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 APRIL 2, 2019

The April 2, 2019 Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm 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, Slaughter, Williams, Winston**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Linda Brunette,** Finance Director; **Deputy Chief Peddycord**, Police Department; **Toleda Hart**, Village Treasurer; **David Shilling**, Village Engineer; **Linda Brunette** Finance Director; **Chief Kevin Welsh**, Fire/Building **Joanne Alexander**, Senior Center, Parks Program. **Eric Swanson, Phil Robbins** Glenwoodie; **Brian Mitchell,** Village Administrator

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**Corporate Fund:** $159,355.85; **MFT:** $1,450.00; **Sewer & Water** $126,261.33; **Capital Acquisition Fund $**1,545.34; **TIF Holbrook** $48.75; **Glenwoodie Golf Course:** $34,392.72; **TIF Industrial North** $48.75; **TIF Halsted South** $14,199.97

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS: $335,852.71**

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

**Discussion: Trustee** No Comment

**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

2) **Motion to Approve Payroll as of the date, March 29,2019 as presented by the Village Treasurer Toleda Hart**

**Corporate:** $106,706.00; **Glenwoodie:** $16,706.00; **Sewer & Water:** $16,620.00; **Elected Positions** $4,750.00
**OVERTIME: Police:** $6,186.00($0 of **Police Overtime** reimbursable); **Sewer & Water:** $ 1,341.00

**TOTAL PAYROLL:** $153,309.00

**Trustee: Clark** moved; **Second by Trustee Beckman** 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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** **No one approached the Board**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**MAYOR'S OFFICE:** **Mayor Gardiner** asked for a moment of silence in memory of Village Electrical Inspector Wayne Washington, Sr.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** **Approval of Amendment to the Lease for Washland, Inc.**

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

**Discussion: No Discussion**

**Upon Roll Call:** Ayes:4 Naes:2 Recues:0 Absent:0 Abstain: 0

**Ayes:** Beckman, Slaughter, Styles, Winston

**Naes:** Clark, Williams

**Recues:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion Approved:** Yes

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Recently had follow up conversations with Cook County Economic Development as well as Cook County Transportation and Highways. Both were both Grant meetings which could benefit the Village at no cost. More to come as conversations progress

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** **No Report**

**FINANCE:**

An email will be sent out which itemizes all Vendors who we pay out to. Village stickers are now on sale

**POLICE:**

Patrol Officer will be having finger surgery due to work related injury. Followed by three weeks off. Upon his return he will be assigned to light duty until he is properly healed. Reminded Citizens to keep their doors locked as auto thefts in the South Suburbs have increased. **Chief Peddycord** also encouraged Residents to regularly check tip 411. He concluded by asking Residents to report any unusual or strange things that they see.

**Trustee Winston** asked, can we have an update on the Forest Preserve murder? **Chief Peddycord** replied, no updates at this time. the Investigation is being completed by Cook County Sheriffs Office and the Forest Preserve Police. At this time there is no clear indication on the conclusion of the case.

**FIRE BUILDING:**

**Chief Welsh** replied, The Village Administrator and I met with the individuals from Delta Sonic they will be back before the Board very soon with a plan. They have acquired the former Glenstead Animal Hospital. We did address our concerns about access from Halsted Street; they have addressed those concerns in their plans.

Inspections from property maintenance have been split smaller. You will see them out there walking. I have been out there with them for the last two weeks. Walking does find a lot more stuff, I don't care how you drive. Please warn and talk to neighbors as we would rather have compliance than generate funds.

**Trustee Slaughter** asked, they want to expand because they want slot machines also. **Chief Welsh** replied they did say that but their application for permits and everything don't contemplate that as of now. They need to go back to IDOT and a few other agencies so it will be a while before they are back to us.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

They have been out in the Plaza doing some cleanup work with the dirt, trash, etc. They are also working on a plan to replace fire hydrants that have malfunctioned through the winter. They are also starting their restoration of Parkways and digs through winter. This past Tuesday had a series of main breaks which started over on Clark and Magnolia where there was a previous dig on storm sewer near there. There was a surge that hit that. We had our crews and Calumet City Plumbing to assists us. Branch pick up this Tuesday on the East side of town and will conclude on Wednesday on the West side of town.

**Approval to accept proposal from Merts HVAC Mechanical Contractors to repair the chiller system which services Village Hall and Police Department at a cost of $11,932.00**

**Trustee: Williams** moved; **Second by Trustee Clark** 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

**GLENWOODIE:**

**Approval to increase Golf Rates for Weekday and Weekend/Holiday**

**Trustee: Winston** moved to Table; **Second by Trustee Slaughter** to accept the Motion.

**Discussion: Trustee Winston** asked, what's causing us now to have to do it. **Phil** replied; this is basically cost of living increase. We have not done it in a couple years. This also helps stay abreast with the competition. **Trustee Winston** asked, how do those rates align with other Golf Courses in the area. **Phil** replied; we are aligned with surrounding suburbs. **Trustee Winston** requested to table this until we see minutes from the Golf Committee before we decide, to see what their thoughts were. **Phil** stated; minutes were submitted to me this morning by Howard Martin after which were given to the Village. **Trustee Beckman** asked, would that put us back two weeks of advertising our rates? **Trustee Slaughter** stated; I think they already printed based on rates not even coming to the Board. That alone is concerning in itself. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, they printing was stopped. **Eric Swanson** then stated; the reason the rates are being raised now is because it's the beginning of the season. We can't publish one rate in the beginning then shortly turn around and post new rates. **Trustee Slaughter** stated maybe the process should have started two months ago. **Trustee Styles** replied; it didn't we need to deal with the fact that action is needed. **Trustee Beckman** then asked, is there any changes in rates for membership, classes, etc. **Phil** replied yes; they would also reflect percentage increase. **Trustee Winston** stated; is there anywhere we can cut? **Phil** stated,

I don't believe the Committee looked at that option, we have a great product I believe we should value as such. **Trustee Winston** stated I don't know how Mr. Styles can vote when he is the Committee Chair of the Golf Course. **Trustee Styles** stated, I am not the Committee Chair of the Golf Course

**Upon Roll Call:** Ayes:4 Naes:2 Recues:0 Absent:0 Abstain: 0

**Ayes:** Slaughter, Winston

**Naes:** Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams

**Recues:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion Approved:** No

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

**Discussion: Trustee Winston** stated, just for the record they have been talking since the last meeting of raising rates with no input form the Board and without seeing minutes. This seems to be the way we do business. We don't follow process; we just pass things along. We need to be sure we have minutes for all committees meeting to understand what the conversation and or train of thoughts was. We have to do better. **Eric** stated we would also like to purchase a lawnmower. **Trustee Winston** stated is it in the budget. Eric replied it is now specifically identified, however when the budget was completed, we set aside an amount that as discretionary for situations such as this, which will cover the cost. **Trustee Winston** asked, are there any other big-ticket items we should expect. **Eric** replied no. **Trustee Slaughter** asked is anyone getting raises over 2%. **Phil** replied, no just the standard 2% raise.

**Upon Roll Call:** Ayes:4 Naes:2 Recues:0 Absent:0 Abstain: 0

**Ayes:** Beckman, Clark, Styles, Williams

**Naes:** Slaughter, Winston

**Recues:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion Approved:** Yes

**SENIOR/PARK PROGRAMS:**

April 12, 2019 is Senior Luncheon, which is a week ahead of schedule. Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 13, 2019

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Trustee Slaughter** asked that we go out to RFP for an Auditing firm. **Trustee Styles** replied no. We went out to BID last year it does not make any sense. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, if we did it last year, we can do it this year. **Trustee Styles** stated I disagree. **Trustee Slaughter** stated; we have had the same auditing firm for over 10 years. **Trustee Styles** replied you've had the same husband for a number of years do you go out to BID for a husband every year? **Trustee Slaughter** replied, wow. that's who you have.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of an Ordinance amending Section 10-37 of the Village Code of Ordinances to increase the number of Class F Liquor Licenses form the 3 to 4 (Yankee Clipper)**

**Trustee: Winston** moved to table; **Second by Trustee Slaughter** to accept the Motion.

**Discussion: Trustee Winston**, asked I remember talking with you earlier this week and asked why hasn't this gone before Economic Development Committee and you agreed it should, yet it's on the agenda today. **Mayor Gardiner** replied it was already on the agenda prior to us speaking, which is why I was attempting to ask someone to table this. **Trustee Winston** replied, I believe this needs to go to Economic Development Committee and Plan Commission before we take a look at this.

As a Board we need to take this time and discuss what vision and or direction we want for the Village which includes the Economic Development Committee and Plan Commission. They should go there first then to the Board. Owners of Yankee Clippers approached expressed frustration as to why this is being tabled. They also stated we have been in business for over 25 years in this community, my children want to take the business to the next level. It makes no sense that this is being halted, the Mayor asked all Trustees to come and see the plans and shop no Trustee came by. Why didn't anyone tell us there was more to do, if there even actually is. It's very frustrating and disrespectful to halt our business. Were only adding slot machines, we are not a threat to the community. **Trustee Winston** apologized and stated, I am sorry you are having to go through this I was under the impression the process had been followed, which it hasn't. We need to stick to the process to ensure all recommendations necessary have been provided. I personally do not want another gaming lounge; we will soon have them all throughout the Village. That is not the direction I would like to go. We as a Board need to sit down and set priorities and Vision for the Village, how we want to see our Town. **Trustee Beckman** asked, if we table this, it will follow that process of going to the appropriate Commission. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, yes. If it's tabled.

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

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

**Naes:** Styles

**Recues:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion Approved:** Yes

**Chief Welsh** stated; I received an email from Vanbarrens on that lot next to Glenwood-Lansing entrance to Hickory Glen Park. No we are not interested, they stated they will forgo $5,000.00 price, we pay Attorney fees up to $1,200.00 and tax bill

**Trustee Slaughter** stated, I just wanted to let **Trustee Styles** know I will be very happily completing 29 years of Marriage on April 7th so no I'm not going to go out to bid for another marriage, that was so very rude. We are all elected officials it is not funny that we joke we will run over some Protestor. I will claim I am a senile person, or to say next time it's a protest we need to bring in popcorn. We need to be respectful of our voters and respectful to what people are saying. **Trustee Slaughter** also stated; I know I received a call from your office but I never saw a written document from the Power Plant withdrawing. Can we have a copy? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, sure. **Trustee Slaughter** also asked was it signed. **Attorney Donahue** replied, it was signed by their a Attorney

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Ray Schmelzer**
Asked for clarification related to Businesses going before Economic Development Committee. I was under the impression if they don't ask for money from the Village it's not considered Economic Development. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, anytime we are rehabbing and or building buildings it's Economic Development regardless if with a subsidy

**Natalie Newman**
I know the Power Plant withdrew their application but did they state they will not be building on that land. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I was only told that the Board has decided they were not going to build in Glenwood. I tried to press him further but that's as much information I could get Ms. Newman replied, that's the key term there, does that not mean they won't be building still on that property. Do you know if they withdrew option on purchasing? **Mayor Gardiner** replied; I know they were talking to the family

that owns the unincorporated land. **Attorney Donahue** replied, I do have an email conversation form the Companies Attorney asking us to write a little statement stating we received and accept their withdrawal application. Ms. Newman stated if they try to develop that land through annexation and or the County will the Village commit to doing all in your power to stop it and or issue a resolution similar to what Homewood did? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I will have to see at that time. Ms. Newman then asked that the Board repeal all changes made to the code of Ordinances related to the Oak Meadows and Advanced Energy Power dating back to November 2017 initial conversations, gas tax, noise exemption, and traffic environmental. If those are needed in the future they can be revisited and with proper documentation and notification as to why. If that could be put on the agenda. Ms. Newman also stated, the Ordinance states members of the Zoning Board are to only serve for 3 years yet all members have been on for more than 10 years. I'm wondering what the plan is to fill vacancies as well as removing those individuals who have served to long. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we are looking into that as we speak. I just didn't do it at the time because it would appear as if I was stacking the Board one way or another, but we are looking into that. She then stated, I would like to know who made the comment about running over protestors, she followed up by saying I have lived here for 19 years and have loved the community and as of lately I am not proud to be a Resident

**Judith Mims**

Inquired about the status of the bench for the Estates Park. **Mayor Gardiner** replied; I will make sure we discuss at our staff meeting. Maybe we can get them donated, **Trustee Slaughter** is responsible for the benches that were donated from ComEd. **Trustee Slaughter** stated; I will work on it.

**Ed Hadnott**

Wished all Candidates well on the election, he also thanked the Village Administrator for an email that stated there are no minutes from the Plan Commission meeting that he has asked about several times. Apparently, we violated the open meeting act by not having any minutes taken during a meeting. Village Ordinance requires that minutes are readily available, I am deeply disappointed. Mr. Hadnott also stated he spoke with **Trustee Williams** about a letter he was going to provide, Mr. Hadnott Asked if he had the letter present **Trustee Williams** replied I never said I had a letter, you asked me about a question that a Resident had asked me. I never said anything about a letter. Mr. Hadnott replied you are a professional obfuscation of the truth. **Trustee Williams** replied what ever you say if that makes you happy. **Trustee Williams** stated, I never said whether I had one or didn't. That did not come up in the conversation

you had with me.: **Trustee Williams** then explained his account of details of his and Mr. Hadnott conversation. Mr. Hadnott then replied I will give $100.00 to anyone that can follow that logic, let,s stop pussy footing around and get it on the record. **Trustee Williams** stated I can not do it, this is a person your accusing of doing something wrong, that didn't do anything wrong according I was able to find out from the information I got from your friend. **Mr. Hadnott** then stated let's move on to a Power Plant person that was handing out flyers went to Mr. Lynch home Sunday put a power plant flyer on his door, he then chased her down verbally abused her, swore at her calling Mr. Winston a lying MF. That is unbecoming to anyone on the Board. Clerk Lynch responded by saying Firstly, what I will not do is go back and forth with you; secondly, what you should have done is had the woman who approached you come and speak for herself if she actually felt disrespected or intimidated. No one who comes to my house especially non-Village Business related needs to address anyone but me. How is it that she sought only you to express this concern? How convenient that the individual whom is running against me she approaches rather than approaching the Board herself and or me. Mr. Hadnott replied, she does not have to address you. **Clerk** Lynch replied, if she does not have to address me, what gives you the authority to address me when you come to my property knocking and ringing my door bell passing out false and negative information that includes me. Absolutely I am going to address it, never was I disrespectful nor did I try to run her down. Mr. Hadnott replied you could have thrown it away. **Clerk Lynch** replied, Mr. Hadnott I have never had anything but respect for you up until this point, I will not continue to go back and forth with you sir. Mr. Hadnott asked what are you going to do about that behavior. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, I don't know that that behavior actually occurred. Mr. Hadnott replied, the lady talked to you. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, that's what she said, I have not even had an opportunity to address Clerk Lynch about the situation. Mr. Hadnott replied so we are just going to sweep this under the rug, no accountability. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, first he is a Citizen just like you, I don't know the facts nor have I spoken to Clerk Lynch. Moreover, her visit to his homer was personal and completely unrelated to the Village Business. **Trustee Slaughter** stated, as Elected Officials we sacrifice a lot including how we behave in public.

**5. Lorrie Wheeler**

Has a wish list, I contacted Forest Preserve about entrance way on Dante and Glenwood-Lansing Rd. I would like that path to be widened and more graveled. I would also like IDOT to be contacted for the garbage along Glenwood-Dyer, Glenwood-Lansing Roadway. Wondering if Park Committee could look into Grants for playground

equipment. We need a vision for our Village, we have a beautiful community. **Mayor Gardiner** we did a comprehensive plan, but I agree we need to review it.

**Steve Harris**
I lived in Glenwood for 44 years, I'm not here to beat a dead horse. It's relative to the story of the Power Plant. It my understanding it's not a dead deal as far as it not materializing. **Mayor Gardiner** replied; it will not be placed in Glenwood. **Mayor Gardiner** stated I put the letters on the website immediately upon receiving, I also sent a letter out to all Residents indicating Oak Meadows withdrew their application. It may not have reached you just yet but I do know several Residents have received it. It's not that we just don't want it in Glenwood, but if it's annexed in Chicago Heights then we have the same problem, I would rather reap the financial benefits if it's still going to happen. Just the fact that they declined to annex through Glenwood, is it a 100% fact it's not going up. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, no. They only thing they did was withdraw their application for annexation. What mechanism do we have to stop it from going in that location? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, they can apply to Chicago Heights or whatever, we can't control that. Mr. Harris replied do we have any interaction. The only interaction we could have is when it's being annexed to Chicago Heights, Cook County or any other town wed have to go and fight that. **Trustee Winston** asked Attorney Donahue is there anyway we can annex that property so the Village has the final say**. Attorney Donahue** replied, there are three PINs one is already in the Village the other two are not. That property is on the border, there is no way to annex that property without consent of landowner. **Trustee Beckman** asked did they pull their permit, **Attorney Donahue** stated at this time I do not know.

**Mayor Gardiner** asked that the crowd refrain from outburst, he then ask Octavia to please refrain from her outburst as other have the podium. **Mayor Gardiner** continued to gavel and ask for quiet in the Board room as Octavia Altheimer continued to engaged in confrontational conversation with members of the audience, **Finance Director Brunette** and **Treasure Toleda** Hart; **Trustee** Styles then stated, Ms. Altheimer "shut up"

**Octavia Altheimer**
Stated, the Mayor and Terry Campbell were harassing the same individual. Took a picture of a license, she called me and told her you were harassing her. **Mayor Gardiner** replied you were not even there. I never said a word to the woman; what you're implying is not true it did not happen. Ms. Altheimer then stated, when has an audit been done? Someone is stealing. Linda has been; when has the last audit been done. Who audits the Auditor? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we do an audit every year, your comments are truly

disrespectful and not true at all. He then asked what are your basis of facts? Ms. Altheimer then replied who audits the Auditor. **Mayor Gardiner** replied we have an Audit firm who reviews reports for accuracy and or error, this is widely done across all municipalities please check that for yourself. if you don't believe me **Ms. Altheimer** then asked, is the RFP meeting still taking place tomorrow. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, it's a moot point, they have withdrawn their application there is no need for the meeting to happen.

**Treasurer Toleda Hart**
I will address my comments to the Board, as an Official and the Treasurer. I take offense to unsubstantiated allegations that theft has transpired. Also, I understand emotions are running high, but respect goes both ways. If you want respect then you have to give respect. All of the "He said, she said" I don't think that any Elected Official and or Dept. Head and or Employee should be raked across the coal in Public and or to be reprimanded in public. If we are going to talk about process and protocol then everyone needs to adhere to a forum or decency and order. If there is a complaint of an Elected Official it should follow the appropriate process, which then becomes a personnel issue that should be addressed and that person should be made whole. **Treasurer Hart** then stated; I take exception to the fact of being asked a question then being pointed at as if I am a child. If you do have questions there is an appropriate format. As the Treasurer who does monthly analyst and goes over the books and audit, I take offense to allegations of theft. If you believe there is theft, there is a process to be followed as well you make a criminal complaint. **Mayor Gardiner** gaveled asked Ms. Altheimer to refrain from speaking as **Treasurer Hart** has the floor. **Treasurer Hart** stated when you are ready to have an intelligent conversation please address me appropriately and we can talk, but finger pointing, accusing us of theft is not true nor is it the appropriate process.

**Trustee Winston** stated, Oak Meadows pulling out and or withdrawing their application. Is there anyway to recoup cost and for bringing them here. **Mayor Gardiner** replied we are looking into that. **Trustee Winston** then asked, when we were preparing for them to come here was that money in the budget. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we can provide that information

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**Motion to adjourn the April 2, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

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

**Discussion:** No

**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 April 2, 2019 Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

**Dion Lynch, Village Clerk**