

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL JANUARY 19, 2021**

The January 19, 2021 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. Meeting was held via Zoom and phone conference call.

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

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION** Due to COVID-19 - The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Mitchell, Village Administrator; John Donahue, Village Attorney; Chief Kevin Welsh Fire/Building; Finance Director, Linda Brunette; Toleda Hart, Village Treasurer; Police Chief Derek Peddycord; Dave Shilling, Village Engineer; Phillip Robbins, Glenwoodie

**Clerk's Office:** Motion to Approve the January 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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: \$127,062.33; MFT \$ 20,150.39; Glenwoodie Golf Course: \$14,066.31; Federal Forfeiture \$1,049.97; TIF Halstead South \$4,266.41; Water Account \$247,783.51; TIF Main \$2,834.00; TIF \$4,702.50 TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$420,865.45.

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

**Discussion: No Discussion**

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

**Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Winston**

**Naes: Hadnott**

**Recues: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion Approved: Yes**

**2) Motion to Approve Payroll as of the date, December 31, 2020 as presented by the Treasurer Hart.**

**Corporate: \$111,777.00; Glenwoodie: \$8,135.00;  
Sewer&Water \$12,992.00**

**OVERTIME: Police: \$3,139.00 (\$728.00 of Police Overtime reimbursable); Sewer & Water: \$591.00; Public Works \$317.00.**

**TOTAL PAYROLL: \$146,417.00**

**Trustee: Hadnott 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, Dawson, Hadnott, Styles, Winston**

**Naes: 0**

**Recues: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion Approved: Yes**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Brent Thompson**

Inquired about Water payment of \$247,783.51 if that payment was to Chicago Heights? **Mayor Gardiner** replied that is two months to Chicago Heights. He then stated there was a payment of \$31,000 in January, was that a payment to Chicago Heights also? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we did not receive a bill for two months so that was for November and December. He concluded by stating the agenda items, under Department Heads should have more detail. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, each Department Head gives us a report or update. However, if there is something that requires action (vote), it will be outlined on the agenda.

**Octavia Altheimer**

How much money has been allocated for projects, whether it be TIF, COVID-19, particularly the liquor store that is being moved to Halsted, and has there any money received from Government related to COVID-19? **Mayor Gardiner** replied your question is not an agenda item; we will answer that at the end of the meetings.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**MAYOR'S OFFICE:**

The Governor and Cook County Commissioner has released vaccines. We do know they are starting with our First Responders; however, we are not certain what order will follow behind them. We will continue to update everyone as we are informed. There are currently four location administering the vaccines.

**1. Approval of a Temporary Independent Contractor Agreement.**

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

**Discussion: V.A. Mitchell** stated, we have searched for an extended amount of time and have not found any qualified Candidates for the role. We spoke to several local Public Works Directors, for referrals for a temporary solution. The recommendation is only for 120 days. **Trustee Winston** stated, for the 120 days how much is that contract worth. **Mayor Gardiner** replied \$32,000.00 **Trustee Winston** stated, bringing in someone for four months, is it worth it for such a short period of time? We have no one in the pipeline ready to be a Supervisor.

**V.A. Mitchell** stated, the posting has been up for quite a while. At this time, no one internally has applied for the position; as a result, staff has been doing as much as we can, but the suggestion is to hire someone temporarily to address the immediate needs. **Trustee Hadnott** asked, this will be stressful for the Public Works Employees. We have had six people interviewing them over the last six years. Do we still have a Director, Asst. Director and Foreman? **V.A. Mitchell** stated we still have a Foreman, however, keep in mind a lot of that was prior to Public Works establishing a Union. **Trustee Hadnott** stated, I suggested we give 1 or 2 Employees a shot to see if they could handle the role. I just do not want the Employees that work hard to feel they are not a part of the process. **Trustee Dawson** stated, due to the specific nature of what we need right now, no one currently in Public Works is qualified to execute that. **Trustee Hadnott** asked Mr. Krabie does he have a water license? He also asked, does he have any experience doing IDNR reports. Mr. Krabie replied no to both questions. **V.A. Mitchell** stated this candidate has great experience with Water Main repair; he has done extensive snow removal. Public Works has the support of staff 100%, this is just an added bonus until the Mayor and Trustee can vote someone in. Right now, we can bring someone in at the rate of a regular full employee salary minus all the deductions we would have normally experienced with a Public Works Director Salary.

**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

**Approval of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Glenwood Plaza.**

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

**Discussion:** **Trustee Hadnott** asked are we going to need much MWRD? **Chief Welsh** replied, there does not seem to be any great need, because this is simply a renovation. We also already created the volume control, only the reconnection. **Trustee Hadnott** also asked, will the parking lot be disturbed?

Chief Welsh replied, when we sized and did all that work, this parcel was included in that previous work, all the asphalt must be replaced, that exhibit is included. Parking in the zoning Ordinance is predicated on the use.

Trustee Dawson asked, regarding the reconfiguration of the north end will there be enough parking spots for that configuration? Chief Welsh replied, yes. Trustee Dawson then asked, for the facade we should take some of that responsibility, we want it to be a win- win for both sides. Chief Welsh replied, in effort to keep this a clean deal, we left that up to Mr. Forbes.

**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**

Approval of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois and Wisconsin-Bell Inc. and Morrison Timing Screw Company, dba Morrison Container Handling Solutions.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee Dawson asked, is there not a elevation drawing? Chief Welsh replied, it was not included in the RDA. Trustee Dawson asked, has Morrison tried to do some type of partnership with Prairie State College? Nancy replied, we've had some relationship with Prairie State, but our largest and longest partnership has been with Perdue Northwest. Trustee Dawson then asked, will the Pond be enough for MWRD requirements? Chief Welsh replied that pond was built with the vision the Industrial area use.

**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**

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Trustee Dawson asked for an explanation of the TIF only being affected by the new parcel. In theory I understand, but actuality, it does affect because we only benefit when there is a surplus. Attorney Donahue replied, I think what Kevin was referring to when they get Class 8 their value is based on 10% as opposed to the standard 25%. I believe the County will do because this is an addition to the current structure. They will assess, using a 10% level and the remaining of the building will be assessed as it always has been. As it is a large structure with nothing there, it will significantly increase the taxes payable to Village.

Trustee Hadnott stated I want to see everyone win. We have given the Oaks many incentives. I just want to get you to June 2021 that is my goal. Trustee Dawson asked, do you need money for renovations or because sales are down? Mike replied, financially we are doing bad. We need assistance for both. Trustee Dawson stated, can you halt renovations.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

VA Mitchell stated, we continue to monitor the calls from the Governor's office. Majority of those calls steam form the vaccine, and how it will be distributed to the Residents.

**Request for approval of Zoom Training with RWK.**

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

Discussion: Trustee Dawson stated, the only cost to us with RWK would be to purchase the Zoom account and RWK will continue to manage the program at no additional cost? Kelly replied, yes. Trustee Dawson asked if we do the training by you, are we obligated under contract to host any meeting with you. Kelly replied no. Trustee Styles stated, RWK has underperformed since we hired them, we are way over budget with this Company. Trustee Hadnott recused himself because he does business with one of the Bides. Trustee Winston stated, we had natural issues when going through a conversion, this is a Zoom account, it is just that. I do not know why we are going through all of the conversation. Attorney Donahue replied, I think a simple motion would be fine, if RWK agrees they do not need a formal agreement we are fine. Kelly replied yes, all we would need to do is have a ticket put in saying the training would need to be performed.

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

**Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Winston**

**Naes: 0**

**Recues: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Abstain: Hadnott, Styles**

**Motion Approved: Yes**

<b>ENGINEER’S REPORT:</b>	<p><b>All Projects Status report-</b> Memo of updated status reports can be found on the Village website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.Plan review (Liquor Store-replacing Annie Lee)</li><li>2. Morrison Container Project.</li></ol> <p><b>Water Main Break memo-</b> Memo of water Main Break updates/plans can be found on the Village Website.</p>
<b>FINANCE:</b>	<p><b>Director Brunette</b> stated, December reports were sent to the Board today. CARES funding requested a different format for some of the information they received from us, we sent it back they received it we are just awaiting a response. I do not believe any other municipality received their aid packet as well.</p>
<b>POLICE:</b>	<p><b>Chief Peddycord</b> stated 408 calls of service for December. There is an increase of well-being checks from the schools to ensure everything in the household is ok with the Students. As many are aware, Chicago Land area is at an all-time high with carjacking’s. Unfortunately, one of our Residents was a victim in the early morning hours of last week. Most of the incidents are happening in the early morning and at gas stations.</p>
<b>FIRE BUILDING:</b>	<p><b>Chief Welsh</b> stated, this month training has been concentrated on new EMS training. Ice and cold-water rescue techniques training will also take place. Covid-19 vaccination procedures continue to roll out. Today there was an opening for a distribution for 1a and 1b participants in Robbins, IL.</p> <p><b>Trustee Dawson</b> asked, are there any talks about storing the vaccine in the South Suburbs? <b>Chief Welsh</b> replied, the real problem is there is nothing available and the logistics are what is causing the delays.</p>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	<p><b>Chief Welsh</b> stated, we had four different snow events that we have been out on. Our Public Works Dept is on top of snow removal. We have had a few main breaks, two of which required tree removal. Equipment is in good shape; we have a large stockpile of material in reserve.</p>
<b>GLENWOODIE:</b>	<p><b>Phil-</b> December reports, weather was good, which allowed 562 rounds of golf. Roughly \$15,000.00 in revenue, we are on our second week of simulator league play. Gaming machines were turned back on this morning.</p>

**Trustee Winston** asked **Mike**, have we met with Finance Committee or Golf Committee to see if any of those plans are feasible for the equipment you think you need. **Mike** replied, I did present to Golf Committee and Finance. The suggestion is this would be financed out of the next budget season scheduled for this May.

**SENIOR/PARK PROGRAMS:**

**Director Alexander** stated, we would like to re-instate the Beautification Committee. As it relates to Parks, we are waiting to hear from Baseball to determine if there will be a season.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**No new Business**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**No Old Business**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Miriam Slaughter-**

Asked **John Donahue**, was there any action taken at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting? **Attorney Donahue** replied, no there was any formal action. There was direction to proceed on the Redevelopment Agreement. **Miriam** then asked going forward can we get an idea as to what would be drafted. **Attorney Donahue** replied that was done in open meeting portion of the Closed Session. **Miriam** replied correct but you all were in violation, there was no call-in number, when I requested information via email, I did not get a response. **Attorney Donahue** replied, we were not in violation, we held an in-person meeting. **Mayor Gardiner** replied, we are not moving on, you are insinuating we held an improper meeting, and we did not. Allow the Attorney to respond. **Attorney Donahue** replied, the meeting was properly held, there was nothing handled improperly, the meeting was posted correctly.

**Miriam** also stated, why is the information getting out of closed session? **Trustee Hadnott** stated, someone shared some information. **Trustee Winston** stated, not only that a lot of our closed session have people in the meetings that should not be in there.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**Octavia Altheimer**

Ed this is not directly related to you, but its bothersome there are post online and there needs to be some validity regarding a lawsuit of fiscal responsibility. **Trustee Winston** stated, we had a Closed Session there was some talk. I do not know what we are able to discuss. **Attorney Donahue** replied, since there was a Closed Session, I do not know if it is appropriate for me to break the confidence associated with it.

As a Trustee you are to have Glenwood best interest at heart. I want to know if the accusations are true, we pay taxes and are tired of being kept in the dark. **Trustee Dawson** stated I think its speculation, whether something was brought up via speculation is just that.



As of this moment there are no damages, so someone is speculating and forecasting. Could it be rectified, possibly! Could it not, possibly! But for you to say just because the information is out, we have the due diligence to respond, that is like saying you are in a jury and someone leaks information. Now you have a responsibility to talk about it, which is not true. Because I do not agree with it, I am not going to discuss it.

**Trustee Winston** stated, we must let the process play out, it is still in its infancy stage. We are still trying to remedy what the challenge is.

**Brent Thompson** asked if anyone else could have an opportunity to speak. Octavia then stated " Brent-cool out" you are new to the community-sit your two year self-down. **Mayor Gardiner** then asked Octavia to be respectful and that all Residents deserve a turn to speak.

**Brent Thompson** replied, certain things are what they are. On a surface someone asking if they had a meeting would have no bearing on our financial integrity. My problem is there was a Closed Session, information was leaked and that an individual who is not a resident is stirring the pot. The same individual also put a post on COG attacking Miriam it seems as if its political, this individual seems to be attacking individuals who are running for Mayor. He does not live in Glenwood and should have no stake in here.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION WITH NO NEED TO RECONVENE:**

**Under Closed Session Section 2 (c) (11) where matters required before a court or tribunal.**

**Trustee Beckman** 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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The January 19, 2021 Board Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

  
Dion Lynch, Village Clerk