

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 MARCH 5, 2019

The March 5, 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, Slaughter, 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; **Brian Mitchell**; Village Administrator

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: **Motion to Approve the, February 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes:0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: Slaughter

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1). **Motion to Approve Bills Payable as presented by the Treasurer Hart.**

Corporate Fund: \$129,177.91; MFT \$406,007.47; Sewer & Water Fund \$37,885.46; Sewer and Water \$23,892.53; Federal Forfeiture Fund \$ 16,879.01; Glenwoodie Golf Course: \$28,119.72; TIF Halsted South \$734.96

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$618,804.53

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

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Winston, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2) Motion to Approve Payroll as of the date, March 1, 2019 as presented by the Treasurer Hart

Corporate: \$105,045.00; **Glenwoodie:** \$15,253.00; **Sewer & Water:** \$17,330.00; **Elected Officials \$ 4,500.00**
OVERTIME: Police: \$ 6,597.00 (\$0 of Police Overtime reimbursable); **Sewer & Water;** \$ 3,921.00; **Public Works** \$2,111.00

TOTAL PAYROLL: \$154,757.00

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

Discussion: No Discussion

Upon Roll Call: Ayes6 Naes:0 Recues:0 Absent:0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Winston, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Ed Hadnott

Inquired about a comment that was not in the minutes between Mr. Hadnott and **Trustee Styles**. **Clerk Lynch** asked Mr. Hadnott if he was referring to the last meeting, he replied yes. I stated those minutes were just approved at the beginning of the meeting, and have not been published. Mr. Hadnott then inquired about Old Business # 2. He then asked why do we have a Tenant in the Plaza who we bought the Plaza subject to his lease and yet we are worried about what Ralph Edgar wants. If the lease is in good standing, I

have to wonder why a business who has been in town for 16 years differently. I would think we learned our lesson from the lawsuit plaza. **Trustee Williams** stated we tabled this because I particularly did not know enough of what was going on, we promised the Owner after we do our research we would have a vote either up or down this week, and we will. As you said we should have learned from mistakes at the Plaza as such, to avoid a lawsuit with the Plaza Owner. We needed to be sure we didn't breach the original lease agreement. Mr. Hadnott I just want to treat everyone fairly, the Attorney profits from a lawsuit, not the Village.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S OFFICE: No Report

ATTORNEY REPORT No Report

(Acting) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Approval of a Resolution for Construction on State Highways

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

Discussion: **Trustee Winston** asked, for clarity of what the resolution is. **Administrator Mitchell** stated the resolution gives us the opportunity to address the problem as quick as possible. That does not mean we skip any parts of the process, we are just able to address the situation as quickly as possible. **Trustee Slaughter** asked, when is the resolution normally due? Administrator replied, I don't know when the last one expired, I would have to check and get back with you. It usually is asked to be done around May or June they make sure it does not overlap. **Trustee Winston** also asked, when will the Board get a copy of the preliminary budget? **Administrator Mitchell** stated, as I stated previously you will receive a copy no later than tomorrow morning, there were some concerns I had with some departments that needed to have a second look. As the Chief Financial Officer it's my responsibility to ensure a balanced product, considering I just started over a week ago, I needed time to do my due diligence.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Updates

As we discussed last week of having a shell of the budget completed, I uncovered some things that required attention from Department Heads that needed correction. However, you will have a forecast in your emails no later than tomorrow morning at 9am. Also I attended a Southland Economic Forum that was sponsored by Commissioner Donna Miller, looking at other dollars that are grant opportunities to furnish projects here in the Village. I also met with Suburban Manager and Mayor in terms of their growth plan for economic development.

Administrator Mitchell also stated, in the upcoming weeks I will be compiling all the reports to be received at one time from all the Department Heads so that you receive them all at one time and not two and three different reports. **Trustee Winston** stated, I don't know if that works for me. I like having the updates or at least a memo every two weeks. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, I agree I like getting the information as is. **Administrator Mitchell** stated, I will be eliminating anything or not providing the same information, you will still get all of the Department Head submission just in one form rather than 3-4 different memos.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Awarding of Contract for the Clark Street and Pickens Roadway Reconstruction to Iroquois Paving Corp., Watseka, IL, Lowest Bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$305,981.93.

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

Discussion: Trustee Williams, how many companies bided? **Engineer Shilling** replied 6, **Trustee Williams** asked, did we get the lowest bid or the best bid? **Engineer Shilling** replied, it was a combination the company does good work. **Trustee Winston** stated, I know we allocated money for street repair, what is our balance? **Chief Welsh** stated this would be coming out of the Storm Water fund. There is \$194,000.00 in the Motor fuel Tax Fund, which will not be used.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent:

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

FINANCE:

We are in the process of fine tuning the monthly reports you have three currently in front of you. We are still putting together the final pieces of the format to present

POLICE:

For February, 575 calls for we made, majority being Alarms, Traffic Stop. We support HB333 Firearm Act which prevent a minor from receiving subsequent probation for firearm offenses, which includes a restorative justice component. We've been working with the Building Department. do get nuisance homes under control. Officer Schmidt became aware of a stolen care hauler. He recovered three stolen cars, took offender in custody, last month we did have one overdose victim who was saved. V5 camera system is up and running covers Glenwood Lansing and the Forest. Trustee Winston asked, is there anything about shots being fired last night we need to be made aware. Chief Peddycord replied, there were no reports to the Police of shots fired

FIRE BUILDING:

In the month of February responded to 167 calls 98 were emergency medical services. We did assist Homewood Fire Department which ended up being a murder scene. This past weekend we had a section of the roof blow off, we spent several hours out there getting the roof back in good condition. Building Inspectors will be out for property maintenance.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Three main breaks this past week. Trustee Winston asked, what is the plan with Public Works? Mayor Gardiner stated we did internal interviews we will post it hopefully before next week. Trustee Winston asked, was there any pay increase for him to take that role. Mayor Gardiner replied, yes it was \$125. Trustee Winston asked did that have to come back to the Board for approval, Mayor Gardiner replied, it was added a stipend instead of a salary adjustment. Trustee Winston also asked, baseball diamonds where are we with the headings Chief Welsh replied Dan did get quotes, the cover will be installed before season openings. The water will not be turned on until we sustain a temperature over 40 degrees. Trustee Winston also asked, when will the Board get an update about Unions? Chief Welsh replied, the last session which was to be a mediation was cancelled due to their side, as soon as we hammer down the logistics of what they want it will come to the Board for decision. Trustee Slaughter asked, I requested times dates and people who were in attendance. Chief Welsh stated, I passed that on to Jared that should have gotten back to you. It would have come

from the Attorney. Trustee Slaughter also stated, the search committee for the PW Director, can we add some residents for diversity, Mayor Gardiner replied yes.

GLENWOODIE:

February reports have been made available to you. Mother's Day Banquet will be Sunday May 12 at Glenwoodie. Trustee Slaughter asked, the revenue from banquet, is that after payroll and bond payment? Phil replied, that just revenue total not including expenses.

SENIOR/PARK PROGRAMS:

Today we sent ComEd Grant for portable signs. To deter against speeding. I also provided maps and booklets for the Southland Convention Visitor Bureau Center at Village Hall and Senior Center. Senior Luncheon will be Friday, March 15, 2019, reservation needs to be in by Wednesday the 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Winston stated, I would like the Board to direct the Attorney to create Ordinance for the Finance Committee, Golf Committee and Zoning Committee. There needs to be an official ordinance of how these Boards operate. Mayor Gardiner these are ad-hoc committees but we will take a look at that. Trustee Winston stated, we need to rotate those members that have been on the Board since Asselborn there needs to be term limits. Trustee Winston stated can I have a motion, Mayor Gardiner stated it's not on the agenda, I just instructed John to look at it and it will be on the next agenda. Trustee Slaughter stated, to Trustee Winston point, we have had votes taken and without things being on the agenda. Trustee Slaughter also asked, I would like the committees to be diverse to reflect the community

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of an Ordinance addressing the Queen of Hearts Raffles.

Trustee: Winston moved; Second by Trustee Styles to accept the Motion as presented

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Or

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to Approve an Ordinance amending Section 10-37 of the Village Code of Ordinance to increase the number of Class F Liquor Licenses from 2 to 3 (Requested by Washland, Inc).

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

Discussion: Trustee Winston asked, what was actually changed in this Ordinance. **Attorney Donahue** replied, this is the same Ordinance you received on I believe February 5, except the dates were changed appropriately. Does this give Ralph Edgar the ability to terminate the lease once the property is turned over to him? **Attorney Donahue** stated no, once he acquires the property he will acquire the lease subject to how it is written now. **Trustee Clark**, asked do they actually plan on selling liquor on this property? Mr. Stumpf replied, we would only sell wine and beer in a walled off enclosed space. The Mayor and Chief have been there. **Trustee Clark**, my concern is children running in there. Mr. Stumpf replied, it will be a locked controlled access door. If you do not have an ID that says 21 or older you will not be allowed. **Trustee Winston** asked, for clarity on the lease. **Attorney Donahue** replied, our current agreement indicates if they buy the property they would take title subject to existing lease. What you just read indicates that the agreement with the developer is not been amended to confirm he is required to take property of the lease to include/amended liquor and gambling sales. This notifies the Board what the issues are and what's at stake and how it will impact the future **Trustee Winston** stated my concern is we are giving to much control to Mr. Edgar. **Attorney Donahue** stated, all this does increase liquor license by one, this increase licenses to three. **Trustee Winston** asked, what happens if Mr. Edgar decides he does not want this particular plot? **Attorney Donahue** replied, he could view that since under existing terms he only agreed to existing lease, that our changing this would be a breach of the term. He could use that to get out of the contract. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, if he does that it would be a blessing in disguise, also the last time we tabled so you could have that agreement with the Developer. **Attorney Donahue** replied we talked but at this point I don't know if we have a clear answer on that. **Trustee Winston** stated, also at the last meeting I though the direction was to strike the language that said we could sell alcohol, seems like we are giving Ralph to much freedom. **Trustee Styles** do we really care if Ralph Edgar walks away? Mr. Edgar has suffered some serious health issues, his partner Mr. Wynsma has become VA in South Holland. The project has been turned over to a leasing company who has done virtually nothing. This could be the best thing that's happened to us to turn it over us to find someone who is ready to do business.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Slaughter, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: Clark

Recues: 0

Absent: Or

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Trustee Styles, I would like to talk about the properties on Park Drive, when are we going to purchase these and start to put up the flood wall. Chief the family of the deceased has contacted with us and accepted the original offer of the appraisal there are two pieces to that the roadway and flood piece that should start next year. **Trustee Winston** I thought we were on a timeline. **Chief Welsh** said it's within so many days of the closing.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Natalie Newman

Question about Glenwood Solar, is that going to be a Hybrid Plant will it be both Solar and Gas? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, no. Ms. Newman asked, why were changes made to the codes on 11/20/2018. **Attorney Donahue** replied, they are two different things, The Solar Plant considering they get proper approval, the Ordinance on changing the gas tax was amended so that it aligns with State Statue tax, provides energy generating facilities are exempt from natural gas tax.(Gas use Tax). It seems timing is rather suspicious, considering the gas tax is to help them. **Attorney Donahue** replied, it was revised to confirm state statue. Does state statue help them absolutely, but that's something the State elected years ago. She also asked, the use of your services, Mr. Donahue to work on things like code changes energy, etc. Does that need to be voted on by the Board or is that something you can do without a vote? **Attorney Donahue** replied, I think what your asking is does everything I do require a vote before hand? The answer is absolutely not **Trustee Winston**, replied Mr. Donahue is correct, I do believe if you are doing a special project I believe the Board should be aware of.

Carl Anderson

Loved that the community and Board can get together on a few things, especially against the Power Plant. It's my understanding a few Trustees and the Mayor have been working on this for 2 years without the Public or all Trustees being aware. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, that's incorrect only I the Attorney and Village Administrator were ironing out the details before presenting to the Board no

Trustees were involved. I want the Trustees to know we are here to educate you, there is a lot to learn. There is a lot of people opposed to it Cancer, Children Asthma, etc. I spoke to John Herrington the Finance Director of Minooka they worked with a Power plant the property values was assessed at 75 million when it was bought but is now assessed at 19 million, it was assessed as equipment rather than land.

Octavia Altheimer

Asked the Mayor if they got the buy in from local municipalities for the Power Plant that's impacting the local communities. **Mayor Gardiner** stated, I sit on the Board at the Mayors and Managers meeting, I will bring it to them before there is a vote. She also asked **Attorney Donahue** has there been any legal documentation sent out to other communities. **Trustee Styles** asked why? he then stated, Ma'am you are the rudest person that comes into this room, he then stated at the Zoning Board you were screaming keeping people from speaking causing controversy. She then stated I am speaking up for the masses. **Mayor Gardiner** replied I made calls to some local State Reps, Cook County Commissioners and some Mayors but not them all, I will talk to them. Octavia stated it seems we are in a rush with Chicago Heights, it's a problem that local communities do not know. **Trustee Winston** asked when will the independent study be on the agenda, **Mayor Gardiner** replied it will be on the next agenda. **Trustee Slaughter** stated I asked at a previous meeting to have an independent study previously and you said it would be on the next agenda, when and it wasn't. **Mayor Gardiner** stated, the zoning Board made their recommendation and it will be on the next agenda.

Oscar Gonzalez

Asked why hasn't the Board reached out to Chicago Heights and tell them exactly what we you are doing here. I asked another individual in charge at the Mayor's Office are they in favor or against the deal. They said we have no position, Glenwood can do whatever they like. **Trustee Williams** stated, this is my own thought but if we had to take a vote today, I doubt it would pass, this Board has not made up it's mind, from talking with Board members I doubt it seriously would pass, this is where it stands. No one on this Board is trying to push this to pass. Mr. Gonzalez stated, if you don't think it will pass then why have those people come and express their interest? Mr. Gonzalez stated what I see is discrimination against the Hispanic community, that predominately lives I Chicago Heights. We can do better, I will be back and I will bring my people back.

Ed Hadnott

Recognized **Trustee Slaughter** for responding to an email. He also stated, it has been discussed to order an independent study. I would like to suggest a neighboring town order an independent study. If the Village orders it, it may appear it's not truly independent study. **Trustee Styles** asked, do you think Chicago Heights is going to pay for an independent study? Mr. Hadnott stated, we are going to pay for it, they will just order it. If you like, I will order it. **Trustee Williams** stated the bids would have to be open to the public we publish the qualification then they respond. Mr. Hadnott asked when do we plan to do that? **Trustee Williams** stated, I would anticipate June at the earliest. Mr. Hadnott stated, we had a discussion last week about the Plan Commission, I did a FOIA for the minutes from the Plan Commission meeting from October 2018. **Trustee Williams** stated I am not responsible for minutes, one of the first thing I did was requested for the recording to be going, I can't speak as to why you haven't received them. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, on one of the meetings **Trustee Winston** requested the minutes, then **Trustee Williams** stated it was recorded and he would get us the meeting minutes. **Trustee Williams** replied, I never said I would get the minutes, I am not responsible for that. Mr. Hadnott asked can I please avoid filing a complaint and just have the October minutes. **Trustee Williams** stated, you are asking the wrong person I am not responsible for those minutes. Mr. Hadnott asked who is in charge of it then? **Trustee Williams** replied the person responsible for the minutes. **Trustee Winton** stated, there are two things the Chair of the Plan Commission should be appointed by the Board. The Board did not appoint the Chair, according to our Ordinance is supposed to be appointed by the Board then confirmed by the Board, the Board should keep public records that should be available to the Public at anytime. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, according to the Open Meetings Act, meeting have to be published by a certain time. Mr. Hadnott also asked has there has been an opportunity where Trustee, Village Finance Director, Treasurer, etc, has anyone ever scrutinized the Attorney's bill. **Mayor Gardiner** replied I review the bills. **Finance Director** said Brunette I go through bills line by line for Department. Heads and Attorney line by line for clarity, Can Trustees rotate on these Boards . **Trustee Slaughter** stated in four years never on a committee, never signed checks and I don't want to.

Lori Wheeler

Just wanted to mention in open meetings, when you get a topic that's sensitive you all should keep your personal feelings to yourself. I think it's unprofessional to call a citizen first. We have a right to ask our questions on sensitive matters. My question is who ever was involved, I feel you all could have saved hard feelings if you had done

research and was able to bring it to the community I am concerned about the amount of water that will be used, they will also hook up into the water reclamation district to dispose water. There is also farmland over there as well, I would suggest you as Trustees allow yourself to do more research. I've been to presentations for Oak Meadow, but I'm not an Engineer it needs to be translated to our language. Minutes have to be turned over to the Village, that simple. I am totally against the licensing of the liquor store and Washland, we are a community of homeowners not like up north. I don't want Glenwood to turn into Chicago with having all these liquor stores in the community. She concluded by saying Oak Meadow one thing they were able to give was on the amount they are going to make.

Andrea Watkins

Wanted to say, I have lost trust in this Board. I have never seen anything like this. You put something together and not tell the people. Someone told me they didn't have storage for windmills. What's wrong with wind fans? Solar system the same way, I think you are going to destroy the trees and the earth. The price of our homes are going to go down, it should be investigated. Every Scientist is saying we are destroying the earth. I suggest we offer to bring President Obama library here, since they are having a hard time building it in Chicago, no one wants this plant so dump it. Where are the Women running for office? This was not right and I am sorry to say I have lost my faith in the Board.

Jennifer Kellogg

Expressed disappointment she asked related to the Power Plant. If Oak Meadow has not properly informed the citizens that's not acceptable. She asked how the Citizens were informed. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, there was an open house at Glenwoodie, it was put on the Website, Facebook and signs at the fire house. Ms. Kellogg suggested that mailers should have been sent out and that communication through the water bill should have been made. I don't understand how this can go on for 18 months before anyone knew about it. The mass still does not know about this, the Citizens should know and surrounding communities. This land isn't just in Glenwood. The issue starts with economics then color. How did Oak Meadow find this land, would they put this in Barrington, Oak Park, Naperville. You would only find this in communities that are struggling. We need to be unified and stand together for. The people on the Zoning Board were immature and unprofessional, yes everyone is passionate about this. I don't want to have to buy another house, we should figure out a better way to find income Everyone on that Board needs to be gone, we need a professional study done. Everyone needs to be educated, I

don't know all the information. The Zoning Board didn't have enough sense to ask for an independent study. I would like to see the entire thing halted. When someone gets loud, it's not that they are being ignorant or rude. It's sometimes when you are quiet you get overlooked, we can't confuse passion with ignorance. She also asked why was Walmart aloud to build then move down the Street. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, they did gives us 10% of the retail tax revenue but that was only for 3 years. When Kmart left they purchased the building and told Homewood if they didn't give them a tax incentive they would move.

Shanta' Wheeler

Expressed concern about the Plant that is drawing out million gallons of water. How likely is it for the Plant to pass? Although the majority of the people don't want this what's the likely of it to pass. I think the information needs to get out better, I don't believe the Board is not being honest about all that they know **Trustee Beckman** says I work for regulator applications. I understand this process, I have poured through that information, I have driven to Minooka, and I've gotten out listen to the noise, I've taken pictures. We are taking this serious, I want the public to understand were not just doing nothing. One of the things I want to do is when they have the hearing, by law we have to have it. It's an opportunity for us to learn and evaluate it. We can't make a decision if we don't have the information. **Trustee Winston** I am concerned about some of the responses from the Zoning Board, the Boards needs to be appreciate of the concerns of the community.

Ella Duff

Expressed concern about the pollutants and chemicals the Plant could propose, expressed concern about how we will determine what percentage of pollutant would contaminate the air.

George Engelthaler

Asked is it my understanding that Chicago Heights is also interested. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, yes that is what I heard. 15 years ago was a tire burning facility? The only thing that came out of there was steam. How do you really know that when the machine isn't even up and running. When you go to bear to 126th street there is nothing but factories.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the March 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

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

Discussion: No Discussion

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Slaughter, Styles, Williams, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

The March 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Dion Lynch, Village Clerk