

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL April 5, 2022

Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Ronald J. Gardiner. The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Upon Roll Call by Village Clerk **Sandra M. Washington**, the following Trustees responded: **Clark, Hadnott, Lynch (Late) and Winston**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

The meeting was conducted at Village Hall; there was no request for remote participation.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

John Donahue, Village Attorney; **Kevin Welsh** Fire/Building; **Chief Pettycord** Police, Village Treasurer, **Carmen Hopkins**, **Bill Manousopoulos**, Director of Public Works

ABSENT:

Trustee Dawson, **Trustee Hart**, **Village Engineer, Dave Shilling**, **Village Administrator, Brian Mitchell**

Village Clerk's Office:

Motion to approve March 15,2022 Regular Board Minutes .

Trustee Hadnott made the motion to approve as read; **Trustee Winston** second.

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

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Lynch,Gardiner

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain:

N/A: Lynch

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1). Motion to Approve Bills Payable as presented by Treasurer, Carmen Hopkins

Bills Payable Corporate in the amount of \$99,671.84, Sewer and Water Account \$3,310.59; TIF Main Street \$5,307.80; Glenwoodie Golf Course \$204.01, TIF Halsted South \$153.99

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$108,648.23

Trustee Hadnott made the motion for approval; **Second by Trustee Winston** to accept the Motion as read.

Discussion: Trustee Winston inquired about expense payment for \$2k for a late fee for an insurance payment to IPFS; Mayor Gardiner will follow up on his inquiry and respond back to Trustee Winston with explanation of why payment was made late.

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

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Winston, *Gardiner

Naes: 0

Recues:0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

N/A: Lynch

Motion Approved: Yes

2). **Motion to Approve Payroll as presented by Treasurer, Carmen Hopkins.** Payroll as of the date March 25, 2022, Corporate in the amount of \$108,036.00, Sewer & Water \$13,595.00, Elected Positions \$5,500.00; Glenwoodie \$9,276.00

OVERTIME: Police \$12,115.00, Reimbursable \$1, 738.00; Sewer & Water \$773.00, Public Works \$416.00

TOTAL PAYROLL \$149,711.00

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

Discussion: Trustee Winston noted he is still waiting on a listing of Village employees, excluding Police personnel that received salary increases above 3%; Mayor Gardiner noted he has received the information requested last week while he was in Springfield; will forward to the Board of Trustees.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Naes:1 Recues: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain:

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Gardiner

Naes: Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain:

N/A: Lynch

Motion Approved: No, motion did not pass.

Before adjourning 4/5/2022 Regular Board meeting, Trustee Lynch made the motion to **RECONSIDER** the motion to approve Payroll as of **March 25, 2022 as read.**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes:1 Recues: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain:

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Lynch, Gardiner*

Naes: Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Howard Martin

Golf Committee Chair discussed the proposed drainage sump pump installation; noted expense is within budget; Glenwoodie is doing well financially.

Cathy Paxton

Ms. Paxton expressed continued concerns with noise, loud music, fighting, profanity and parking issues due to Rok Island Bistro in Nugent Square; She is concerned about fighting and someone getting hurt; police were called out two times over the weekend; flyer describes grand opening as a club; liquor license renewal hearing scheduled April 30, 2022; Chief Welsh attempted to arrange meeting with residents of Nugent Square; residents decline meeting due to confrontation from owner took place following last Board meeting. Chief Welsh is more than willing to have a session with all stakeholders to resolve this ongoing issue.

Melinda and Tony Plott

Glenwood Baseball Organization

Request for financial donation to support the Glenwood Baseball Program was made in the amount of \$7,500 to cover expenses including increase in costs for umpires, equipment, food/concessions. So far, over 50 youth are currently registered in the program; Residents need to be aware of the financial status of the Village; Trustee Hadnott noted the Village has not made a financial contribution to the Glenwood Baseball for 3 years; Trustee Winston noted Covid 19 funding should be utilized to support all of Glenwood sports programs that were negatively impacted during pandemic; Mayor Gardiner will add to the agenda for approval at the next Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS MAYORS OFFICE:

Video Gaming Terminal Tax

Discussion: Attorney John Donahue reviewed legislation that pre-empted the Village's ability to impose a Video Gaming Terminal Tax; this Illinois legislation preempts Home Rule municipalities for imposing tax on video terminals; the Board discussed and will consider the collection of an alternative fee for each video terminal which covers costs associated with inspections; Fee has to be what's considered reasonable in regards to operation of program; needs Board consideration for opting for equal share of fee imposed to licensed establishment and the terminal operator or sole responsibility for operator or establishment; Mayor will include on the agenda for the next board meeting for approval.

Sikich Status Update

Discussion: Anthony provide the Board with an overall update on the activity of the interim Finance Director/Consultant; accounting services were primarily spent addressing late bank reconciliations and monthly financial reporting; to date, over 31 bank accounts have been reconciled; financial reporting through February 2022 have been prepared and distributed to the Board; due to scope of accounting services performed to date, the 2021 audit will not be performed by Sikwich; Trustee Hadnott noted it was stated in November 2021 board meeting that the 2021 audit would be performed by Sikwich; audit prep has not been initiated by Sikich; under direction of Village Administrator, primary focus has been on getting caught up ; findings in management letter were not addressed; **Trustee Winston** expressed concern with lack of communication to the Board regarding activity of interim Finance Director; Anthony will prepare a proposal and an engagement letter for the Board to review a week prior to the next Board meeting on April 19th

Discussion: **Trustee Hadnott** asked about the \$250k transferred from the General Fund to Glenwoodie Golf Course in 2021;asked when will the funds be re-allocated back to the general fund?; Board members expressed concerns about not having budget numbers; **Trustee Winston** noted the Board should engage in having discussions in advance to establish parameters of salary increases; town hall meetings and surveys to collect input from residents need to take place; who will be responsible to analyze input from surveys collected; new budget year is fast approaching; Chief Welsh indicated department heads have submitted budget numbers but have not addressed salary increases.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Abating \$716,069.00 of the Village 2021 Tax Levy for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010A, previously issued by the Village of Glenwood

Trustee Hadnott made the motion to approve; **Trustee Winston** second the motion.

Discussion: Attorney John Donahue presented Ordinance for Board approval; **Trustee Lynch** noted concerns with making financial decisions without having real time numbers; **Trustee Hadnott** noted if the Village is proposing increase to taxpayers, communication should take place to explain why; it was suggested to keep the abatement the same as last year.

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

Ayes: Hadnott, Winston

Naes:Clark, Lynch

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No, motion did not pass.

Discussion: Attorney John Donahue explained that the residents and citizens of Glenwood will be taxed with the burden of paying the entire amount of the levy if there is no abatement from the Village.

Trustee Hadnott made the motion for **RECONSIDERATION** to approve the motion as read; **Trustee Lynch** second the motion.

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

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE

Village Administrator, B. Mitchell was absent due to scheduled vacation; Mayor Gardiner noted quotes have been obtained for a new sound system and will be presented at the next board meeting; **Trustee Winston** noted concerns with the timing of massive turnover and key staff vacancies in the Village; the Board should be more proactive in determining the cause of the sudden exits over the past few weeks; Mayor Gardiner will put on the agenda for next Board meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Peddycord recognized Sergeant Zachary Cotton for 25 years of service with the Village of Glenwood; April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; the St. Patrick's Day campaign resulted in 23 traffic stops and 29 citations were issued; April is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

GLENWOODIE GOLF COURSE

Motion to Approve the Quote by Liebold Irrigation Inc. as Approved by Glenwoodie Golf Committee for Drainage Sump Pump Installation on the Center Drain at Glenwoodie Golf Course not to exceed \$21,300.00

Trustee Winston made the motion to approve; **Trustee Lynch** second the motion.

Discussion: Phil Robbins requested approval to purchase drainage sump pump; noted it was not a total fix to the problem of flooding, however it will be a definite improvement for impacted flooding area; **Trustee Winston** asked about the current needs at Glenwoodie Golf Course; hiring part time staff has been a challenge for the Golf Course; new fleet of golf carts will be recommended for Board approval; Glenwood Golf Committee received one written quote; other quotes were verbal, starting at \$30k; recommended best quote/lowest bid.

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

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Lynch, Winston

Naes:0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Trustee Lynch moved; **Second by Trustee Clark**

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

Ayes: Clark, Hadnott, Lynch, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Dawson, Hart

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The April 5, 2022 Board Meeting adjourned @
8:40pm.



Sandra M. Washington, Village Clerk

