - TIF 1      Approved  
Garage

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- B.      Thermal Imaging Cameras      Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

### **CONSENT LEGAL**

- A.      A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental      Approved  
Agreement for Use of the Arlington Heights  
Senior Center  
(Arlington Heights Park District use of space at  
Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, for  
recreational programs)

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve R17-055/A17-050. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

- B.      An Ordinance Designating One-Way and Two-      Approved  
Way Stop Streets and a Yield Right-of-Way  
Intersection  
(Various Intersections)

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve 17-039. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

## **CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER**

### **CONSENT PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Bond Waiver - Arlington Heights Park Foundation Golf Outing, October 5, 2017 Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

## **XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS**

- A. Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) 2017-2018 Purchase - State Contract Approved

Trustee Rosenberg asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. He asked for an update on the salt inventory. Mr. Shirley said there was 3,000 tons of salt left from last year. The dome holds 4,500 tons. The Village refilled it from the contract with last year's vendor because the price was more favorable than using the recent bids solicited. Staff is asking for authorization to purchase another 4,000 tons, which should get the Village through to March if snowfall is average. The cost for this year will come in under budget by \$60,000 to \$80,000. A commitment to purchase 4,000 tons allows Public Works to restock the dome as the salt is used. The Village has the leeway to purchase up to 80% of what is being committed to if it does not need all of it.

Trustee Bert Rosenberg moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Metropolis Restricted Funds Request

Approved

Resident Keith Moens asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Recklaus explained that Metropolis is requesting to use its restricted funds to cover payment of new glass security doors on third floor and some extraordinary HVAC repairs. Joe Keefe, Executive Director of Metropolis, said the HVAC needed to be repaired and brought up to current standards. These costs have come out of operational funds but they would like to cover them from reserve funds instead to help balance the books. After the considerable and unusual amount of work, the HVAC should be good for 6-8 years.

Trustee Rosenberg noted that the Village uses Hayes Mechanical. He asked if the Theater should switch to Hayes for maintenance. Mr. Keefe said many options were explored. The service provider they used was the best option for a production facility, which requires multiple thermostats, accommodations for hot lighting and other complex situations. The responsiveness of the new system allows them to keep the patrons comfortable.

Mr. Moens asked if this money was in addition to the \$255,000 the Theater gets from the Village. Mr. Kuehne said yes. The restricted fund was established for facility costs like this. By the end of this year, there will be \$119,000 in the restricted fund.

Mr. Keefe said Metropolis' economic impact to the downtown is significantly high. Six hundred new restaurant seats were added in 2016. Food and beverage tax receipts increased \$360,000 in a single year. Metropolis works hard to earn the money they receive from the Food and Beverage Tax.

Trustee Rosenberg said when Metropolis' financials were under review, the reserve was created for unexpected expenses. This is what the fund was designed for.

Trustee Scaletta was out of the room when the vote was taken.

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Bert Rosenberg Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino, Scaletta

B. Target Store - 1700 E. Rand Rd. - Sign Variation Approved  
- DC#17-107

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

C. Proposed Ambulance Fee Increase

Mr. Recklaus introduced the proposed Ambulance Fee Increase. The increase is being suggested in part to help alleviate the Village's reduced income from the State, which amounts to \$900,000 next year. This change would not increase any costs to Village residents.

Mr. Kuehne summarized the proposal, which included four different rate increase options. Current resident costs per ambulance trip are \$400 or \$450 depending on the services required. Non-residents pay \$600 or \$650 per trip. These fees have been in place since 2006. Andres Medical Billing, which administers the collection of ambulance fees for multiple communities, reported that the average cost is \$1,300 for an ALS (basic life support) trip and \$1,500 for an ALS2 (advanced life support) trip. The Fire Department roughly estimates that the cost per trip is approximately \$2,200. Private ambulances charge over \$2,000 per trip. Staff is recommending the transport fee be increased to \$1,800.

Trustee Rosenberg asked why there were 5,200 ambulance trips but 9,000 ambulance events per year. Pat Mannix from Andres said only ambulance transport trips are billed. An EMS visit to a home with an ambulance is not. Trustee Rosenberg asked about insurance coverage of fees. Mr. Mannix said there is no adjusted fee for insurance carriers. Mr. Recklaus said ambulance provider's fees are not negotiated with the insurers. Ambulance fees are covered by insurance carriers and residents will not feel an increase. Trustee Rosenberg said his inclination was to raise rates to \$1,500.

Trustee LaBedz asked what the difference was between the three levels of service. Deputy Chief Lyons said the closest ambulance goes to the call. Every call has an ALS ambulance, but the nature of the response dictates the level charged.

Trustee Glasgow asked why other communities' pricing is so varied. Mr. Mannix said there is no right or wrong way; it comes down to what village's determine to be fair and reasonable. The funding mechanisms for this service can come from the general fund or be charged to the person who needs the service. Mr. Recklaus said seventy-five percent of fire calls involve EMS. Every dollar that can be paid for by health insurance is money the Village does not have to charge in property taxes. Naperville is doing the same thing.

Mr. Kuehne said the Village would not charge residents for any out of pocket expenses (deductibles, co-pays) so this would have zero effect on residents. Nonresidents would be charged. Trustee Glasgow asked what the

Village's profit margin is. Mr. Recklaus said the Village subsidizes ambulance costs through the General Fund. This proposal looks to charge healthcare insurance companies. The gross revenue generated would be \$500,000-\$1.2 Million. Today, the Village subsidizes the cost per ride from \$600 to \$650.

Mr. Mannix said consistency is required for all served, you cannot treat someone with health insurance differently than someone without. The fees can differentiate between residents and nonresidents but all residents have to be treated the same and all nonresidents the same. Trustee Glasgow said this would raise costs to those who can afford it the least.

Trustee Sidor asked if insurance companies would raise premiums to residents. Mr. Recklaus said the cost per resident would be \$16 if the insurance company did that. A standard ambulance service costs about \$1,600 per ride. It is unknown when other communities have reviewed their ambulance fees. Residents are subsidizing the Village's system to the benefit of other folks. Many of the Village's neighbors are increasing their rates in the same way.

Trustee Tinaglia said he would trade saving resident's money for asking nonresidents to pay more. He asked what Naperville did. Mr. Mannix said Naperville did what the Village is proposing. Ms. Ward said the plan waives anything not covered by insurance for residents, but not for nonresidents. Trustee Tinaglia said the fees are going up because the costs are going up. Whether the money comes from taxes or fees, the costs are still there. He said he was okay with charging someone outside the Village a little more.

Trustee LaBedz asked how many calls are resident versus nonresident. The answer was 70/30.

Mr. Recklaus said the Village is looking at a \$900,000 per year reduction in annual revenue. Other options to raise revenue are less ideal.

President Hayes said the Village has not raised rates since 2006 and he prefers to look at it that way. The Village needs to recoup its costs.

Trustee Glasgow said he does not think the \$2,200 per transport is an accurate cost as the estimate includes fire engines, ambulances, equipment, all sorts of things that do not all go into transport. He would like an accurate number before he decides. Mr. Recklaus said staff can provide cost information in a more refined manner.

Deputy Chief Lyons said it is difficult to come up with an exact number. Everything is tied to emergency response: the state of readiness, hazmat, stations, engines, training, and all the things that the Fire Department must have to provide emergency services. The Department looked at what other departments are charging as well. Trustee Glasgow said it is not an accurate number. Deputy Chief Lyons said while there is a cost spread in

Illinois, closer to the Village, the average call charge is around \$1,500.

Trustee Scaletta said the proposal triples the fees. He said he was concerned about those who cannot afford it. He said it is stressful to be taken to the hospital. It is okay to increase costs, but he is not sure what the magic number is.

Trustee Tinaglia said if not this, then what. Mr. Recklaus said insurance company's state their average charge is \$1,500. This is what it costs to put an ambulance on the street. We can quibble about the costs of ambulance calls versus fire calls, but the cost will be similar, 75% of calls are ambulance and 25% are fire. All firefighters are now required to be paramedics. Mr. Recklaus said the Fire Department is an EMS department that sometimes puts out fires and provides healthcare. The Village provides a higher level of service; if we do not want to increase fees then we are looking at raising taxes. Trustee Tinaglia said he was not a proponent of raising everyone's taxes to cover this. There is going to be a cost incurred, the Village has a \$900,000 deficit. It is time to do something.

Trustee Sidor said he concurred with Trustees Glasgow and Scaletta in regards to the fuzzy costs. He asked for a more accurate amount and said rates should go up.

Trustee Rosenberg said when an ambulance responds to a call, all the equipment travels with them. All the personnel are trained to cover these responses. It is difficult to break out costs. Even for a fire, an ambulance responds too and everyone is trained to do all the jobs in an emergency. He would like to see what the profit margin is for private ambulances. He believes some number more than \$1,000 and less than \$1,800 is appropriate. The Village can't be responsible for those who don't elect or can't have insurance.

Trustee Blackwood said she was in favor, but if it does not pass, suggested that the variable be the actual cost. She agreed with Trustees Tinaglia and Rosenberg. There should be a difference between residents and nonresidents. She said she did not want to see taxes go up. She said except for Des Plaines, the others have not made their increases yet.

Mr. Recklaus asked what costs staff should include in its figures for an ambulance call. What would the other options be to distribute costs more between residents versus nonresidents.

Trustee Scaletta said the Village subsidizes other programs like parking. He did not want people making decisions about whether they could afford to call 911 in an emergency. He said he would consider incremental increases, but not an increase 3 times the amount. He said to count him as a no.

Trustee Tinaglia asked if someone would be charged the entire \$1,800. Mr. Recklaus said it depends on their plan as deductibles and plans vary. For

residents there would be no difference. Trustee Tinaglia said he did not want to punish Village residents who have insurance because we are worried about someone who does not have insurance. He said he was not interested in residents having to pay more property taxes to cover ambulance costs because of that.

Trustee Glasgow said this is a service that is provided to residents like police calls. It is why governments are formed; government gets together as a group to make sure the weakest do not fall. He said prices should not go up by 3 times the amount when there are not good cost numbers. He said it is okay to recoup some costs. Just because there is an insurance company that will pay, does not make it okay. He did not want to have people think about whether they should call an ambulance or not. It has to be crafted so that it is fair to all citizens and does not single people out.

Trustee Scaletta asked if this was to keep up with other municipalities, or because the Village is staring in the face of difficult financial times. Mr. Kuehne said both. The average cost for transport in the area is \$1,500 and the Village is well below that. The State has taken away almost \$1 Million. Sales taxes are leveling out and income taxes going down. The Village is running out of bullets to address budget caps. This was an area where a fee for service versus a tax for service could be used. Trustee Scaletta said nonresidents use ambulance services 30% of the time. We are the city of good neighbors, but do not come here if you might need an ambulance.

Trustee Tinaglia said people could call a private ambulance and pay \$3,000 so he does not blame the Fire Department for looking to charge \$1,500. He said this is a no brainer.

Trustee Scaletta said we are talking about raising a cost 3 times the amount and talking about people who may not have insurance and may not be our residents. This is about how we conduct business as a Village.

Absent: Baldino

D. BCRB - Proposed variance from Chapter 23, Approved  
Section 23-402, 903.2 at 4175 N. Bloomington  
Ave.

William Van Dyke of TLC Management said they would like to build a shed at the Arbor Lakes Community to store golf carts for on-site maintenance and to hold maintenance supplies.

Trustee Tinaglia said sprinklers are required by Code, but trade offs were made to protect this building with improved materials for fire prevention.

Trustee Bert Rosenberg moved to approve. Trustee John Scaletta Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino

### **XIII. LEGAL**

### **XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER**

### **XV. APPOINTMENTS**

### **XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Glasgow encouraged people to walk and highlighted the Walk Arlington signs.

Trustee Glasgow said a Public Official had threats leveled against her for doing her job. A Library is a place for a free exchange of ideas it is the First Amendment embodied. He condemned those who called this person's home with threats. Public board members do a lot for their community, give of their time, and give up other activities.

President Hayes said Saturday is the Autumn Harvest event at North School Park.

### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Thomas Glasgow moved to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. Trustee John Scaletta Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Baldino