

MINUTES OF THE **COW BOARD MEETING**
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL, **December 10, 2024**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by **Village President, Ronald J. Gardiner** The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call by Village Clerk **Camiella D. Williams**, the following Trustees responded: **Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams**

REMOTE PARTICIPATIONS: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Brian D. Mitchell**, Village Administrator; **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Chief Derek Peddycord**, Police, **Deputy Chief Kevin A. Welsh Sr.**, Fire and Building, **Phil Robbins**, Glenwoodie Golf Course, **Joe Benoit**, Public Works Director

ABSENT: **Dave Shilling**, Village Engineer,

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Constance Lee- Ms. Lee wanted clarity regarding funds of \$20,000 to the four subdivisions. **Mayor Gardiner** responded it was not a proposal of \$20,000 each, it's up for discussion on how much. The Village will decide on how much to give. Ms. Lee also wanted a total amount of money in the ARPA funds. She shared her concerns about the rehabbing job of the fieldhouses; about the painting and closets being removed. **Mayor Gardiner** emphasized to Ms. Lee that this COW meeting was about getting input about ARPA spending.

Leon Moore had concerns regarding the ARPA spending sheet stating that he and the residents did not receive it in a timely fashion. **Mayor Gardiner** responded it was passed out. Mr. Moore insisted that it was not passed out. **Mayor Gardiner** had Bryan pass the spending sheets to the he and the residents. **Mr. Moore** stated if he and the residents had received the ARPA spending sheets prior to the meeting, they would have been able to give valuable input. **Mr. Moore** sent a memorandum of suggestions for spending. He asked for clarity about restricted funds to the attorney. The attorney responded to things that are restricted and not restricted.

Janet Hadnott gave kudos to the mayor for accurately reporting about the reopening of 187th Street. She also asked about clarification regarding the spending of the ARPA funds until 2026. Ms. Hadnott asked about not seeing anything on the ARPA spending to detour speeding and that has been a huge concern for Village. She also suggested to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees regarding grants to detour speeding. She lastly had concerns regarding lighting in the Manor and more activity for local seniors.

Tony Plott asked about not having access to the ARPA spending sheet, and the Village current computer systems. Mr. Plott asked **VA Mitchell** if he thought an updated system would help the budget. Mr. Plotts thoughts on the Christmas decorations; he stated it was nice; however, the Village should have more priorities right now.

Trustee Brown wanted clarity regarding allocating ARPA to the sports teams and asked if the teams hold a 501C3. **Trustee Brown** suggested allocating money to start a girls' softball, baseball and flag, football team. She also agreed that the \$100,000 decorations were too much. She expressed her concerns regarding the lighting in Glenwood and is in support of the Light Up Glenwood project.

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Trustee Brown stated the \$80,000 funds for beautification should be divided between all four subdivisions because we are one Glenwood. Next Trustee Brown wanted clarity regarding the pump house and the money suggested for the pump house can be allocated to updating software. **Trustee Brown** lastly asked about the structure of the Police Department and lastly suggested ARPA funds go through violence prevention. **Trustee Williams** suggested updating the ice machines, and the equipment in the Senior Center but emphasized that the ice machines are 22 years old and rarely work.

Trustee Lynch agreed with the cosmetics of the Senior Center; however, disagrees that \$125,000 should not be spent on the upgrades. He agrees \$125,000 should be split between the Police department and the Senior Center. Next, he asked if Public Works would need any upgrades. He agreed the Welcome to Glenwood signs are needed. He believes the holiday decorations should be eliminated and there should be a study for Light-up Glenwood. **Trustee Lynch** had question regarding the pump house and the maintain and rehabbing of it. Lastly he asked about updating the software systems.

Trustee Clark agreed on the updates to the Senior Center and should be check on every two years to see if it needs replacing. The running and jogging trail in Brookwood Point.

Trustee Taylor thanked everyone for their suggestions. She would like to see the renovation of the Senior Center and the Light-Up Glenwood, Traffic Calming and the beautification of ALL Glenwood and not just with certain HOAs, and the software update.

Trustee Rolle just wanted to hear raw thoughts from the residents and not just what's on the list. She believes there are lot of things, and everyone can contribute to great ideas. She asked if Cobblestone on Arquilla and Strieff is a future project. There should be beautification on Arquilla and Streiff coming into the Village of Glenwood. She would like updates on the accounting software and the Senior Center is important as well.

Trustee Lynch asked if the park district tax increase would be on the ballot this coming election and this will give the opportunity to see if this is what residents want.

Clerk Williams asked about allocating ARPA funds to youth programming, violence prevention initiatives and emphasized the need for lighting within Glenwood.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Taylor moved the motion; **Second by Trustee Clark** second the motion as read.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 6 Naes 0: Recues:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: December 10, 2024, Regular Board meeting was adjourned 8:27pm



Approved by: Camiella Williams, Village Clerk