

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The FEBRUARY 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Village President Ronald J. Gardiner who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Upon Roll Call by Village Clerk **Dion Lynch**, the following Trustees responded: **Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams**,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

John Donahue, Village Attorney; **Linda Brunette**, Finance Director; **David Shilling**, Village Engineer; **Deputy Chief Derek Peddycord**; Police Department; **Chief Kevin Welsh** Fire/Building; **Joanne Alexander**; Senior Center Park Programs; **Toleda Hart**, Village Treasurer; **Eric Swanson/Phil Robinson**, Glenwoodie

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the February 5, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Trustee Williams moved; **Second by Trustee Styles** to accept to motion as presented.

Discussion: No Discussion

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes:1 Recues: 0 Absent:1 Abstain:0

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams

Naes: Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1). **Motion to Approve Bills Payable** as presented by the Treasurer Hart.

Corporate Fund: \$127,388.46; **MFT** \$6,758.50; **Sewer & Water Fund** \$1,569.00; **Sewer and Water** \$23,892.53; **Capital Acquisition Fund** \$1,404.85; **Glenwoodie Golf Course:** \$15,091.22; **TIF Halsted South** \$7,057.75; **TIF Halsted North** \$1,891.50; **TIF Industrial Park** \$48.75

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$185,151.31

Trustee: Clark moved; **Second by Trustee Styles** to accept the Motion as read.

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Winston, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2) Motion to Approve Payroll as of the date, February 15, 2019 as presented by the Treasurer Hart

**Corporate: \$103,645.00; Glenwoodie: \$14,789.00;
Sewer & Water: \$16,893.00; Paid-on-Call Firefighters
\$28,928.00**

**OVERTIME: Police: \$ 6,896.00 (\$0 of Police Overtime
reimbursable); Sewer & Water: \$ 3,497.00; Public Works
\$1,883.00**

TOTAL PAYROLL: \$176,541.00

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

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Winston, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Octavia Altheimer

**Inquired about the Village Administrator salary and why it is
not listed on the agenda. Mayor Gardiner replied
\$110,000.00. She also read aloud Public Act 97-0609 which
amends the Open Meeting Act and Pension Code,
establishing new requirements for the public body. She also
asked what his role as Village Administrator is. Mayor
Gardiner replied, he will run the "day-to-day" operations of**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

the village. She also asked who will handle Economic Development, **Mayor Gardiner** replied, The VA will handle Economic Development with the help of **Chief Welsh**. She also asked, why are we paying both the VA and Chief Welsh to do the job? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, he does a very good job, he understands the on-going development needs, and he will only do this for the near future. He has a stipend of \$1,000.00. Octavia also asked, does Mr. Mitchell have a strong financial background. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, yes. She expressed concern of why we are paying \$110,000.00 to the VA and \$1,000.00 to Chief Welsh. Octavia also stated, if Mr. Mitchell does in fact have the strong financial background why can't there be a seamless transition of power from **Chief Welsh** to the Village Administrator? **Octavia** then stated I would like the record to reflect, I am proposing a transition plan where Chief Welsh has a time period to transition out of that role. We do not need to pay the Chief if we have the Village Administrator? When it was just Chief Welsh he held all those titles. **Mayor Gardiner** stated, we have a lot of projects going on, Brian will do his best to handle everything, but we will need assistance in the beginning. I am asking for it to be put on the agenda, for a proposal plan for Chief Welsh to be out of that position. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I am not going to make that decision tonight.

Natalie Newman

Stated, Oak Meadow recently uploaded their application for construction and airport admitting on the website. In that report they stated Glenwood is a serious non-attainment area, and that this power plant would be a new source of admissions. She asked that Trustees review table 4-6 in that plan, on page 25 (4-9) identifies air pollutants after best control technology is used. They are expected to admit nitrous oxides 516,400 lbs. per year; carbon monoxide 433,660 lbs. per year; particulate matter 787,200lbs. per year ; sulfur dioxide 710,200 lbs. per year Volatile organic material 99,400 lbs. per year sulfuric acid mist 39,600;led 34 lbs. per year; carbon dioxide/greenhouse gases 800,313,876 lbs. per year. Hazardous air pollutant 37,600 lbs. per year. These numbers do not align with your greenest number compact we should be working to reduce these greenhouses gases rather than increasing them into our atmosphere.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

1) Approval of an annual salary of \$110,000.00 for the new Village Administrator, Brian Mitchell, as discussed in Executive Session on February 5, 2019.

Trustee: Clark motioned table; **Trustee: Beckman** second the motion.

Discussion: **Trustee Styles** asked, what else are we giving him? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, per our handbook is what he is getting he will get a car, and Insurance as any other Village Employee. **Trustee Winston** replied, the board should know all these things he's getting. Is he getting a car? Should we reference what his total package is, do we need to come back and approve his car? Do we have the total compensation package number **Mayor Gardiner** replied we are paying him \$110,000.00 and he will receive a car and insurance plan equal to all other Village Employees.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Winston, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2) Approval of a Resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact.

Trustee Styles moved; **Second** by **Trustee Williams** to accept to motion as presented.

Discussion: **Trustee Winston** asked for clarity of the action item. **Attorney Donahue** replied, I have not had an opportunity to review this. **Trustee Winston** then asked, is this something that requires the Attorneys review? **Mayor Gardiner** replied it's just a resolution

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes:0

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

No Report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

(Acting) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Approval of an Ordinance addressing the Queen of Hearts Raffles

Trustee Styles moved to table; Second by Trustee Beckman to accept to motion as presented.

Discussion: Trustee Winston would like a little more time to review the Ordinance, until at least the next Board meeting.

Trustee Winston motioned to table until next Board Meeting. Trustee Williams second the motion.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Bid opening for Pickens and Clark street reconstruction will be next week.

FINANCE:

Monthly reports went out Friday. Trustee Winston asked, for projections and or numbers, there was no real direction in the report. Director Brunette said this is not the Budget, just a monthly recap, what you are looking for will be in the preliminary budget.

POLICE:

Trustee Winston asked, any updates with recent activity. We had information put on 411 for the shots that were fired in the Forest. We are currently investigating with no updates. Trustee Winston stated it appears to be a uptick, is there anything driving this? Deputy Chief Peddycord stated at that we cannot say for certain, no one has come to us for assistance. There are no real leads, we are left to only canvas the community.

FIRE BUILDING:

Fire Dept. has signed up with Lexi pole, we worked with Police Dept. we have three incidents with opioid use. It's an epidemic in the Region luckily we were able to save the individuals. Trustee Beckman asked was the Arcane injectors used I these incidents, Chief Welsh replied. Trustee Clark asked, were these incidents kids or adults. Chief Welsh replied the ages were 22, 45, 29.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The storm was handled in the most appropriate way, we are gearing up for the upcoming inclement weather as well.

GLENWOODIE:

No Report

SENIOR/PARK PROGRAMS:

Senior Luncheon will be 3/15 requires reservations. Senior has and will continue to be open to welcome Seniors for the inclement weather. Tomorrow at Glenwoodie is the Business meeting at 8am. If you are a home-based business, you are invited to join. All Parks events are scheduled for 2019 as well as Homeowners Association meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Christine Duvauchelle
Stated Glenwood Estates will host a Candidates Forum on March 13, 2019 at 7pm at Arquilla Fieldhouse. To either speak and or take questions.

Brent Thompson

Thanked Public Works, for doing a great job cleaning things up in his neighborhood. Inquired if the Board proceedings are recorded, he expressed concern about not seeing his comments recorded in the minutes. He also addressed **Mayor Gardiner** and **Trustee Williams**, related to an Ordinance Chapter 74, Article 2 Sections 74-2 concerning planning committee. I under **Trustee Williams** was appointed but his name is still listed on the website as a Chairman and member. **Mayor Gardiner** stated, he did not serve in both capacities after being appointed to a Trustee, he immediately stepped down. **Trustee Williams** stated I was on the committee in September, I did not get on the Board until November 20th **Trustee Williams** also said, I did not serve on any committee nor the Plan Commission after my November 20th appointment. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I will have the updates made to the website and his name removed **Trustee Winston** asked, who is the Plan Commission Chair. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, they are going to vote at the next meeting.

Ed Hadnott

Acknowledge **Trustee Slaughter** for bringing attention to an email citing it was not correct procedure for the Energy Company to poll Trustees individually. Expressed concern about a FOIA request that says his request is granted in part and denied in part. He then asked at who behest was the letter written. Attorney Donahue replied, at my behest, I was asked to assist with FOIA request. Mr. Hadnott replied, you are not an elected official, you took it upon yourself to deny my FOIA? **Attorney Donahue** replied, I did not deny it

you received a 400 page document correct? The only part that was denied was Attorney, Client privilege. Mr. Hadnott replied, the emails did not include any attachments.

Attorney Donahue replied you did not request those. Mr. Hadnott asked, whom do you work for? **Attorney Donahue** replied, the Village of Glenwood. Mr. Hadnott then asked, am I a part of the Village of Glenwood? **Attorney Donahue** replied yes. I represent the Board and the direction in which they give me. Mr. Hadnott then replied, you cannot make decisions for everyone without consent from the Board. **Attorney Donahue**, stated I was asked to help with FOIA and I did.

George E.

Is there an Ordinance to prohibit cell phone use during Board meetings for the Trustees? I have witnessed different Board members use cell phones during a meeting and it is extremely disrespectful. **Trustee Winston** stated, when I first got on the Board one of the things I requested is for the Village to pay for our cell phones so that they could be FOIA at any time. A Board member using their phone, we do have other business we must attend to. I personally have other business to conduct. I apologize if your feel slighted, I am going to use my phone right now, I will even take a picture. Mr E. then responded that is very disrespectful, he then stated I have the floor. **Trustee Winston** replied, I don't care if you have the floor. You have the right to FOIA my phone if you like. Mr. E. replied, I would like to see an Ordinance on the next agenda prohibiting cell phone use during the Board meeting. **Trustee Winston** also stated, all agendas are sent electronically, so during the meeting we have to review documents which may appear to be inappropriate but it's the 21st century.

Adrea Watkins

Complimented Public works, for not knocking down her mailbox while plowing snow. She also expressed concern about potholes on Glenwood-Lansing Rd.

Tony Plott

Expressed concern about the display of issues that appear to be personal among Board Members. During his time as Board member things were transparent, when you are transparent you don't have a lot of issues. Citizens should not have to request FOIA after FOIA. He also stated, in last Sunday Tribune there was a article entitled "look out taxpayer" listing local suburban municipalities Pension top the number of employees. It was reported that Glenwood has 51 Employees and 2,000 beneficiaries. He reached out to several outlets to confirm. **Mayor Gardiner** and **Director Brunette** replied, that's completely incorrect **Director Brunette** replied I will call to provide the correct information that is completely incorrect. There are a lot of things going

on, regardless of what's happening business must go on. Mr. Plott concluded by stating it's appalling, that no one here

has demanded any type of debate with an election coming up in April, just giving your name and a few accolades is not enough, we need to know your plan.

Judith Mims

Attended Glenwoodie Oak Meadows presentation I am very uneasy about it. Although I attended many presentations I still don't know enough. She expressed she had two questions. 1. Is Oak Meadows a totally done deal. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, no. How will the Residents who don't know about the project, how will they be informed? And do we have any say so **Mayor Gardiner** replied, it still has to be approved by the Zoning Board, then it will come to the Board for approval. We do plan to send a letter to the Residents, there will also be the submission package available on the website. **Trustee Beckman** encouraged her to continue to find out the facts.

Octavia Altheimer

Asked, is it true that Oak Meadows plans to tap into Aquafer for water? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we get our water from Hammond, Indiana who gets their water from Chicago. She closed by asking, the Zoning Board meeting, has there been any other meetings aside from the one that's schedule for February 26th 2019. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, they have been at Homeowners meeting, Glenwoodie and The Glenwood/Lynwood Library.. Octavia then stated, no I am speaking of a meeting held by the Village to educate to Residents. **Mayor Gardiner** replied no. She then asked how the Zoning Board is meeting and there has been no formal education to the Residents. **Trustee Williams** stated there are steps to take, yes we will have a town hall meeting, and Zoning is just part of the procedure that does not mean we will get it the next day. It's just the required process to get to a point where we can present fully. The Zoning Board does not approving building, the Zoning Board is "oking" a different phase discovery, such as documents, planning, etc. This is simply the process to understand and/or verify what they have told us is true. In the mean time you don't stop proceedings they continue getting what's required of them, we continue doing our due diligence etc. It's phases, we don't stop one section because other things are happening.

She also read aloud an email from **Trustee Slaughter** that stated, the requested utmost discretion with this project at this point in the process. **Chief Welsh** replied, it's just like any development that comes to your town, they ask for discretion of not disclosing the owners and or process because it will drive the land value up, that was the point at that point. It wasn't developing a strategy to hood wink or

anything like that. It was to get the message out in a way we saw fit.

Chief Welsh explained, the Zoning meeting is when the Petitioner makes their presentation, they will present their entire package being able to truthfully answer all questions of concern, there are section of air, water, impact study, noise, etc. There will be several experts here to present. **Trustee Winston** asked, will the Zoning Board have their own experts. **Chief** replied, I am not sure. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I would assume they have done their research to make a decision. I don't give direction to the Zoning Board. **Trustee Winston** asked, don't they need an expert to speak to these topics. **Octavia** stated, they are not subject matter experts, how can we ask them to make decisions when there are no experts on the Zoning Board. She then asked, how many of you are ready to vote intelligently. I can clearly tell how the vote is going to go. **Trustees Williams and Slaughter** will vote no **Trustees Styles, Williams Beckman and Clark**.

Tony Plott

Asked for the names of the Individuals who are on the Pension Board, Director Brunette provided those name. Mr. Plott also stated I hope whomever is on the Pension Board if they are running for office they will step down. This reminds me of the Well Water issue, a referendum should have been taken, this is why you are feeling all this tension, additionally a debate would bring out which Trustee is for and or against.

Ed Hadnott

Has a time line from the Attorney for the Power Company, and he wanted you to approve it on January 15th. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, that's their time line not ours. Mr. Hadnott asked, was it approved through the Planning Committee/ **Mayor Gardiner** replied no it was just a presentation. Mr. Hadnott stated, here is the time line it was zoning next Tuesday and Board will vote next Tuesday. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, that has not been decided yet. **Trustee Winston** said what we need to see is the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Hadnott stated, I FOIA the minutes from the Planning Commission and have not received them.

Natalie Newman

Stated, **Trustee Beckman**. You indicated everyone should have the facts about this Plant. **Trustee Williams** you stated you weren't sure about everything related to the Plant. In the permit Oak Meadow has not yet concluded their air quality dispersion modeling. That model will determine how pollutants will be dispersed, that information will be essential to review as part of the Villages due diligence prior to any vote. They also have not completed the portion of the environmental justice application. I request Zoning,

Annexation and Special use be postponed until they obtain independent studies, not a report that was generated by Oak Meadows alone. We need to know what effects we will encounter if we accept this plant.

Melinda Plott

Stated, we have had presentation from Oak Meadows. The information is good, but we come away with so many questions, such as water. If the well water run dry they will have to obtain resources form elsewhere which will be a financial burden, noise, pollutants. As a Resident of a quiet town, we will have a utility plant that will possibly pollute our town we need a lot more information, we need statistics on our health. **Trustee Beckman** stated, I agree with you we need as much information as possible. I think the issue is there are facts out there, but it's our understanding and or interpretation of the facts. I read all three hundred pages myself. For example, they are planning on using 500,000 gallons a day. That sounds like a lot but I'm not sure what that really is, I went through my water bill and I use 15,000 gallons a month 500,000 gallons of water is equivalent to 1000 families in Glenwood. We have taken out over 1,000 homes so there should be more than enough water for them to use. Mrs. Plott then stated, I know we are trying to replace money from Walmart. When we talk about the finances where are we? I would love to hear form the Finance Committee and what they are looking at. We haven't raised the Levy, that's terrible, we have forgone a million dollars, when we talk about finances we don't want to be desperate to accept this just for the money and not knowing full disclosure. **Trustee Winston** also asked, is there any date that tells who all is using Aquafer in the area.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting

Trustee: Styles moved; **Second by Trustee Williams** to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

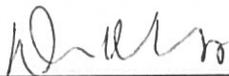
Absent: Slaughter

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

The February 19, 2019 Special Board Meeting adjourned at
8:00 PM.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dion Lynch', is written above a horizontal line.

Dion Lynch, Village Clerk