



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

January 16, 2024

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Grasse, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Shirley, and Tinaglia.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Hart Passman, Diana Mikula, Avis Meade, Michael Lysicatos and Becky Hume.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Village Board 12/18/2023

Approved

Trustee Nicolle Grasse moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Warrant Register 12/30/2023

Approved

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve in the amount of \$4,736,388.55.

Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz,
Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

B. Warrant Register 01/15/2024

Approved

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve in the amount of \$3,543,358.22.

Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz,
Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 16, 2023 Approved

Interview of Dave LoSavio for consideration of
appointment to the Housing Commission, term
ending 4-30-26

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

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment. Trustee
Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz,
Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

X. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve. Trustee Wendy Dunnington
Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz,
Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

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| A. | Water Station #9 Emergency Backup Generator Installation - Award | Approved |
| B. | Commercial Water Meters - Purchase 2024 | Approved |
| C. | Water Service Materials 2024 - Purchase | Approved |
| D. | High Profile Landscaping 2024 - Contract Extension | Approved |
| E. | Secondary Landscaping 2024 - Contract Extension | Approved |
| F. | Public Properties Mowing 2024 - Contract Extension | Approved |
| G. | Parkway Tree Trimming 2024 - Contract Extension | Approved |
| H. | Roadway Maintenance Materials 2024 - Award | Approved |
| I. | Vehicle Lifts Purchase for Public Works Department | Approved |
| J. | Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal | Approved |

CONSENT LEGAL

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| A. | Ordinance - Code Amendment - Chapter 13 Alcoholic Liquor Dealers | Approved |
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Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve 2024-01. Trustee Wendy
Dunnington Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed

- B. Ordinance - Repealing Vehicle Licensing Requirements Approved

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve 2024-02. Trustee Wendy Dunnington Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- C. Ordinance - Amending Code for Dog Licenses Approved

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve 2024-03. Trustee Wendy Dunnington Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

CONSENT PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve. Trustee Wendy Dunnington Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- A. Bond Waiver- St Edna Church Bingo Event Approved

- B. Bond Waiver - Patton PTA Approved

XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to move Ordinance - Permanent Waiving of Fees for Government Agencies to this point in the Agenda. Trustee James Bertucci Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- A. Ordinance - Permanent Waiving of Fees for Government Agencies Approved

Resident Keith Moens asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Recklaus explained that when sister government agencies apply for a permit which requires a fee, the Village has traditionally waived these fees, and the Board votes on each of these situations. The Village has always waived the fee for these entities. The only instance where a fee is charged is when we as the Village incur an extra cost, in which case, we pass that cost on to the applicant. Since local government entities serve the same taxpayers, it seems counterintuitive to take money from local taxing bodies when we serve the same constituents. By codifying this practice, we will save time and be more efficient.

Trustee Tom Schwingbeck moved to approve 2024-04. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- B. Chase Bank - 585 E. Palatine Rd. - PC#23-014 Approved
Amendment to Ordinance 84-10, Special Use
Permit for Bank with Drive-Thru, Variation

Michael Lysicatos, Assistant Planning Director, said the site needs a Special Use Permit for a drive through and a Variation to allow an Accessory Structure outside of a rear yard, which is the overhang for the drive through. They plan to take over the existing AT&T building on East Palatine Road. It is separate from the Town and Country Shopping center PUD, although they share an access road. Chase intends to tear down the existing building and build a new structure with a drive through. There will be streetscape enhancements to improve the crosswalks on Palatine Road. Additional trees and evergreens will be planted for shielding and to improve stormwater collection. There are underground stormwater vaults under the parking lots. The building is 46% smaller than the existing building. There is plenty of parking and stacking space for the drive through. Staff and the Plan Commission recommend approval. Staff is recommending the Plan Commission recommendation #4 be eliminated, as the issue has been addressed.

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve the Plan Commission recommendation with the removal of condition #4. Trustee Nicolle Grasse Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- C. Christian Pre-K Daycare - 308 N. Evergreen Ave Approved
- PC#23-015
Land Use Variation for Daycare in R-7 District,
Special Use Permit for Daycare in B-2 District,
Variations

Melissa Gilland said they have been operating in the basement space of St. John's Church, the previous Village Preschool space, since September. They have 45 families Monday-Friday and have DCFS approval. There are two classrooms and one music room. Improvements have already been made.

Mr. Lysicatos said the site needs a Land Use Variation to allow a day care center in an R-7 district and a Special Use Permit for a day care center in the B-2 district. There are two variations, one to waive the traffic study and one to reduce the required parking. Staff supports the use and the variations. This plan is consistent with the historical use of the site as it was a day care for many years. The landscaping issues are to be addressed by the property owner, not the petitioner. The drop off and pick up are at two different times of the day, and do not conflict. They have access to 50 parking spots. The Plan Commission unanimously approved the request.

Trustee Schwingbeck asked about the kindergarten extension. Ms. Gilland said they have students who are 6 and come to supplement their time in kindergarten. Their curriculum is designed to exceed District 25 requirements. There is no state law that requires children to be in school until they are 6. She teaches Jolly Phonics and does an individual assessment of each child. Her goal is that they love school and that they are ready. To go outside, they use orange cones to block the parking alley, stay within the yellow lines, and cross to the park.

Trustee Baldino questioned the numbers of students. Ms. Gilland explained some students only come once a week. 25 come in one day, but they are not all coming every day. She only has 3 classrooms, Village Pre-School had 4 classrooms and more capacity than she does. Trustee Baldino asked about the possibility of expansion. Ms. Gilland said she said she would come back for approval, but the church would have to allow her more space, and she would need more teachers.

Trustee Bertucci asked if there was there a State requirement for the ratio of teachers to students. Ms. Gilland said she is well below what is required

at 5-1 or 7-1. The state requirement at these ages is 10-1.

Trustee LaBedz asked about the hours for those who come from kindergarten. The school is open from 9:15-3:30. Ms. Gilland said 20% of the students came back to her program after the school year started because they needed to supplement the kindergarten hours. The younger children can stay until 12:30 or to 2:30. The kindergarteners may stay until 3:30.

Trustee Tinaglia asked if the Board could make it easier logistically for them to grow. Mr. Passman said an amendment could be processed in pretty short order. Mr. Lysicatos said drop off and pick up issues are always a concern. Handling turnover is a big issue for schools and day cares. Outside of that, the uses would be consistent.

Trustee Dunnington asked if they provided transportation. Ms. Gilland said she does help pick up a few students on certain days of the week. Other parents have been happy to step in and help as well. She is compliant with the DCFS regulations. She does not have a mini bus.

Trustee Nicolle Grasse moved to approve the Plan Commission's recommendation. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

XIII. LEGAL

- A. An Ordinance Amending Chapters 18 and 20 of the Municipal Code Regarding Unscheduled Bus Stops Approved

Mr. Recklaus said this Ordinance is to address a gap in our Code, as we don't have the ability to regulate unscheduled bus stops. This is not the Village weighing in on the broader issues of immigration. We are trying to regulate what might arrive on our doorstep. The State of Texas has been sending unscheduled charter buses with migrant passengers to the City of Chicago for the past several months. The City has established an intake facility to help arriving migrants. Since the Chicago adopted an ordinance regulating unscheduled bus stops, drop offs have been occurring in the suburbs. The drop offs pose safety, humanitarian and public health challenges for the individuals on the buses and logistical issues for the communities. The Village does not have the kind of comprehensive wrap around services that the Chicago intake facility can provide to incoming migrants. We cannot plan for arrivals, there is no guarantee a bus arrival

will correspond with a train schedule, and inclement weather could pose a real health hazard for passengers with no food or water for an indefinite time. Some passengers may not wish to take the train or go to an intake facility at all, meaning they could be stranded forcing the Village to look to their needs and transportation.

The Ordinance proposes:

- Any bus used for one-way transportation of 10 or more passengers that is not regularly scheduled (hence forth an "intercity bus"), must submit an application to schedule an arrival at least 5 days prior to arrival. Unscheduled intercity bus arrivals shall not be permitted;
- The application must include information about the bus, the number of passengers, names of who ordered the bus, and a written plan for how any passengers will be transported to a new location, cared for, housed and fed.
- Applications will be approved or denied by the Village Manager or their designee within 3 days of receipt of the application;
- Intercity buses must disembark their passengers within 30 minutes of the approved time in the application;
- Intercity buses can only be directed to the Arlington Park Metra Station (unless an alternate location is approved by the Village Manager);
- Intercity buses must coordinate passengers' transportation to their ultimate destination via train or other means and must remain on the premises until each of their passengers has left the property;
- Violations are subject to a fine of \$750 per passenger, plus costs, and impoundment of the bus.

President Hayes said the Ordinance addresses a gap in the Code for a situation not of our own making and addresses humanitarian, health and safety concerns.

Trustees responded to the situation at the U.S. Mexican boarder and the State of Texas' bussing of migrants to northern cities. Trustee Schwingbeck said this stems from there being no game plan for migrants who are coming to our country and those people not being prepared for the weather conditions. Trustee Shirley said it is not fair that the Village has to deal with this. It is shameful that the leadership in State and City of Chicago are asking for more money instead of addressing the problem and enforcing the laws. Trustee Grasse said we cannot control bad actors who are sending people here but we can control how we respond to people needing help. Trustee Dunnington said she had been contacted by groups who wanted to help within the community.

The Board was in agreement that this Ordinance addressed the humanitarian concerns and allowed for the Village to plan for people being sent here via bus from the boarder states.

Trustee Schwingbeck asked how does the State of Texas know that our Village has an ordinance. A bus recently tried to go to Palatine, then to Elk Grove and ended up in Wheaton.

Mr. Recklaus said if it is passed, staff will write a letter and send it certified mail to the Texas Governor's office and the Texas Office of Emergency Management. So far, Texas appears to be avoiding communities that have regulations.

Mr. Passman explained the Ordinance is drafted to apply to any bus coming one way from anywhere else. It is limited to 10 people to avoid running into issues with ride sharing entities. This is set up to be something of a game plan, not a prohibition. The intent is that if there are buses coming here, there is coordination, so that people can move forward safely.

Trustee Bertucci asked if our Ordinance differed from other communities. Mr. Recklaus said we may be the first ones who added the requirement that the bus remain on the premises until the people have moved on or until the Village dismisses them. We did this in case there is a problem with follow on transportation. When crafting the Ordinance, we followed best practices in the region.

Trustee Baldino asked who decides if the bus is impounded and what is the criteria. Mr. Recklaus said it is up to the discretion of the police officers on the scene, just like any other law enforcement issue. They will use similar standards and practices already in place.

Trustee Shirley said he didn't understand the unscheduled label. Who has the authority? How do we know? Mr. Passman said it is meant to exclude buses like Pace, so regularly scheduled services are excluded. It also only covers one way. For example, a school trip for a basketball game is a round trip.

Trustee LaBedz asked if the bus comes, and it is fined, how do you know where to send the fines. Mr. Recklaus said the vehicle will have license plates, just like any other vehicle, it must be registered.

Resident Sandy Bourseau of Southminster Church said the Ordinance will ensure a bus carrying migrants will be sent on their way to a special landing site where they can enter the system. Recent arrivals are unprepared for our climate, which concerns many residents. Her church and others who work on social issues feel they are called to help their brothers and sisters. Volunteers should be part of the plan to assist these people. Several churches would be willing to participate in assisting asylum seekers. Please call on us.

Keith Moens said this is a heart wrenching problem. He thinks the Ordinance is an example of Village staff overreacting to a non-emergency. This is not a game plan, it's a deterrent for busses to stop here. This is discrimination by targeting a certain group. These folks are here legally as asylum seekers and they have every right to travel interstate without being labeled as a public nuisance. We should not pass this knee jerk Ordinance that says stay away. We could house people here in Village Hall. Are we going to be organized for when they come? No, we hope they stay away.

Do not rubber stamp this discriminatory Ordinance. Glen Ellen didn't do this and set up a system to help. Set up an intake center.

President Hayes disagreed with Mr. Moens whole heartedly.

Janice Phares asked what happens if we are notified. Mr. Recklaus said in Illinois, there is one intake facility in Chicago, another is being discussed. The most appropriate place to go is to one of those facilities. Our application would show the time, day, and a mechanism to get people housed, fed or transported to where they can get those things. Recent migrants have arrived with train tickets in hand. Metra has a process to get them to intake facilities. Some people make their own arrangements. In isolated cases, the community has had to arrange for transportation.

Trustee Nicolle Grasse moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

A. Sounds of Summer Options for 2024 Approved

President Hayes said he received more emails on this issue than on the Bears. The Board is not trying to kill this very successful, beneficial and well received program. This proposal extends the program and satisfies a request that it run longer.

Mr. Recklaus said the topic was discussed with the Board back in May and at the November 13th Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting. Staff is recommending possible changes to the Sounds of Summer format. It's evolved over the years in size and scope. It started with one day a week and expanded to two. When it began, the event didn't require road closures. Our Downtown has evolved and staff is suggesting the concert series should change with the town. The series was created in part to bring patrons to Downtown businesses. Those businesses' needs are now different and the logistics have changed too. No one is suggesting for it to end, be shortened or diminished, rather we are looking to how to best optimize the event.

The recommendation is not based on a single meeting, group vote, one group's input, or one survey. It is based on: many conversations over time, meetings with residents, meetings with Downtown businesses, meetings with the Downtown Business Alliance, and the Arlington Economic Alliance's input. These meetings and discussions informed the recommendation with their observations and data.

Ms. Mikula oversees the Communications Unit which includes Special Events and the Sounds of Summer. Staff wants to continue to produce quality events that are manageable for the residents and businesses. In November, at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Staff was asked to review the format of its 19 special events, 12 of which are the Sounds of Summer concerts. The Board asked Staff to get feedback from Arlington Economic Alliance (AEA) on the proposed Thursday only concert series. When the program started, it featured small scale bands, such as the Hersey Jazz band. Thursdays expanded to full scale performances. Concerts prior to Arlington Alfresco were always popular, but crowds were contained in the park.

In 2022, after Covid and with Alfresco, the event experienced record setting numbers. Expectations for bands increased and the popularity grew for both Arlington Alfresco and the Sounds of Summer. Large crowds, specifically on Friday nights, brought new challenges. From May - September of 2019 there were 310,000 visits. From May - September 2023 there were 494,000 visits.

Avis Meade, Special Events Coordinator, used Placer.ai, a location analytics company, to obtain the numbers. All estimates are low as they do not account for individuals without cell phones. On Thursdays during Alfresco, without the Sounds of Summer, there are 1,916 visitors. With the Sounds of Summer there are 3,717. On Fridays, the range goes from 3,755 to 5,034. Ms. Meade surmised there is a bigger impact on Thursdays. Friday is busy anyway and already at capacity.

The businesses concerns regarding Friday night concerts are: lack of parking, people not being to make their reservations, restaurants do well without the concert on Fridays, wait times exceed 1.5 hours, guests submit their names on many wait lists - causing confusion for seating management, bathroom overuse, people using facilities that are not restaurant patrons.

Staff's concerns are: crowds are outgrowing the Harmony Park space, reduced accessibility for guests, staffing of back-to-back event days and evenings including (police, fire public works and administration), grass overuse, stage is unattended overnight Thursday to Friday.

After reviewing the concerns, Staff is suggesting moving the Sounds of Summer to Thursday nights only and extending the season from June through August while maintaining the same number of concerts (12).

Feedback was received from all Village departments, the Downtown AH Business Association, several different businesses on an individual basis, the AEA and from a Downtown Resident virtual call. There has been no negative pushback. The cost would increase \$3,000 over 2 years for the stage. Staff proposes starting concerts on June 6th and ending them on

August 29th.

Mr. Recklaus stressed that staff has been hearing from restaurants for years that there is not a need to bring in folks on Friday. There is more bang for the buck on Thursday nights. This is a recommendation, Staff takes this very seriously, and has a lot of pride for its success.

President Hayes asked if there was a negative to doing a trial run. Ms. Meade responded it will cost an additional \$3,000 over two years. People get used to a schedule, so we wouldn't want to change too frequently.

Trustee Tinaglia said he has spoken about this several times in the past. It is good to help bring in people on off nights and the numbers show it is more beneficial on Thursdays. There is not another community that does this on a Friday and it the bands might cost less on Thursdays. It's not a new day by keeping it Thursday. There are plenty of other things to do on a Friday night. He is in full support.

Trustee Schwingbeck agreed with Trustee Tinaglia and asked if there would be savings on the bands. Ms. Meade said she has not experienced a large price difference from Thursday to Friday. Trustee Schwingbeck said the two main reasons for these kinds of events is to offer something nice for residents and to drive business. He is in favor of trying it, noting change is hard.

Trustee LaBedz said she is conflicted. She is less likely to come to a concert on a Thursday night because of work. Friday is preferable to her as a resident. She asked for the data on Saturday nights. Ms. Meade said Saturdays go up and down but have more visits on the shoulder weekends, during the Sounds of Summer, Friday has the largest numbers, breaking 4,000. Trustee LaBedz noted kids are back in school in middle of August. Mr. Recklaus said D25 is going back later this year because of construction. Another impact is when college starts, but there is still interest in late August.

President Hayes said many people start their weekends on Thursday, and many work from home on Friday.

Trustee Shirley said the weekend starts Friday afternoon at 3:30 from a blue-collar perspective. He would like to have more resident input. Thursday nights are not an option for everyone. He is reluctant to change it. He suggested going another season and solicit input from more attendees. He will not vote in favor.

Trustee Grasse said she would like to hear more from residents. She suggested having Thursdays in June/August and Thursday/Friday in July. She asked about a permanent stage and suggested smaller activities could occur like yoga in the park, art in the park, or dance classes.

Trustee Bertucci acknowledged the many emails from families. There are a lot of residents saying Thursdays are hard to get to. Friday nights are the most popular, we should accommodate these residents too. He is in support of keeping Friday. He asked if Staff talked to former Trustee Steve Daday. Mr. Recklaus said Mr. Daday was very involved until a few years ago. This wasn't something he was consulted on as he took a step back. The initiative came from the business community, Staff and Trustees. Trustee Bertucci said we forget about those who helped build the community. It would have been nice to get his opinion. That we didn't is a concern. What have we done to help with the bathrooms? What about diverting traffic to the other garages?

Ms. Meade shared that parking options were sent out via social media. It remains a message staff will push. Trustee Bertucci said Fridays shouldn't go away because we haven't managed parking well. Mr. Recklaus added that the Metropolis Ballroom has weddings on Fridays, parking must be set aside for their patrons in the garage. It's a conflict on Fridays but not on Thursdays. The parking problem isn't a communication issue, just logistics, we are hitting the limits of our capacity. More people are walking and parking in the neighborhoods. It's a challenge, but it is not a reason in and of itself to change the concert series.

Trustee Bertucci asked why is success being punished? Mr. Recklaus said the businesses say and data shows that Friday nights do well on their own. The idea for the event, was to bring customers Downtown and our businesses could use help on other nights. More extra people come Thursdays. Trustee Bertucci questioned that a 34% increase is perceived as insignificant. Mr. Recklaus said no, just less than 93%. Trustee Bertucci said he supports keeping Fridays.

Trustee Dunnington agreed Fridays work for young families. Would it be possible to do Fridays once a month? Ms. Meade said that may lead to confusion on when there is or isn't a concert, it's best to stay consistent. Trustee Dunnington asked which bathrooms should be used. Mr. Recklaus said those at Metropolis Theater. Staff is also working with the building adjacent to it in the hopes that we can have an agreement with them for use on concert nights.

Trustee Baldino said we are victims of our own success. The people he meets say they don't want to be near Downtown on Fridays or Saturdays. Thursdays may spread the crowd out a little more. When we started this, we did not want it to turn into Mardi Gras, and it has. It is unwieldy. He supports the Staff recommendation to try and spread it out a little bit. We can change it if it doesn't work.

Trustee Bertucci suggested adding porta potties. He disagrees that Fridays are too crowded. It is still a family crowd; it is not unwieldy.

Trustee Tinaglia said he is okay with either choice. Change is for certain, our downtown district has changed and evolved since the initial idea. We

needed this to bring people downtown when this was created. We needed Alfresco as a rescue plan during Covid. Now we have these two wonderful things and it is a lot. Maybe there is room for a little bit of change.

Trustee LaBedz said part of the draw is the specific bands. Will they still be available? Ms. Meade said yes, they are all on hold until a decision is made. We are always looking for the bigger bands. The Friday night bands would be interested in Thursdays too. Mr. Recklaus said no other community has a Friday night concert.

Ernie Rose, representative of the Downtown Business Alliance, said their group is not of one mind. When presented with the options their businesses support this plan. None of them spoke against this plan. Metropolis Ballroom has been hit hard. There was a lot of misinformation on the internet. A lot of people think you are cutting back to 6 concerts. Many of the emails may have come from this misinformation. We need to draw people on non-peak nights. Beer on the Wall can't keep their bathrooms clean because of the demand of concert goers. Those who spoke to him would like to spread the numbers out. He noted Village Staff shows up to all their meetings, and they have been thinking about this for a long time. Staff is trying hard and listening.

Trustee Bertucci challenged Mr. Rose asking if Armands, Carlos & Carlos, Kilwins, Cortlands or Big Shots were included. Mr. Rose said they do not come to the meetings, and he does not speak on their behalf.

Tom Manetti of the Metropolis Ballroom said the Village has been very supportive and open to options. He said no one is talking about how Sounds of Summer is negatively impacting businesses. He asked for a compromise to make sure no one is hurt by a decision. You cannot get through the crowds on some Fridays. There are not enough bathrooms, security, or emergency capabilities. What's the end game? How many we can fit? What happens when something goes wrong? It is negatively impacting his business. The sound is so loud. Who is going to have a wedding on a Friday in our Downtown? He said he loses that money each Friday concert. Wednesday would be great; Thursday is okay, Friday should be a no go. We are already busy on Friday. It could help us on Thursdays.

President Hayes said the negative effects were outlined in the memo to the Board.

Dave LoSavio a 5-year resident of Metro Lofts said noise complaints that came from the building were from a few outliers. Every summer, he thinks it ends too quickly, spreading out on Thursdays would help the businesses, from the residents' perspective it makes it more special.

President Hayes said it is a difficult decision. He loves seeing the smiles on the faces and goes to almost every concert. It seems a reasonable compromise to try Thursdays for one year. He recommended concurring with the staff recommendation.

Trustee Tinaglia said he didn't want people to think we are selling short or selling out. Extending it to the whole summer makes sense.

Trustee LaBedz said after listening to the pros and cons she was willing to give it a try. She liked that it would go longer into August.

Trustee Grasse said she was willing to try this. Wonderful things can come out of change. It is important to hear from the businesses in that area as well as the residents.

Trustee Bertucci said he would like to find a way to extend it and have it on Thursday and Fridays. We should expand our success, not contract it.

XV. APPOINTMENTS

XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Closed Session

Request for Closed Session per ILCS 120/2(c) (21): Discussion of minutes lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes

-and-

5ILCS 120/2(c) (11): litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Village has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Board finds that an action is probable or imminent.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:10 p.m.

Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia