

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL July 28, 2022

Board Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Mayor Ronald J. Gardiner. The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call by **Village Clerk**, Sandra Washington, the following Trustees responded: **Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch and Winston**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION The meeting was conducted at Village Hall; there was no remote participation.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Brian D. Mitchell**, Village Administrator; **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Kevin Welsh** Fire/Building; **Chief Pettycord** Police, **Cynthia Smith**, Finance Director; Village Treasurer, **Carmen Hopkins**, **Bill M.** Director, Public Works, **Phil Robbins**, Glenwoodie Golf Course

ABSENT: **Trustee Dawson**

Village Clerk's Office: **No Minutes to Approve**

TREASURER'S REPORT: **No Treasurer's Report**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Michelle Mosley 337 Harper

Ms. Mosley noted comments regarding the budget process; Covid 19 funds should match expenditures or it's a false budget.

Deborah Birmingham 850 E 193rd Place

Ms. Birmingham addressed the Board regarding maintenance of property at 421 Minerva; cannot enjoy her backyard due to appearance of overgrown weeds, ground hogs; poisonous berries; deplorable conditions. Ms. Birmingham addressed the Board in the last meeting reading a written statement; Bill from Public Works or no one has come out to investigate to date; disappointed and disgusted as a 27 year resident of Glenwood; Residents should not have to pay taxes and not expect results; Potential residents and businesses will be deterred from investing in the community because it is not kept up; baseball diamonds unkempt; mattress on the road right off 394 Glenwood Dyer Road exit; Village officials have to do better; amend ordinances; unacceptable

Melinda Plott

Finance is a passion; finance conversations are needed for the residents; Board should be on the same page; you will get a different response depending on who you ask; the board is not in sync; the Board sets the vision for the Village; residents want to know what's going on and frequent discussions must take place. Budget discussions should be more than once a year; at least 4 or 5 times a year to inform residents.

Cathy Paxton - 30 Nugent Square

Concerns regarding budget; excessive hiring and huge salary increases proposed and we are in a deficit; where is money coming from; suggest hiring freeze if in deficit; board members should have time to review budget information line by line before making a decision to approve. Mayor Gardiner noted the budget has not been approved by the Board; the preliminary budget is in discussion. Encourage Board to think about it, pray about it, take time to make decisions.

Leon Fields

Suggested use Channel 4, local government channel to keep communications open to residents about what's happening in Glenwood;

Robert Maddox

Asked how many housing violations over the last month; noted a lot of properties have violations with peeling paint, overgrown weeds, garbage cans in front of homes, barbecue grills in the front yards is an eyesore; Covid funds added to budget is a onetime deal; there is no need for a new fire truck; how will the deficit gap be closed; many residents on a fixed income and can't afford more taxes; how many inspectors employed by Village; Chief Welsh confirmed 7 inspectors including a Lead Inspector.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Public Hearing for Appropriations Ordinance

Discussion: Attorney John Donahue noted public hearing and approval of Appropriations Ordinance is required by Illinois statute; Village of Glenwood is Home Rule therefore Village of Glenwood spending is not governed by the Appropriations Ordinance; Tax rate objections will be a concern if the Village does not file timely;

Mrs. Plott, resident noted that there should have discussions regarding appropriations and budget much earlier to prepare; Trustee Hadnott suggested starting discussions in May next year; filing is required by July 31st or August 1.

Trustee Hadnott asked 1) when will the Village get back \$1.185M from Halsted South TIF 2) \$250,000 that went to Glenwoodie Golf Course; that's a total of \$1.4M owed to the general fund. Suggest using those funds to cover deficit.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Trustee Hart made the motion; **Trustee Lynch second**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gardiner welcomed new Finance Director, Cynthia Smith to the Village of Glenwood.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Motion To Approve Ordinance Waiving the Applicability of Section 66-7 of the Village's Code of Ordinances for the Estates Homeowners' Association for August 13, 2022.

Trustee Hadnott motioned for approval; **Trustee Lynch** second the motion

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending the Village's Code of Ordinances to Add New Section 10-51 Titled "Possession and Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places"

Trustee Lynch motioned for approval; **Trustee Clark** second the motion

Discussion: **Chief Peddycord** explained the purpose of adding additional language to the ordinance to allow police officers to issue citations for possession and consumption of open alcohol on private property; there were incidences of patrons in their vehicles outside the establishment with open liquor; current ordinance addresses public roadways and not private property. **Attorney Donahue** added that there is a section that gives the Village authority to grant exemptions for special events.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to Approve Resolution Approving an Agreement Authorizing the Village of Glenwood to regulate Parking and Traffic on Privately Owned Property.

Discussion: **Attorney Donahue** noted Illinois Statute allows municipalities to enter into agreement with private owners to regulate and enforce parking and traffic on private owned property, stop signs, no parking, loading zone or fire lane, etc. Agreement has to be filed with Cook County Deed Office before enforcement.

Trustee Winston noted he feels the private owner should be responsible for regulating and enforcing their own parking lot.

Trustee Hadnott indicated Chug a Lug has only 78 parking spaces and on a Friday night, there were at least 500 vehicles Chief Welsh noted that the owners, Chief Peddycord, Village Administrator, and himself have been working to develop a solution for the parking issue, including private owners in the vicinity; increasing parking staff; use of lot owned by the Village; employees parking in the rear, etc. Future developments will be required to sign the parking agreements; Chief Peddycord indicated its not additional manpower required to enforce; currently officers patrol the plaza; they have not been allowed to regulate or enforce currently.

Trustee Lynch motioned for approval; **Trustee Winston** second the motion

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain:0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to Approve Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Village of Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022, Ending April 30, 2023.

Trustee Winston motioned for approval; **Trustee Lynch** second the motion

Discussion: Village Administrator, B.Mitchell discussed the process used to determine appropriations; **Trustee Winston** noted the budget should have preceded the Appropriations Ordinance; there are line items that he would like removed; would have liked to see a summary highlighting how the numbers were calculated; **Trustee Hadnott** asked if Board input was ever considered in the process. **Attorney Donahue** indicated it is somewhat difficult to make changes to the Appropriations Ordinance once it has been approved and filed with the County, primarily because it is unnecessary due to Home Rule; Board input and comments are more **useful** in preparing the budget;

Trustee Hart indicated just because it's been done the same way, we shouldn't continue doing it if it's not the right way; strongly encouraged Board not to adopt appropriations as presented; recommended using the exact appropriation numbers from last year since it's a known deficit; **Anthony Cervini** cited \$25,654,479 as last year Appropriations as of July 20, 2021. **Trustee Winston** inquired about salary increases for new hires less than a year; **Mayor Gardiner** stated it isn't a policy but the Board approves all salary increases; **Attorney Donahue** stressed to add an additional \$1,141,235 for debt services for Halsted South TIF; **Trustee Hart** confirmed \$24,169 for final LY Appropriations. **Trustee Hart** also requested a breakout or summary for any proposed salary increases; the lump sum salary increases cannot distinguish who is getting what; Department heads and Village Administrator should start from LY appropriations in building budget to present to the Board; budget should be balanced before recommending salary increases; **Trustee Hadnott** noted the process should include everyone in the process; citizen input; board input; department head and administration input

Motion amended to use Last Year 2021-2022 Appropriations plus (+) \$1,141,235 for debt services for Halsted South TIF.

Trustee Winston amended the motion; **Trustee**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to Approve Payment To CD.E. Collision Centers (Lynwood) for vehicle repairs to PD Squad Unit (10) in the amount of \$14,584.77

Trustee Hadnott motioned for approval; **Trustee Winston** second the motion

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0; Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Chief Peddycord reminded everyone of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Festivities begin at 5pm through 9pm Board meeting is at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Hart inquired about donations to the sports teams donations; Village Administrator will send the minutes of that discussion and approval to the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Trustee Lynch moved; **Second by Trustee Clark**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes 0: Recues:0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Hart, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The July 28. 2022 Board Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM.

Sandra M. Washington (CW)

Sandra M. Washington, Village Clerk