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**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Konen at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Former Village Attorney Laura Juliens daughter Isabella Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

On March 18, 2025, the Village Board meeting was held in person in the Board Room at the Police Department.

Present: President Jennifer Konen, Trustee Matthew Bonnie, Trustee Sean Herron, Trustee Heidi Lendi, Trustee Sean Michels, Trustee Jamie White.

Absent – Trustee Michael Schomas.

Additional Attendees: Administrator Koeppel, Village Attorney Vasselli, Finance Director Anastasia, Chief of Police Rollins, Public Works Director Merkel, Economic Development Director Cassa, Community Development Director Marion, Village Clerk Tracey Conti.

4. Public Hearing

a. Annexing Property Denny Road Fire Protection District.

Community Development Director Marion says that she has received an application from the fire department to annex a portion of their property on Denny Road. The fire department owns four parcels on this property, the two front parcels are currently annexed into the Village while the two rear parcels are not. Director Marions explains that they are looking to construct a training facility within this property and to move forward, the remaining two parcels need to be annexed into the Village.

5. Appointment and Presentations

a. Proclamation honoring Mickey, Wilson, Wieler, Renzi, Lenert & Julien, P.C. for their many years of service to the Village of Sugar Grove.

A proclamation was presented to Mickey, Wilson, Wieler, Renzi, Lenert, and Julian to recognize their hard work and dedication they have given to the Village from 1993 until 2025. President Konen extended her gratitude for their hard work and contributions they have provided.

a. Proclamation honoring Janet Wallace's contributions to the Village of Sugar Grove.

A second proclamation was presented in honor of Janet Wallace to thank her for her contributions that she has provided for over 15 years to the Village. An honorary street sign will be placed at Cross St. and Main St. by John Shields Elementary School in her honor.

6. Appointments and Presentations

a. Appointment of James Vasselli and Michael Garrigan as Deputy Clerks for the Village of Sugar Grove.

Village Administrator Koeppel states that due to Village Code, all non-employees must be appointed through Village President. He says, if need be, the Village Attorney can serve as the Clerk.

Motion by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Bonnie to appoint James Vasselli and Michael Garrigan as Deputy Clerks for the Village of Sugar Grove.

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

7. Airport Report – None

8. Public Comment on Scheduled Action Items

- Louis Lendi spoke on the special use permit for True Vet.

9. Consent Agenda

- Approval: March 4, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval: Vouchers.
- Approval: February 2025 Treasures Report.
- Ordinance:** Approving a Special Use Permit for True Vet.

Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented:

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

10. General Business

a. Resolution: Approving Final Plat of Subdivision – 66 & 68 Neil St. (Nash).

Director Marion states at the previous board meeting approving a final plat of subdivision was discussed for this property. It is currently a single lot with a duplex and the owners wish to

subdivide into two separate parcels. Director Marion has provided an ordinance as well to create a variance to keep the duplex uniform.

Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve the Final Plat of Subdivision for 66 & 68 Neil St.

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

b. Approval of Commercial Property Enhancement Program Criteria.

Economic Development Director Cassa presented the revised CPEP program criteria. The provisions will provide planters, window boxes, benches, and trash receptacles and eligible expenses. He states that general repairs have been removed from the criteria. In addition, exterior painting that is done in conjunction with other enhancements is eligible but will only be reimbursed at fifty percent. He says there are two important provisions that have been made, the first being that all the work must represent enhancement to the property. Second, other exterior improvements that are not within the criteria of the program may still be considered by the Village Board.

Trustee Michels asked Director Cassa about the current and previous program criteria that was provided for the meeting. President Konen explained that Director Cassa is showing the entirety of what has been removed and added to the program.

Motion by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Bonnie, to approve the Commercial Property Enhancement Program Criteria.

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

c. Resolution: Approving Purchase of Rock Salt Contract 2025.

Public Works Director Merkel states that it is time to start thinking about the next snow removal season. He says there has been no price provided but it should be around the same cost as the previous year and Director Anastasia is working on the budget. Trustee Michels said it seemed like there were two line items within the budget. Director Anastasia said there is also a liquid that is used and will be put down with the road salt that is required for purchase.

Motion by Trustee Michels, seconded by Trustee Bonnie, to approve the Purchase of Rock Salt Contract 2025.

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

d. Resolution: Authorizing Finance Director Matt Anastasia to serve as a Trustee of the Illinois Public Reserves Investment Management Trust.

Director Anastasia gives background on this topic and says that IPRIME is a local government investment pool with the purpose of pooling together funds for a competitive cash rate. Giving local governments more investment opportunity. Director Anastasia was requested to sit within this groups board by the Vice President. Currently on this board there are five Trustees, and they are looking to expand to six members. This company is looking to diversify their board with members of different size municipalities.

Trustee White and President Konen both acknowledged Director Anastasia for his hard work.

Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve Finance Director Matt Anastasia to serve as Trustee of the Illinois Public Reserves Investment Management Trust.

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

e. Resolution: Approving Number of Liquor Licenses 2024-2025.

Village Clerk Conti says this item is to add the upcoming business Cilantro to the Villages liquor license list.

Motion by Trustee Bonnie, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve the Number of Liquor Licenses for 2024-2025.

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

f. Approval: Liquor License – On-Premises Liquor License for Cilantro Taco Grill, located at 519 Sugar Grove Parkway, Unit F, Sugar Grove.

President Konen explained that this item is the actual approval for Cilantros liquor license.

Motion by Trustee Bonnie, seconded by Trustee Herron, to approve the On-Premises Liquor License for Cilantro Taco Grill, located at 519 Sugar Grove Parkway, Unit F, Sugar Grove.

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

11. Public Comment

- Marion Kragt spoke about the development of Windsor Point and the Hampton Road traffic concerns.
- Jerney Kragt spoke regarding safety adjustments to Windsor Point.
- Louis Lendi gave a thank you to staff.

12. Discussion Items

a. Approving the Purchase and Installation for the Village's Outdoor Emergency Siren Hardware and Software Activation System.

Chief Rollins follows up from a previous discussion, the emergency siren system has been transferred to the police department following a previous IGA with Aurora. The police department is looking to automate their siren system to pick up codes of tornados that have been spotted within Sugar Grove coordinates. This would allow the emergency siren to automatically activate when the National Weather Service sends a code. The siren will also go off for dangerous and damaging high winds to alert the citizens of Sugar Grove to find shelter even if no tornado is spotted. There was a quote given to the Village from Fulton Technologies, the vendor for the sirens, for the supply and installation of necessary software. With the upcoming renovations at the police department, the software will be kept at Public Works temporarily.

Trustee Herron asked how much faster this software would be. Chief Rollins said he does not know the exact answer. He does know that every 30 seconds the internet is trying to find a code,

but the satellite is instantaneous. Trustee Bonnie asked if there are any current surrounding municipalities that use this technology. Chief Rollins said not currently and explained that Sugar Grove has different manpower. When a storm is occurring, it takes away from police duties due to the radar needing to be watched. Trustee Bonnie would like Chief Rollins to reach out to a municipality that currently uses this technology to verify the software does what it needs to do and is accurate.

Trustee Herron said the Villages' attention to the warning system is great, a neighboring community reported sirens not properly working. He appreciates the attention to detail and effort that has been put into the community's safety. Chief Rollins addressed social media comments about the emergency sirens volume and said there is no volume control. The time of year and wind patterns can affect the sound traveling.

President Konen says with the tornados in the past year and the changing weather patterns it would be beneficial to have an automated system. Allowing the Village to keep up with technology but also take some of the weight load off the staff. Trustee Lendi agrees with Trustee Bonnie, she thinks it is best to get a couple reviews from other municipalities.

b. Amending Title 4, Chapter 6, Open Burning, Exception (4-6-3) By Adding Paragraph "F" Permitting Golf Courses to Burn Under Certain Conditions.

Chief Rollins explains that there are regulations against open burning in the Village, the golf courses in the Village were not taken into consideration for this. Currently under Chapter 6, there are sections A-E and Chief Rollins wants to consider adding section F, permitting golf courses permission to open burning. This could only occur on certain days with the presence of both the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Trustee Michels asked if there are current exceptions for the Park District. Chief Rollins said the Village has an exception, but the Park District does not. Trustee White and Trustee Lendi are concerned about the surrounding residential areas. Chief Rollins says that he would issue a daily permit rather than an all-season exception. There would be restrictions as well depending on the season and location.

c. Approving a Quote for Livescan Fingerprint Replacement.

Chief Rollins states that the Police Departments current Livescan device is from 2014. This system has now surpassed its lifespan and is no longer supported through a maintenance agreement. In 2014 many surrounding municipalities purchased the same Livescan system for cost purposes. Geneva has made the switch to Itouch Biometrics and has had great success. There are currently several municipalities working together to purchase this system. Itouch also allows for a more organized records system.

Trustee White asked how this integrates with the new software that has recently been incorporated into the Police Department. Chief Rollins said this is a completely different system, the Axon system pulls from the dispatch center and is an auto tagging system. Trustee Bonnie asked what the plans were for the location of the new system with the upcoming renovations,

he does not want to spend the money on it not to be used during renovations. Chief Rollins stated that the system is portable and during renovations everything will still be processed in the Police Department. Those who need to be held will be sent to another station. This allows for the use of the new software.

d. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, Civic Use PUDS.

Director Marion states that the board has previously discussed a text amendment that would address civic uses. The Villages current code does not address a civic use PUD. Director Marion says she took this item to the Plan Commission and had the required public hearing. The Plan Commission recommended the Village Board approve the text amendment. The proposed text amendment will address civic use PUDS and allow for deviations to be made to the plans.

e. Annexing Property – Denny Road Fire Protection District.

As mentioned previously, Director Marion states that the Fire Protection District has property on Denny Road. The Village has received a petition to annex this property into the Village, being the first steps to building a training facility.

f. Special Use Preliminary PUD, Final PUD Phase 1, Preliminary Plat of Subdivision, Final Plat of Subdivision, Zoning Deviations, and Development Agreement – Sugar Grove Fire Protection District (Denny Road).

Director Marion says she has received a petition from the Fire Protection District requesting several different approvals to build their training station. The project is proposed to be developed in four phases. Phase 1 includes a detention pond, burn tower, an access road leading to the burn tower, etc. Phase 2 includes the construction of a training facility and parking lot. Phase 3 includes the construction of a heavy-duty asphalt pad for apparatus training. Phase 4 then includes the construction of the new fire station. She says that the Fire Department will be partnering with Waubensee Community College to host training classes in their training facilities for their fire program. The required public hearing was held with the Plan Commission and unanimously voted that the Village Board approve the proposals.

Fire Chief Moran gave an overview of the current proposals to the Village Board. He said this proposal is different than the previous one brought to the board. This plan has been working on for around a year now and it will be for the community as well. Chief Moran said the timeline of the project may be accelerated for phase 2 and 3. He says this has been an ongoing plan for many years with the rise in the community. One suggestion that was made by the Plan Commission was to have a variance made for a tree preservation plan on the south side of the property by Denny Road. He says he has gotten a quote for the entire site, and he believes this is a good use of their money.

Trustee Bonnie asked Chief Moran how many burns a year they would conduct, Chief Moran said there is no number, it is based on training needs. He did talk to the neighbors in support of this facility to let them know in advance of planned burns. He said that most of the burns that occur will be with theatrical smoke via fog machine.

Trustee White asked Chief Moran if there was any requirement to connect a sewer. Director Marion said she doesn't believe that's called out, but it could be added. Chief Moran said there is a deviation for the hydrant system if needed, but it is not his concern right now. Trustee Michels asked if there would be an aerator in the pond for mosquitoes, Chief Moran said yes. He then asked if there was any additional landscaping on the north end of the property. Chief Moran said it would be the northeast side of the property and there was a deviation in phase 1 that no extra landscaping be added. He said in phase 2 they would take care of that. Trustee Michels asked if a sunset clause should be added to this plan due to the burn towers not being aesthetically pleasing. Chief Moran said the plan is to keep it aesthetically pleasing.

President Konen mentioned the lack of bike trails and sidewalks on the East end of the property. This was something looked at years ago and the area was developed this way when first built, it would be a Village expense to add bike trails. She then asked about the color of the proposed building and Chief Moran said it was a red matching with Waubensee Community College school colors. President Konen asked about what brand would be on the building, Chief Moran said this is an ongoing discussion still.

Trustee Michels wants this item to come back to the board under General Business for further discussion on tree removal. Director Marion informed the board about tree replacement requirements. President Konen asked about signage and wants to know if the board wants to put a sunset clause on this as well. Chief Moran agreed to putting a sunset clause on the signage.

g. PUD Major Amendment, Special Use Preliminary PUD, Preliminary Plat of Subdivision, Zoning Deviations, and Architecture – Brighton Ridge (Lennar).

Director Marion states that in October of 2024 Lennar submitted a concept plan for a development for property located off Galena and Route 56. Since then, the Village Board has received many applications for this project. This project will include 322 residential homes, a 1.8-acre park, a 0.7 acre to lot, and a multi-use path. The Village Board have discussed the ongoing traffic and safety concerns presented at the last meeting. Director Marion says a decision has been made to install three additional stop signs. She states that the required public hearing was held with the Plan Commission, and they recommended the Village Board approved the petition.

Vince Rosanova, a representative from the Rosanova and Whitaker Law Firm, says he is attending the meeting regarding the petition. Vince gives a compliment to the staff for their professionalism during this entire process. He says since the last meeting he attended last October, he has spent time addressing the comments and making changes.

Vince gives background on Lennar, giving detail on their role in the Chicagoland area and pride in customer satisfaction. The Brighton Ridge Subdivision is going to consist of 141.2 acres, located at the northwest quadrant of Galena Boulevard and Route 56. He says around 19 years ago this property was zoned as a mixed-use development for commercial and residential. After being vacant for so long, Lennar believes that eliminating the commercial component is the best alternative. He says only having residential will drop competition but also allow for the

community to grow when adding 174 single-family homes and 148 town homes. He wanted to point out that typically when single family homes are adjacent to single family homes this leaves then 60 ft. apart. Lennar was able to incorporate an additional 40 ft. buffer yard that will be maintained by the HOA. He says that homes will have a typical distance between each other. Another site plan enhancement that has been added, the entire 42-acre portion on the north/northeast side of the property is going to be dedicated to the Kane County Forest Preserve District. Vince says that an additional 50 ft. buffer will also be added to Galena when entering the subdivision. On the eastern portion of the property near the Route 56 exit ramp there was discussion due to this being a gateway into the community. Vince shows improvements that have been made to landscaping and a water basin for water quality. The landscaping will create a buffer for Brighton Ridge and Windsor Point. He says there was also conversation about parks within this community, there are now two parks that have been improved. He says the goal is to have the Sugar Grove Park District accept both parks as public to benefit the community. Other amenity improvements include pedestrian connectivity through subdivisions and trails. There will also be a trail addition within the forest preserve from Lennar, connecting to the Virgil Gilman. Vince states that another buffer will be added between townhomes and single-family homes. There has been an out lot created that will be managed by the HOA and have landscaping added. He says there will be two monument signs added to this subdivision, one at the entrance and one at the exit.

After working with staff, an easement location was reserved for a Welcome to Sugar Grove Sign, that can be seen when heading West on Galena or when exiting Route 56 exit ramp. There have been some improvements to guest parking as well, in addition to garage and driveway parking, 25 guest parking spaces have been added. Vince says there are two different home series, the first being the medallion series, the second being the horizon series, each coming with several unique floor plans and elevations.

Trustee White had some questions about the site plan concerning traffic. He asked Vince if it was possible to remove the road between lot 68 and lot 58 giving the larger homes access to Hampton Road, also alleviating some of the ongoing traffic concerns from residents. Vince said he is planning on coming to another meeting which will fully evaluate this concern after discussing it with others. Trustee White then asked about HOAs, Vince said every home will be subject to a master association while the townhomes will have a sub association with different responsibilities. Trustee White asked if every townhome would have its own AC unit or if there would be one at the end of the building. Luke Zanoni Lennar's Engineer replied to Trustee White and said typically each townhome will have their own AC unit because they are individually owned. Trustee White had one more question about the elevations presented. Some garage doors have windows, and he asked if every garage door would have glass panels. Vince answered and said that this will be on select homes within their 50 different elevations. When homes are being built, no similar homes will be placed together. Trustee Michels feels that the windows in the garage doors add a nice architectural feature to the home. Trustee Michels believes that there should be more differences between elevations also adding to the architectural appeal such as brick or stone instead of vinyl siding.

President Konen is confirming some previous changes that were talked about for the concept plans regarding window trim and roof overhang. She then brings up the park district and an issue that comes between them taking care of these parks. The park district has concerns about how the parks are built and constructed, there needs to be conversation to make sure the parks are built to their standards. Administrator Koeppel shared that within the draft development agreement for parks dedication that for the improvement of the parks, the park district needs to enter into an agreement, this agreement includes design. President Konen then brings up what Trustee White had asked earlier about removing the road between lot 58 and 68 and the guest parking lot that was added to the plans. She asked if a T stop could be created into the parking space, Vince said that this will be looked at. Trustee Michels encourages that Vince and his team look at a landscaped median on Hampton, the board says the road is not wide enough. Trustee Lendi said that North of lot 21 that road could be eliminated, and a lot could be placed there, she says that this was a resident's idea. Trustee White thinks it would be better to dead-end this road at lot 20, they both agree this could eliminate a lot of traffic. President Konen agrees that this could help with traffic concerns, Vince said this is something that his team will look at. Trustee Lendi asked if the ceilings in these homes are 9 ft. on the first floor, Vince replied yes and that townhomes are also the same height. She asks if there will be restricted parking within this development, he says that parking will be restricted on one side of the road. She then asked about construction access and wanted to make sure that construction does not go through Windsor Point, Vince says that he will collaborate to find a way to prevent construction to go through Windsor Point. Trustee Bonnie says thank you to Vince and his team for working together on the safety of the Villages residents.

Chief Rollins says that at the last meeting several residents came forward and spoke about the current conditions and concerns at Windsor Point. The police team conducted a traffic study March 7, 2025 – March 17, 2025, to correctly address concerns. He says that there are many concerns with speeding and the bus stops. The police team has made an effort to make it to most bus pickups and drop-offs for the safety concerns. During the traffic study, the average speed coming from Regency Blvd. was 24.8, traffic from the opposite direction was averaged to be 24.45. Chief Rollins read some of the maximum speeds, clarifying some could be emergency vehicles as well. Most of the higher speeds were under 30 miles per hour. He then goes over the vehicles per hour, averaging 10-20 vehicles. Chief Rollins said that these numbers are low compared to other residential neighborhoods. He had a suggestion to make Belvidere Road a four-way intersection, also changing the yield sign on Somerset to a stop sign.

President Konen asked how she can get the speed changed to 25 in this neighborhood now that the traffic study has been done. Chief Rollins says that he is still planning on doing a traffic study on other streets as well. Trustee White asked if during the traffic study there are skewed numbers are due to the study signage. Chief Rollins said that these signs can be turned off and still collect data, his team is collecting data with it both off and on. President Konen thanked Chief Rollins for conducting a speed study and its importance.

h. Rezoning – Brighton Ridge (Lennar).

Director Marion said that there is also a request to rezone this property, the current zoning on this property is R2 with a PUD and B3 with a PUD due to the previous plan including commercial properties. The rezoning request is to rezone it to an R2 PUD and R3 PUD for single family homes and town houses. She said she held the required hearing with Plan Commission, and they recommended approval. Trustee Lendi asked if there were any comments regarding the rezoning, Administrator Koeppel said there was not.

i. Amendment to an Annexation Agreement – Brighton Ridge (Lennar).

Director Marion stated that the final piece of this project is amending the current annexation agreement. The current annexation agreement was approved on April 17, 2006, it is set to expire in 2026. She said there are many items within this agreement that are not applicable for the new proposal, so the existing agreement needs to be either amended or terminated. The Village attorneys are working to see which solution works the best.

Vince says that according to state statute, an annexation agreement is good for 20 years, and the current one has concepts that do not relate to this development. He thinks this is a good opportunity to come into a new development agreement. This would require termination of the annexation agreement and approval of the development agreement.

j. Development Agreement Between the Village of Sugar Grove and CalAtlantic Group Inc. (Brighton Ridge).

Administrator Koeppel stated that there was a proposed development agreement that would be a replacement for the annexation agreement. This would go into effect when the annexation agreement is either terminated or amended. He says this agreement was reviewed by many and it was then negotiated with Lennar. Some terms for this agreement consist of 365 days to acquire the property, the development can be done in phases, and the developer may continue farming in the interim. He said that at the back of the agreement there is a fee structure that matches the latest fees that were approved by the board.

President Konen asked for a breakdown in revenues, Administrator Koeppel said the cost for park and land cash would roughly be \$900,000 and the park total for land cash and impact would be \$810,000. He says there is one item that has changed, the fee caps off professional fees have been removed.

Trustee White said there is a representation that the Village hasn't changed ordinances in the last 180 days. He asked if the engineering manual was officially adopted, Director Marion said it has just been completed. He then asked why there are deviations being made from the engineering manual already. Engineer Luke Zaroni explains that the manual addresses these concerns but there are provisions that are not within the manual. He also said that there are some standards that the Illinois Department of Transportation has in relation to this.

k. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Workshop #3.

Finance Director Anastasia explains that this is the final budget workshop going over changes or updates. He gave an update that there is currently no change proposed for LGDF. Director Anastasia said because of Tariffs, he was told to double the inflation and escalation factors from 4% to 8%. The only two items that have changed are the road infrastructure fund and then the proposed budget.

President Konen had asked Director Anastasia how much the budget would increase with one unit during a speed study. She is curious about the repair and replacement of these and a warranty due to a speed study not getting recorded properly in Dugan Woods. Chief Rollins said that currently he has one smaller speed trailer, and the censor needs to be repaired. His larger speed sign/display sign has been the latest edition to inventory. He said he also has two pole signs that were recently used in Windsor Point, and another that collects data without display. President Konen asked if these repairs are budgeted and would fall within the current year or need to be budgeted for the upcoming year. Chief Rollins said it is not budgeted or under warranty. He said he is asking for an additional unit due to high demand from residents, with speeding being a large topic.

President Konen asks the board their thoughts on budgeting this item. Trustee Lendi said if the Village is looking to lower the speed limits to 25 this is a good investment. President Konen asked Chief Rollins about the permanent speed signs within the Village. He said there are two that were purchased when roads were redone. Trustee Lendi asked if the signs that go on the pole are significantly less expensive compared to the ones that go on the ground. He said the ones that are on the pole are less expensive than the boxes that sit on the ground. President Konen thinks this would be good for the community in controlling the speed limits as a visual to how fast cars are going. Trustee White asked Village Attorney Vasselli if this could be retroactive, he said he needs to look at the Villages Code. Director Anastasia said if only one sign is purchased that can be purchased under the administration unbudgeted expenses. President Konen tells Chief Rollins to buy one more speed sign.

Trustee Bonnie asked about the mailer that went out in the resident's water bill and asked if this would happen again. Director Anastasia said this is not budgeted for the next year, but the quarterly newsletters will be happening. Trustee Bonnie says he would like to try and figure out a way to budget this for the next year, he thinks that it would be good to send it twice a year. Trustee Herron said there was a few times the Village had shared communications with the other taxing districts and created a flyer. He thinks this is important for the residents to stay up to date. Trustee Michels thinks that the content from the last mailer needs to be reviewed by the board. He feels it felt more like a political piece and the Trustees should have an opportunity to submit something as well. He also feels that if someone is a nonresident they should not receive the mailer. Trustee Bonnie believes if someone is paying a water bill and money to the Village they should receive a mailer. Some residents talked to Trustee Bonnie and expressed their attitude towards the mailer, and they would like to see more. Trustee White says he would be okay with adding this to the budget. President Konen thinks that two mailers should be budgeted due to the transition that happens in the fall within the community. Trustee Lendi

asked if there was any way that information about the food pantry could be added for those who need it along with the senior lunch. President Konen thinks the Village needs to solicit more information in general to the residents.

President Konen asked if the board would be okay budgeting towards landscaping around the Route 56 landmark sign. She feels there should be more earth and flagstone added around for plants to make an enhancement. Trustee Michels says he is against the project. President Konen feels that enhancing and upkeeping the community is important for those who live here and pass through. President Konen said that this item will come back to the board for approval using funds from Public Works and the Enhancement Committee.

12. Reports

a. Staff

Administration – Administrator Koeppel thanked Trustee Lendi for bringing up the food pantry and food insecurity. He had gone to the food pantry for a non-profit with President Konen; after speaking with their leaders, more information will be provided within a newsletter. He intends to put out donations and volunteer information for the community. Administrator Koeppel thanked the Township and EEI for their help and doing a great job.

Finance Department – Director Anastasia wanted to highlight the electrical aggregation bid. NIMEC went to bid on March 4th and Dynegey won the contract, pulling out of the contract a few hours later and was postponed due to tariffs. He says there have been some increases and the bid was just received. The Villages rates went from 5.859 to 7.55 for a 3-year contract.

Community Development – President Konen brought up Louis Lendis public comment and wants to make sure that True Vet is picking up pet waste. Trustee Bonnie asked since they will be renting if they are bad tenants they can get kicked off the lease. Trustee Lendi asked if it could be a requirement to make sure pet waste is being picked up and disposed of properly. Administrator Koeppel said since it has already been approved a condition cannot be added, but he is sure that they would be willing to do that. Director Marion said if there was a problem with pet waste the owners would begin receiving citations.

Police Department – Chief Rollins says that Nixle has been sent out to the National Weather Service for the tornado siren.

Public Works – Trustee Lendi asked Director Merkel when he thinks the pedestrian bridge will be open for use. He is currently unaware when it will be done due to many factors such as asphalt. Trustee Lendi then thanks Director Merkel for his quick response to the water main break.

Economic Development – Director Cassa gives an update on the expansion of the Sugar Grove Center; Cilantro has opened, and their patio will be open very soon. They will also be holding a grand opening. With Wings and Tavern getting their liquor license approved, the build out will be completed and a grand opening will be held for them as well. He says for the out lots he is

working with GMX to fill the unit available. Starbucks is still on track to open in August, possibly sooner. President Konen asked if he is in communication with GMX and if they are on track for opening the Starbucks. Director Cassa says they have been moving along with the project and are on track.

b. Trustees

Trustee Lendi – Trustee Lendi attended the Bliss Woods cleanup and then attended the History of Kane County Forest Preserve, and it was very informative. She says the library has a seed library for the residents as well letting people pick 4 packets of seeds.

c. President

President Konen says she had a good visit with the food pantry, and they provide amazing service for those who are in need.

13. Executive Session

- 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 Bonnie, second by Trustee Herron, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Madeline Dossett

Madeline Dossett

Deputy Village Clerk