MINUTES OF THE REGULARBOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL JUNE 2, 2020

The June 2, 2020 Remote Participation Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Village President Ronald J. Gardiner telephonically, who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The June 2, 2020 Regular Board meeting was conducted telephonically due to the Covid-19 virus as well as the Governor JB Pritzker, stay at home order.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Mitchell, Village Administrator; **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Chief Kevin Welsh** Fire/Building; Finance Director, **Linda Brunette**; **JoAnne Alexander**; Senior Center Park Programs; **Toleda Hart**, Village Treasurer; Police Chief **Derek Peddycord; Dave Shilling,** Village Engineer; **Phillip Robbins,** Glenwoodie.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

1.) **Motion to Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2020**

Trustee: Beckman moved; **Second by Trustee** Dawson 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, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2.) **Motion to Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2020**

Trustee: Styles moved; **Second by Trustee** Clark 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, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Corporate Fund: $108,027.79; **Sewer & Water Account** $134,861.67; **TIF Industrial Park;** Storm **Sewer $**247.00; **Glenwoodie Golf Course**: $22,949.35; **TIF Halsted South** $1,030.03; **Motor Fuel** $186.00.

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: $267,054.84

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

Discussion: Trustee Winston asked, about an expenditure under sewer and water that totaled $14,000.00. **Director** Maddox replied, that was the restoration for damage done to concrete work during the winter. Curbs, driveway apron, sidewalk from water main breaks.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Winston

Naes: Dawson, Hadnott

Recues:0

Absent:0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2) **Motion to Approve Payroll as of the date, May 22, 2020 as presented by Village Treasurer Toleda Hart**

Corporate: $117,477.00; **Glenwoodie**: $14,157.00 **Sewer & Water**: $14,829.00; **OVERTIME**: **Police**: $2,576.00 ($0 of Police Overtime reimbursable); **Sewer & Water**: $765.00; **Public Works** $412.00. **TOTAL PAYROLL: $150,216.00.**

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

Discussion: Trustee Styles asked, **Trustee** Hadnott why he continues to vote no when we are trying to pay bills. **Trustee** Hadnott stated, I would be happy to explain. Every of two weeks we vote to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and millions of dollars a year. We don't have any say so in how the money is spent, we spend money on the Plaza with no plan we refuse to cut any expenses or Employees. We are spending money at a reckless rate, with many obstacles in front of us. We have so many obstacles in front us, and until we address those problems, and we have input into the budget and payroll and things that we should have input into. I will continue to vote no to spend tax payer money until it's done so responsibly. **Trustee** Styles replied, that answer my question but I disagree with your position.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Styles, Winston

Naes: Hadnott

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: **No One Approached**

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S OFFICE: 1) **Crime Free Housing Ordinance**

Trustee Hadnott stated, I would be happy to head up this Committee and other Committees that I believe could be impactful. I have been a Landlord in the Southland for over 30 years and I believe my experience could prove to be beneficial as well as making our Ordinance a model for the Southland. **Mayor** Gardiner replied, we also need all the

2.) **Updates to the Village Website for Glenwood Businesses.**

Mayor Gardiner stated, -we are going to be updating website with all the Businesses in Glenwood. So, they could have a presence on the Website from our perspective.

Trustee Hadnott stated, I talked to VA Mitchell about having a monthly business highlighted on the Website. I took the opportunity to talk with Landauer, I forwarded onto Mr. Mitchell so we could get started with them, every month we could do a Business of the month. **Mayor** Gardiner replied, I would be happy to look into that.

Approval of Request for Executive Closed Session under Section 2 (c) (1) Personnel and Section 2 (c) (11) Litigation with action to be taken and reason to reconvene at the end of the meeting

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

Discussion: Trustee Winston motioned to table the Personnel portion, unless it's a discipline issue. Motion died for lack of second.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles,

Naes: Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ATTORNEY REPORT

Approval of and Authorization for the Village President to execute, a release of the Villages Mortgage on West Side property PIN 32-09-102-029-0000.

Trustee: Hadnott moved; **Second by Trustee** Dawson 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, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Consideration and Approval of the Settlement of Pending Litigation (Item discussed in Executive Session).

3.) **Consideration of a US Bank's offer for the Villages release of 1996 CDBG Lien on property located at 348 Arquilla.**

Trustee: Dawson motioned, to Accept the Full Amount; **Second by Trustee** Clark to accept the Motion.

Discussion: **Trustee** Dawson stated, I suggest we say no, we won't know what the property will sell for. I believe the full amount is fair. **Trustee** Hadnott stated, the property is listed for $59,900.00 it is pending, a contract was written on May 4th 2020 probably getting close to a closing which is why they contacted Glenwood. I suggested to John we counter their 20 and meet them half way. **Trustee** Dawson stated, why would we give the bank a break on money we are owed, due on a house that we have investment in? **Attorney** Donahue replied, it's important to know, this money did not come out of the pocket of the Village but rather grants from the County. **Trustee** Beckman stated, can I note that if we are going to discuss negotiations, we do it in Private session not on an open line. **Trustee** Hadnott asked, how were they able to refinance this house five times in 20 years and not pay us off? **Attorney** Donahue replied, good question, my only answer would be, when you look at Lien documents, the CDBG is only to be paid upon transfer of the property.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

VA Mitchell stated, today I was on an update call with the Governor's office. He is now reporting on Phase 4. This takes us into another layer to be able to open a little bit more. Phase 4 also allows our Businesses an opportunity to thrive on a larger scale than what they are doing now. On my direction the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works were out assisting and deploying staff to help secure the Village as looting was on the rise. There was no threat to the Village, but it was great to be prepared, we are monitoring the

situation hourly as well as communicating with our neighbors. Village Hall is back open for business, we do have protective measures in place, we ask everyone wear mask and practice social distancing. VA Mitchell then by thanked the Village and Trustees whom participated in the mask give away. There will be a drive by graduation on June 5th at Glenwoodie. **VA** Mitchell then presented the Mayor with flowers from the Glenwood nursing and Rehab center for the Villages assistance with giving the Residents a welcome back. **Trustee** Dawson asked, how many additional Employees did we have out on Sunday night? Public Works we had four including the Director. Administration it was just myself. Fire and Police Chiefs will give their exact totals that were called in. **Trustee** Dawson then asked, from this point forward are we having any Employees stay beyond this point? **VA** Mitchell replied, at this point with Public Works no, Fire and Police continue to have barricades out but will reduce to just offers on street who are regularly scheduled. **Clerk** Lynch then expressed appreciation on behalf of Residents whom live on Rainbow Dr. that were grateful for the Villages quick response to protect the Village during what could have been a riot/looting. **Trustee** Dawson also thanked the Emergency Services for their quick response as well. **Trustee** Winston stated, can we wrap up the accolades, I appreciate the comments of appreciation but we have a long agenda. **Mayor** Gardiner also thanked Emergency Services, **VA** Mitchell and Public Works for their hard work during the situation

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Grant Opportunities-

1.) Regional Economic Development Grant for the Plaza would go towards the South end. The Shovel ready grant could be applied towards rehab the exiting Plaza building. Those are first come first served approved basis. **Trustee** Winston asked, what are the chances there are anymore CDBG grants from 1996? Is there anything out they're like that, which would help keep rates low, and keep houses looking beautiful. **Engineer** Shilling stated, because we are in Cook County, those grants come directly from Cook County. There may be some capital improvement grants available but at this time I don't know of any. **Trustee** Winston offered his assistance if he needed. **Trustee** Beckman stated, is Chicago Heights, Glenwood Rd intersection they started taking It down but it's kind of stagnant now what's going on? **Mayor Gardiner,** replied, they are moving forward with the project in two weeks. **Trustee** Dawson stated you are moving forward with that retaining wall; can you give us an update. **Engineer** Shilling replied, we are still going back and forth with the County so the Village does not have to pay that extra cost for demolition. As well as the 25% of the grant that IMEA does not cover. **Trustee** Dawson asked have they been responsive? **Engineer** Shilling replied yes.

FINANCE:

Director Brunette stated, we are currently working on year end and month end. Drop box is still available for use although we are open. **Trustee** Dawson asked, as of April 29th we were out of our fiscal budget. Any plans or talks of bringing that to Trustees? Also, are we making some reductions to our budget. **Director** Brunette replied, we did a pre-budget and when COVID came it required it to be re-reviewed. **Trustee** Hadnott asked, are we aware the Assessor has agreed to reduce homeowners and Condo Owners taxes in the Southland Area by 8 to 12 percent. **Director** Brunette replied, yes, we reviewed that information and it is a part of the revision we need to also look at for the pre-budget.

FIRE BUILDING:

Approval of an Ordinance regulating Food Trucks.

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

Discussion: **Trustee** Hadnott asked, just wondering if we can copy any State or County Ordinance that have a Food Truck Ordinance Chief Welsh replied, we took some language out of the City. Majority of the preparation came from the City of Chicago Ordinance, we found there were very little communication about the Food Trucks on the books anywhere. **Trustee** Dawson then asked, what about a holding tank for water storage if they are not hooked up to a water supply. **Chief** Welsh replied there is an ability to use NSF tank for hot water. The discharge and water tank language is in there. **Trustee** Dawson stated it also didn't state about a release valve based on its component, especially since it has a pressure system. We also need to have propane language or generators. **Trustee** Winston stated, there are a food trucks operating without a license, isn't this something we can pass then make the amendments later. **Trustee** Dawson stated, if it were not a health and safety concern I would agree, but because it is I think we can wait a little longer. This will affect the person currently requesting a license and those after, those currently with food trucks can operate normally, so not approving today won't hurt anyone.

Trustee Dawson motioned to table, **Trustee** Hadnott second the motion.

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

Ayes: Dawson, Hadnott,

Naes: Beckman, Clark, Hadnott, Styles

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No

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

Discussion: **Trustee** Hadnott asked about doing CPR Classes, **Chief** Welsh replied those were set to roll out the third week in March we communicated with the Homeowners groups and had to suspend all of that for now, we will probably start in the Fall when we resume the program for 8th grade Students. **Trustee** Winston asked about Park Street houses, **Chief** Welsh replied, we are working daily with County, and IEMA to finish acquisition. We hold title to four of those houses.

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Winston, Styles

Naes: Dawson, Hadnott

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

PUBLIC WORKS:

Director Maddox stated, we are working on an ongoing area in Ingleside in the Brookwood Point area. Last weekend we responded to some pretty bad flooding, staff was able to mitigate and eliminate the issue. Street sweeping is scheduled for the 22nd of June. LMO report for 2018-2019 was submitted today.

GLENWOODIE:

Phil stated this past Friday we opened up with foursomes, outside dining, as well as the range, weather permitting. Range is 14 people max. Hopefully with phase four moving in, things will open a little bit more. We were able to generate quite a bit of revenue this weekend. We do have a few banquet rentals on hold, were hoping to be able to generate something by at least September.

SENIOR/PARK PROGRAMS:

Seniors in Glenwood all appear to be doing well based on wellness checks and Facebook. Despite Covid-19 we have seen a large amount of purchase of Vehicle Stickers. Parks Dept. we are waiting for the next phase to transpire before we open the Parks scheduling commitments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Hadnott stated, he would like to go RFP for Auditor We have paid 75-90k for the Audit services as opposed to other Villages that are significantly lower between 60-65k yearly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 "Administration "of Glenwood Code of Ordinance to add New Articles VII and VIII addressing the Finance and Golf Committees

Trustee: Dawson moved to table; **Second by Trustee** Winston to accept the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Hadnott stated, he would like to add a connotation to the Ordinance, which is the Trustee member will only serve as a Liaison and not be able to vote. **Attorney** Donahue stated, the language that **Trustee** Hadnott requested is in the language. **Trustee** Hadnott apologized and stated he must have overlooked that, as such he changed his motion to accept it as originally presented. **Trustee** Winston stated, the Finance committee should be 9 not six members. Also, I want to strike where it says any resident or elected Official should not serve on any other Committee. Lastly if they are on the committee, they should be able to vote as well as not have a term limit, but should be rotated. **Trustee** Hadnott stated I don't understand why we can't accomplish a simple goal of voting, we've been waiting for 8 months. I don't understand why we need to table, there is no reason for us to not be on any Committee, The Chair should be assigning a **Trustee** to each Committee.

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

Ayes: Clark, Dawson

Naes: Beckman, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Recues:0

Absent:0

Abstain: Clark

Motion Approved: No

Trustee Hadnott moved, **Seconded by Trustee** Dawson accepted the emotion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Naes: 4 Recues: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Beckman, Dawson, Hadnott

Naes: Clark, Styles, Winston, Mayor Gardiner

Recues:0

Absent:0

Abstain: Clark

Motion Approved: No

Pro Champs -Property Foreclosure

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

Discussion: **Trustee** Winston stated, I don't know how we are approving this when we are creating a Ordinance for one Business. **Stan** from Pro-Champs stated, we are a sole vendor, there is no other Vendor like us in the United States. We are the only sole provider. **Trustee** Winston stated we will create an Ordinance for you to be paid. Stan replied, we provided information to staff so they can eliminate Zombie house in the Village. We also help your code and Building Dept. to identify violations with those properties. Lastly, you we charge you $100.00 we don't set the fee, you do. We are not retaining all the money. Rather than take it out of the budget, we are making the Banks pay. **Trustee** Hadnott stated I mentioned before, the Village of Homewood will collect $68,000.00 if we aren't going to cut cost, we surely need to increase revenue. **Trustee** Beckman stated, is the pricing etched in stone> Stan replied our fee is, the Village fee can be changed at your discretion. Stan then replied, we project the revenue for Glenwood to be $80,000.00. Trustee Clark suggested we make the fee $300.00

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles

Naes: Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Approval of IT Services Contract with RWK IT Services.

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

Discussion: **Trustee** Styles stated we do realize if everyone votes for this, we will be giving away $20,000.00 to satisfy Adam Winston's issue with Heritage. **VA** Mitchell stated, just wanted to provide clarity from a question from a Trustee. I spoke with Ashley this does encompass taking care of our phone system.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Naes: 4 Recues: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Dawson, Hadnott, Winston

Naes: Beckman, Clark, Styles, Mayor Gardiner

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No

Trustee Hadnott stated how can we vote to make them our provider then vote against them? **Mayor** Gardiner replied, Trustees can vote how they choose. **Trustee** Hadnott stated this is a potential lawsuit. **Attorney** Donahue replied, the law is quite clear for municipalities, a vote of the Board determines either the pass or failure of an item. **Trustee** Hadnott asked is this an attempt to keep Heritage for as long as possible. **Trustee** Dawson have concerns been given to VA Mitchell or RWK before the meeting? We are going to be without support if we move forward. VA Mitchell stated, the only thing I can say is that it's not that terms have been sprung on me, I don't control the vote my job is t be sure the contract is solid and meets our needs. **Trustee** Dawson asked, VA Mitchell if Trustee Beckman unhappiness with the fee discussed prior to today or was it sprung on all of us today? **Mayor** Gardiner replied, I believe it was discussed at the last meeting. **Trustee** Hadnott stated this border Bid rigging and to the level of illegal. **Trustee** Dawson asked, where do we go from here?

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Miriam Slaughter
Stated, she had a list of question but is angry from the IT vote. She then asked how in good faith can all those who voted no do so. What about what the Citizens want? When I put my Bank information in I want to be safe. She then asked when will letter from third party come out. Linda replied, August. She then asked how many food trucks do

we have in Glenwood? Mayor Gardiner replied, 2 with one coming. Why couldn't the Board vote last week with adjustments, when you were able to do it today on an Ordinance. **Trustee** Styles replied, John Donahue did not have the same contract that the Board had. **Trustee** Hadnott replied, because RWK did not donate to Greater Glenwood Party. **Mayor** Gardiner replied, Heritage Technology did not donate to the Greater Glenwood Party.

Trustee Hadnott stated, Homewood Disposal and Robinson Engineering did. She then asked when will the budget be ready. **Linda** replied it will go out tomorrow. Miriam then asked, what grocery store is coming to the Plaza? **Mayor** replied nothing has been finalized yet. She concluded how was the free CPR classes marketed to the Residents? **Mayor** Gardiner replied, it was for the Students, **Chief** Welsh is not here. He did indicate it was communicated to the Homeowners. She then asked can we have official communication come from the Village. If we are looking to change for Insurance Companies we need to go to Bid now.

Mrs. Hadnott
I am very disappointed on the vote for RWK today, it does not matter what the Village likes, its best for the Village. As I helped to get my Husband in office, I will help to get other Trustees in Office who have best interest for the Village not personal vendetta. I don't know why Trustee voted no this time that voted yes this time. I will be working to get individuals from the Greater Glenwood Part out of office.

Genosa Fields
Expressed concern about Glenwood streets, we have families that have cars that don't have space. I have little cars show up and park in front of my property. They are blocking my business, **Chief** Peddycord replied, I will have Officer assess the situation, if they are parked legally, we can't do anything, if they are violating anything we can ticket them.

Jesse Flowers
Who is the person anointing people to be in charge of the Forest Homeowners Association? Or anyone saying we will go by Direction of a certain person. **Trustee** Dawson stated If you want me to work with you to establish a Committee, I would be willing to help you organize.

Motion to Adjourn into Closed Session

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

Discussion: No

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The June 2, 2020 Board Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Dion Lynch, Village Clerk