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**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Michels led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: President Jennifer Konen, Trustee Matthew Bonnie, Trustee Sean Herron, Trustee Heidi Lendi, Trustee Sean Michels, Trustee Michael Schomas

Absent: Trustee James F. White

Additional Attendees: Administrator Koepfel, Attorney Julien, Finance Director Anastasia, Community Development Director Magdziarz, Chief Rollins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Marion, Public Works Director Merkel, Economic Development Director Cassa, and Village Clerk Tracey Conti

4. Public Hearing - None

5. Appointments and Presentations

- a. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Engineers Week, February 18 – 24, 2024 in the Village of Sugar Grove.

Motion by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Michels, to approve the Proclamation Honoring Engineers Week, February 18 – 24, 2024, in the Village of Sugar Grove.

Ayes: Herron, Michaels, Bonnie, Lendi, Schomas; Nays: None; Absent: White.

6. Airport Report

Anthony Special gave his report explaining that the proposed Hanger (BP Hanger) is still under review by the City of Aurora. Additionally, the fuel farm is awaiting approval from the City of Aurora as well. The solar farm is moving forward and will be going before the Village of Sugar Grove's Plan Commission, and a grant was received to resurface the parking lot. There has been no update about the sign.

7. Public Comment on Scheduled Action Items

8. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval:** Minutes of the February 6, 2024, Board Meeting
- b. **Approval:** Vouchers
- c. **Approval:** Treasurer's Report
- d. **Resolution:** Closed Session Minute Review

Motion by Trustee Schomas, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve the Proclamation Honoring Engineers Week, February 18 – 24, 2024, in the Village of Sugar Grove.

Ayes: Schomas, Herron, Bonnie, Lendi, Michels; Nays: None; Absent: White.

9. General Business - None

10. Public Comment

- Mr. Jaden Chada spoke about the 2024 Corn Boil event.
- Ms. Jamie Koz spoke about the solar farm at the Aurora Airport.

11. Discussion Items

a. Boiler Replacement Public Works Building

Brad Merkel explained that the original boiler in the mechanics bay at the Public Works facility is not functioning and needs replacement. A new boiler would be purchased by a local vendor and installed by a licensed plumber. The new boiler purchased will be the most recent technology. This item will be considered at the March 5, 2024., Village Board Meeting.

b. LED Safety Road Flares

Police Chief Rollins demonstrated the LED safety road flares and explained their use within the department. LED flares are a good replacement for the original style road flares because they are safer to use and are more versatile. Chief Rollins noted that the purchase could be done using surplus funds in the amount of \$6,325 or include it in the 24/25 Budget proposal or remain status quo. If this is approved, the entire PD fleet will be supplied with LED safety packs (an additional 7 packs).

The Board decided to wait until the budget discussion was over to discuss this further. The purchase of the additional 7 LED safety packs will be presented at the Village Board Meeting on March 5, 2024, for consideration.

c. Budget Workshop #1

Finance Director Matt Anastasia presented the proposed FY2023-2023 General Fund Budget, which resulted in a discussion among the Board Members and Staff.

12. Reports

a. Staff

Village Administrator

Village Administrator Scott Koeppel stated that he enjoyed the budget process and that Director Anastasia was extremely prepared.

Finance Department

No update

Community Development

Community Development Director Walter Magdziarz mentioned that there will be three public Hearings happening at the Plan Commission meeting on February 21, 2024. The first is the PUD amendment related to Waterford Place, and there are two being held regarding the solar farm at the Aurora Airport.

Police Department

Police Chief Rollins mentioned that the visitation for Deputy Christopher Ruchaj would be Friday, February 23, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Harter Middle School Gymnasium. The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2004 at Harter Middle School beginning at 11 am, doors will open at 10 am.

Donations can be made to support the Deputy's three children to the "Deputy Chris Ruchaj Memorial Fund."

Public Works

Public Works Director Merkel reported that PW staff fixed the water service leak on Terry Street over the weekend.

Trees have been removed in preparation for the Blackberry Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Michael Cassa stated that there will be a check presentation on February 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm to Fireside Grille as part of the Commercial Property Enhancement Program.

Interviews have started for the Economic Development Assistant position.

b. Trustees

Trustee Shomas announced that he will not be running for the Trustee position in 2025. He hopes to remain involved as he pursues his next adventure.

d. President

President Konen noted that the Community Enhancement Group is discussing the Blackberry Creek Pedestrian Bridge naming. One of the things discussed was identifying species around the

area. One of the things that's been mentioned is the Chickadee Pass because of the Chickadee population in the area. It was decided that the Community Enhancement Group would develop some names for the Bridge and bring it back to the Board for selection.

President Konen mentioned that the Metro West Council of Government is having their networking dinner at Burt Barrel.

President Konen will be going to the Governor's Budget Address on February 21, 2024.

13. Executive Session - None

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property/Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Sale of Property – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Schomas, seconded by Trustee Michels, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Ayes: Schomas, Michaels, Herron, Bonnie, Lendi; Nays: None; Absent: White.

ATTEST:

/s/ Tracey R. Conti

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