

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL, **October 8, 2024**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by **Village President, Ronald J. Gardiner** The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call by Village Deputy Clerk **Carolyn D. Williamson**, the following Trustees responded: **Brown, Rolle, Williams**

ABSENT: **Clark, Lynch, Taylor**

REMOTE PARTICIPATIONS: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Brian D. Mitchell**, Village Administrator; **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Chief Derek Peddycord, Police, Kevin Welsh Jr., Fire and Building, Dave Shilling**, Village Engineer, **Phil Robbins**, Glenwoodie Golf Course, **Joe Benoit**, Public Works Director, **Chief Kevin Welsh Sr., Fire/Building, Brian Janssen, Finance**

Village Clerk's Office: None

Mayor Gardiner states this is a budget discussion. The Board will not be voting on the budget tonight. This is a discussion only. **Mayor Gardiner** asked **Bryan Janssen** to give a brief overview before Public Comments.

Bryan Janssen states the copy of the Budget that is given out tonight is the same budget as the one from September 17, 2024's Board Meeting primarily because direction was needed from the Board regarding salaries and non-contractual obligations. Bryan gave updates on things such as the accounts are within \$113,000 on non TIF accounts. The IMRF funds and social security funds are no on the LEVY anymore; however it increases the property taxes. The biggest obstacle is how much of an increase to give non-contractual employees within the Village and the Police.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Michelle Mosley- Brookwood Point resident

Ms. Mosley says she would like to request Public Comment be at the end of the meeting since the budget has not been updated. She states there were updates at the last meeting; therefore, since the budget has not been updated, she cannot comment on anything. **Mayor Gardiner** says there will be another opportunity to comment; however tonight, the Board is just looking for comments on the budget.

Leon Fields- Brookwood Point Resident

Mr. Fields had comments on the Park Programs. He states there is \$15,000 allocated to park programs in the budget that seems to be low. He states he would like to see the Village build up on the youth programs and Senior programs. Next Mr. Fields would like to know if there is a contingency plan. He would like the Board to consider a contingency plan in case an emergency came up within the Village.

Edward Hadnott- Glenwood manor Resident

Mr. Hadnott says Village Ordinance # 2018-1 requires a public hearing and the people must be provided with a copy of the budget.

Fiscal Restraint:

Mr. Hadnott also states there have been departmental increases over the last three years:

- The fire department budget has increased 46% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2025.
- The police department budget has increased from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2025 by 20.6%.
- The public works department budget has increased from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2025 by 20.7%.

Mr. Hadnott states the issue is that revenue has only increased from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2025 by 9.6%. Also, Mr. Hadnott says the Village will lose revenue from Aldi and TJ Meats; he estimates over \$100,000.00.

Lastly Mr. Hadnott states he does not see the 1.9 million that was taken from the general fund during the Plaza Redevelopment. Delinquent loans from Glenwood Oaks and Tuscan Gardens, 1.4 million grant from Robin Kelly and lastly the how little of the 14-million-dollar budget goes to the residents. Two percent of the budget goes to the residents.

Leon Moore- Brookwood Point Resident

Budget Process

He states the main step of the process is Community involvement.

The process and the steps in the budget process. The preliminary budget should include community input and the Finance committee. He states he knows there are only two members of the Finance committee; however, he suggests there should be an Ad hoc committee comprised of the Presidents of the HOAs along with the two finance committee members that will go line by line to insure community input. There needs to be a robust way the Village does a preliminary budget. Mr. Moore says there needs to be another meeting co-jointly where the community, department heads and finance committee attends. He also would like the budget to be posted on the website.

He suggests the starting point should be the expectations of the budget and money received

Gerald McCullough- Glenwood Estates Resident/Vice President of the Estates HOA

Mr. McCullough has concerns about trees on Arizona in the Glenwood Estates. These trees have bad branches and the trees are dead. This is a beautification and safety issue.

Murdock- Glenwood Estates Residents

Mr. Murdock had concerns about the budget, and youth programs

Mr. Murdock asked **Mayor Gardiner** if he was knowledgeable about the budget numbers or if he was taking the word of staff and his advisors. **Mayor Gardiner** says he gives input and reviews everything. He does not go line by line; however, he is heavily involved in the process. He also says he trusts the department heads and once the approval is done, he reviews it for a final time.

Trustee Rolle says this meeting was a chance to allow everyone with advance notice and to give input into the budget so that this can kind of be comprised and refigured to represent. Also, she states the Board needs to collect all the data, all the changes, and recommendations that come from the public. She asked if anyone has anything to present to help the Board along with the budget process, please do so.

TC Britton Bey- Brookwood Point

Mr. Britton Bey says he has been in the Village for 6 years. He retired from Chicago Fire department. He is concerned about his taxes going up and believes there are a great deal of things that can be done to beautify the community. Mayor Gardiner says the Village's levy has not been raised in five years. He also had concerns about the bridge project. Mayor Gardiner says that is an IDOT project and the Village has no say so over the project.

Next Mr. Britton Bey asked about the Police and Fire Department Staff. He specifically wanted to know about POCs (Paid on Calls). Chief Peddycord says Police do not have POCs, only the Fire Department. Lastly, he states the Village should hire an animal control officer for the influx of wildlife in the Village.

Connie Webster-Young- Glenwood Manor

Ms. Wester-Young too had an issue with the wildlife in the Village. Mayor states the Village uses the county for the wildlife. Lastly, she wanted to know what is being done regarding Arquilla Park. Mayor Gardiner says there is a meeting tomorrow night for Arquilla Park.

Leon Fields- Brookwood Point

Wildlife in Glenwood

Mr. Fields says the reason for skunks and other wildlife is due to the truck trailer parking on Cottage Grove. The animals are coming from a farmland across Glenwood Dyer Road into the Village. Mr. Fields commended officer Farley for retrieving a puppy and returning it to its owner. He believes the animal control position should be outsourced.

Phillip Fornett- Glenwood Manor Resident

Mr. Fornett is a first-time homeowner, and he also wishes to address the wildlife issue.

He states he had an issue last summer with two snakes in his yard. He stated he called the Police and there was nothing to be done.

Next Mr. Fornett wants to get his tree trimmed and branches down from the storms. Joe says he will look at his property tomorrow. Lastly Mr. Fornett has concerns regarding the casino. He feels this will attract a lot of unwanted people and would like the police to patrol the area more often.

Michelle Mosley- Brookwood Point Resident

- Wanted to make sure her financial questions will be addressed. She wants Bryan to address that the following will be updated and approved before the final budget is presented:
- Business licenses,
- Vacant property registration.
- Tipping fees, and the miscellaneous
She states that it adds up to \$485,000 in revenue.
- A \$320,000 non TIF
- Engineering Services
- Remodel of the Police Station
- TIF funds in and out need to balance

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Rolle moved the motion; **Second by Trustee Brown** second the motion as read.

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

Ayes: Brown, Rolle, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Clark, Lynch, Taylor

ADJOURNMENT: October 8, 2024, Regular Board meeting was adjourned @ 7:27 PM.


Carolyn D. Williamson, Deputy Clerk