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# January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

President Konen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Konen stated that due to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she has determined that an in-person meeting is not prudent or practical and, therefore, tonight's meeting was being held remotely.

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Konen asked Trustee White to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

The January 18, 2022 Village Board meeting was held via GoToWebinar. With the exception of President Konen, who was in the Board Room at Village Hall, all other attendees noted below participated remotely.

**Present:** 6 President Jennifer Konen, Trustee Matthew Bonnie, Trustee Sean Herron,

Trustee Heidi Lendi, Trustee Michael Schomas, Trustee Ryan Walter,

Trustee James F. White

Absent: 0

### **Also Present:**

Administrator Eichelberger, Attorney Julien, Finance Director Anastasia, Public Works Director Speciale, Police Chief Rollins, Community Development Director Magdziarz, Public Works Deputy Director Merkel, Village Engineer Michele Piotrowski, and Assistant to the Village Administrator/Village Clerk Murphy

# 4. Public Hearing

None

## 5. Appointments and Presentation

a. Declaration of Emergency and Executive Order

President Konen terminated the May 4, 2021 Disaster Declaration of Emergency and issued its replacement which allows for continued exemptions to the Open Meetings Act allowing for remote attendance at Village meetings as allowed by State statute and the continued coordination of emergency response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic with the State of Illinois, County of Kane, and other local governments.

A motion was made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Schomas, to approve the Declaration of Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 6 Herron, Schomas, Bonnie, Lendi, Walter, White

Nays: 0 Absent: 0

# 6. Airport Report

Joe Wolf shared that the airport was shut down for 24 hours during the recent ice storm due to icy conditions. He stated that the airport is not interested in conducting flights over 20 people. His meeting with JA Air, President Konen and Administrator Eichelberger was canceled for last week.

#### 7. Public Comments on Items Scheduled for Action

None

## 8. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Schomas, to approve the Consent Agenda except for item e. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 6 White, Schomas, Walter, Herron, Bonnie, Lendi

Nays: 0 Absent: 0

a. Approval: Minutes of the January 4, 2022 Village Board Meeting

b. Approval: Vouchers

c. Approval: Treasurer's Report

d. Ordinance 20220118A: Increasing the Residential Chicken Permit Limit

e. Ordinance: Vacating Right-of-Way (Calkins Drive)

f. Resolution 20220118A: Conveyance of Property to Sugar Grove Township

**Community Building** 

Trustee White asked if the Ordinance Vacating Right-of-Way (Calkins Drive) would have any effect on the mailboxes located there. Administrator Eichelberger indicated that there would not be an issue.

A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve Ordinance 20220118B Vacating Right-of-Way (Calkins Drive). The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 6 White, Herron, Lendi, Walter, Bonnie, Schomas

Nays: 0 Absent: 0

### 9. General Business

None

#### 10. Public Comment

Joe Wolf commented on the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 11. Discussion Items

### a. Refuse Contract

Administrator Eichelberger stated that the five-year term of the current refuse/recycling contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (formerly DC Trash) will end at the end of July 2022. As part of the current contract, a five-year extension was negotiated at a 3% increase per year. Given the current market conditions and discussions with area refuse haulers, staff recommends executing the five year extension. Board reached consensus to bring the extension back for approval at a future meeting.

# b. Zoning Amendment – Data Center District

Director Magdziarz stated that one of the outcomes of the Village's unsuccessful bid for the Facebook data center campus was the realization that by-right uses are critically important to corporate location decisions. After further research, staff recommends the Board discuss the development of a data center zoning district amendment that differentiates between small and large users to allow for some flexibility. Board discussion ensued. Staff will revise proposed regulations based on comments and bring back for further Board consideration.

## c. Video Gaming Terminal Fees

Director Anastasia reported that under the Video Gaming Act, the Village is allowed to charge \$250 per terminal, to establishments with Video Gaming terminals. Staff recommends the Board discuss establishing a Video Gaming Terminal Fee effective FY23. Board discussion ensued. The Board reached consensus to direct staff to bring back an ordinance establishing a Video Gaming Terminal Fee of \$250 per terminal for Board approval at a future meeting.

## d. Liquor License Fees and Classifications

Administrator Eichelberger stated that staff reviewed liquor licenses classifications and fees as directed by the Board at the previous meeting. Based on a survey of surrounding communities, Village fees are in line. Staff recommends returning fees to 100% following two years of a 50% reduction due to COVID-19. He further explained that the Village has received inquiries regarding liquor licenses to allow for video gaming. One is for video gaming cafés. The other is for a "pour" license which would allow gas stations and convenience stores to have gaming. Representatives from Casey's, which will open at Prairie Grove Commons, have reached out to the Village with a proposal for a "pour" license. Based on the examples of ordinances they work with and the proposal they

submitted, staff developed a proposed amendment to the liquor ordinance to create a classification for Gas stations/Convenience Stores for video gaming. Board discussion ensued. The Board reached consensus to move forward with the gas station/convenience store "pour" license classification as presented. The Board asked for staff to continue to look into a video gaming café license, how food trucks received temporary liquor licenses and a gaming license or fee for all.

## 12. Reports

#### a. Staff

Administrator Eichelberger reported that another interview was held for the Economic Development Director positions last week. An additional candidate will be interview shortly. Next week staff will meet with the broker for the BEI property (IL47 across from Waubonsee Community College). The broker has a potential buyer.

Director Speciale reported the Public Works responded to a couple snow/ice events over the weekend. Some additional salt has been ordered. President Konen commended PW staff on their work to clear the streets.

Director Anastasia reported that the final American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) rules have been released. The new rules make it easier for smaller communities to recover losses. He will present options at the next Board meeting.

Chief Rollins reported that the Board of Police Commissioners met last weeks for interviews and will approved an initial Officer Eligibility list at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Herron asked if the Police Department could work with the schools to help with traffic issues.

#### b. Trustees

Trustee Walter reported that the 2022 meeting schedule for the Corn Boil committee has not yet been set.

Trustee Herron recognized the passing of resident Karen McCannon. The Board extended condolences to her family.

Trustee Schomas reported that the Park District Board met virtually last week with a light agenda.

#### c. President

President Konen reported that she presented the State of the Village on January 11, 2022 at the Library, with approximately 30 attendees. The recording is available on the Village YouTube channel. She thanked staff for their help preparing the presentation. She had a breakfast meeting with Senators DeWitt and Syverson and Rep. Keicher last week.

### 13. Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Bonnie, to adjourn to Closed Session per the exception to the Open Meetings Act - Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)] and Setting the Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)] taking no action and returning to open session therefrom at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: 6 Herron, Bonnie, Walter, Schomas, Lendi, White

Nays: 0 Absent: 0

# 14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Schomas, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:49 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: 5 Herron, Schomas, Lendi, Walter, Bonnie

Nays: 0

**Absent:** 1 White

## ATTEST:

/s/ Alison Murphy Alison Murphy Village Clerk