

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

The April 28, 2016 Special Board Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by the Village President Ronald J. Gardiner who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call by the Village Clerk, Ernestine T. Dobbins, the following Trustees responded: **Beckman, Hopkins, Slaughter, Styles, Winston.** (Trustee **Washington** arrived following Roll Call at 7:10 PM.)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Kevin Welsh, Sr.,** Fire Chief/(Acting) Village Administrator; **Patrick McAnaney,** Public Works Director; **JoAnne Alexander,** Senior/Park Programs Director; **Demitrous Cook,** Police Chief; **Linda Brunette,** Finance Director; **Toleda Hart,** Village Treasurer, **Eric Swanson,** Glenwoodie; **Leon Moore,** Chair of Finance Committee.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Motion to Approve the April 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Trustee **Styles:** Moved; **Second by Trustee Slaughter** to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: No discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Hopkins, Slaughter, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Trustee Washington

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: YES

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to Approve Fiscal Year End 2015-2016 Bills Payable as follows as read by the Village Finance Director.

Corporate Fund: \$95,505.69; **Water Account:** \$27,868.39; **Foreign Fire Insurance:** \$480.00; **Glenwoodie Golf Course:** \$45,272.48; **TIF Holbrook Road:** \$65,125.00.

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$234,251.56

Trustee **Styles:** Moved; **Second by Trustee Beckman** to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: Some of the discussion included the following: Trustee Winston asked about the retainer fee for Laner Muchin under Corporate and the Finance Director responded and asked about State Treasurer amount paid for Street Lights and Personnel Training under Public Works; the Public Works Director responded.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Hopkins, Slaughter, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Trustee Washington

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: YES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Elmore (505 Dorchester) approached the Board and asked if she should address her concerns on Village Landscaping Service 2016 at this time or later; the Village President stated that she could discuss at either time and Ms Elmore opted to wait until later in the meeting.

FINANCE:

1a) Motion to Approve the 2016-2017 Budget.

Trustee Styles: Moved; **Second by Trustee Hopkins** to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: Some of the discussion included the following: The **(Acting) Village Administrator** opened the discussion and stated that the budget is balanced, this will be a challenging year for the Village, the Village is looking for ways to reduce expenditures and the Finance Committee recommends that this budget is a sound document. The chair of the Finance Committee, **Leon Moore** stated that this has been an ongoing process, Department heads have been involved in the process and the Finance Committee supports the budget. The **Finance Director** outlined the process in achieving a balanced budget and stated that there was great team effort. **Trustee Winston** stated his appreciation for all who worked on the budget but expressed that he has many concerns and questions which included some of the following: priorities and numbers were arrived at without discussion with the Board, does not feel that budget has to be approved tonight, specific questions by

Departments, concerned about the reduction of cost for the Village newsletter, training amounts for Board should be increased, asked who is included in personnel training, stated that there should be more time for discussion and review, asked what programs have been removed from the budget, training for Trustees is needed, feels priorities should be established by the Board and not the Administration, Board has had very little input, feels action should be TABLED to allow more time for review of document, get clarity and for input from Board. **Trustee Washington** stated that nothing is included in the budget for the improvement of parks, expressed concern about the decrease in budget for the Village newsletter and stated that she wants to maintain the quality of the current publication that goes out to the community and she is not in favor of changing the format. Answers to questions, explanations and clarifications were given by the Village President, the (Acting) Village Administrator, the Chair of Finance Committee, the Village Finance Director, the Village Treasurer; **Trustees Hopkins, Beckman and Styles** asked questions and gave comments. The **Village Treasurer** reminded the Board that the Appropriation deadline is approaching. It was stressed by the Finance Director and the Chair of the Finance Committee that the goal was to come up with a balanced working budget and use it as a guideline. **(NO ADDITIONAL ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION.)**

1b) Motion TO TABLE APPROVAL of 2016-2017 Budget.

Trustee Winston: Moved; Second by Trustee Slaughter to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: Some of the discussion included the following: Trustee Hopkins asked the time limit for TABLING the Motion and if the Board will have sufficient time to read over and get questions answered before the May 3, 2016 Regular Board Meeting; Trustee Beckman stated that this action will give more time to understand and get clarifications; Trustee Styles asked what happens if the Board goes beyond May 1st.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Slaughter, Styles, Washington, Winston

Naes: Trustee Hopkins

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: YES

Motion TO TABLE APPROVAL of Landscaping Service, 2016.

Trustee Styles: Moved; Second by Trustee Hopkins to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: Some of the discussion included the following: Barbara Elmore, owner of Elmore Lawn Service approached the Board regarding the Village Landscaping Service, 2016, she outlined her concerns and issues, discussed the costs of equipment repair, stated that she failed to incorporate a salary in the fees for herself, barely making enough to cover expenses, she wants to be able to service the Village and she asked that Board TO TABLE action in order to get information on what other communities are paying for service. The Village President outlined the meetings that have been held and stated that the last contract (5 years) was signed in 2007 and that the Village is trying to find a suitable number for both parties. Trustee Winston asked why the Village stopped the service while discussion continues and asked why multiple vendors are being used for landscaping service; the Village President stated that he feels all who provide services to the Village should have a contract. Ms Elmore expressed appreciation to the Board but stated that she is a little disappointed that she was asked to stop cutting when she has worked three (3) years without a contract.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Hopkins, Slaughter, Styles, Washington, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: YES

ADMINISTRATION:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one approached the Board regarding any items.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the April 28, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Styles: Moved; Second by Trustee Washington to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: No discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Hopkins, Slaughter, Styles, Washington, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

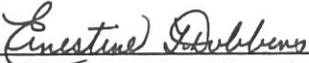
Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: YES

ADJOURNMENT:

The April 28, 2016 Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.



Ernestine T. Dobbins, Village Clerk