

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, **June 18, 2024**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Mayor 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, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams**

REMOTE participations The meeting was conducted at Village Hall; no requests for remote participation were made.

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

ABSENT: None

Village Clerk's Office: **Motion to Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024**

Trustee made the motion to approve; **Trustee second** the motion as read with amendments by Trustee Brown.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1). Motion to Approve Bills Payable May 16,2024 as presented by Treasurer, Toledo Hart

Bills Payables May 16, 2024– Corporate \$101,087.53, Sewer and Water \$140,007.74, TIF Main \$485.00, Glenwoodie Golf Course \$21,518.38, TIF Halsted North \$973.66,
Total All Funds \$264,072.31

Trustee Clark made the motion to approve; **Trustee Brown** second motion.

Discussion: None

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

2. Payroll as of the date **June 14, 2024** – Corporate \$139,746.87, Sewer and Water \$16,779.25, Paid on Call \$8,513.94, Glenwoodie Golf Course \$35,678.15, Vendor Checks \$2,777.79, **OVERTIME:** Police Overtime \$7,755.53, Sewer & Water \$824.06, Public Works OT \$443.75, Economic Development Stipend \$461.53, Admin Stipend \$1,442.32,
TOTAL PAYROLL \$214,423.17

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve; **Trustee Clark** second the motion.

Discussion: **Trustee Brown** made an amendment to the payroll summary which did not add Police Reimbursement. **Trustee Lynch** wanted Clarification to the payroll regarding the HR salary. He states the salary appears to be high. **VA Mitchell** explained HR is working various hours to try and stabilize the HR department. Each week, HR has different hours worked. The rate of HR is \$80 per hour.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Leon Fields- Brookwood Point Resident-

- Had concerns with Fireworks in Glenwood. He states other Villages have cancelled their fireworks show and would like the Village to plan the fourth of July activities carefully.
- Approval of donations for HOAs in Glenwood. He states this is a good thing and the Village should give out donations for the sports programs as well.
- Beautification- Mr. Fields would like the Village monies to go to Beautification.

Deborah Birmingham- Brookwood Point Resident

Ms. Birmingham is having issues with the Village's platform of streaming with Zoom. She states other Villages are using YouTube which seems to be a better platform.

Ms. Birmingham would also like the Board to speak into the mic. She states she and other residents are having a hard time hearing the Board speak.

Next, she has issues with dogs running without an owner of leash. She states this has been an issue with her personally. She asks the Village maybe even build a dog park that would help owners with walking their dogs.

She also has concerns regarding overgrowth on homeowners' properties. She states there must be a better way to address this issue. She also states beautification in the Village is needed. She states Glenwood should be a place of beauty and anything is unacceptable.

Lastly, she thanked the Village of Glenwood for the Veteran's Day ceremony/event.

Trustee Brown stated to Ms. Birmingham that she had called her regarding the concerns Ms. Birmingham raised today.

Ms. Maddox- 40 + year resident

Beautification of the Community

Ms. Maddox had concerns about some Trustees not attending the Homeowner's meetings and therefore not knowing the needs of the community and/or residents. She says she would like to see the community beautiful again. She showed the Board pictures of the community and some of the things she would like to see addressed/fixed. Ms. Maddox also addressed the Board with pictures of other surrounding communities which are beautiful.

Ms. Maddox stated she called the Village, and it was stated there were only three Public Works employees. **Joe Benoit, Deputy Director of Public Works** stated there are eight Public Works employees and it could have been just three on that day or days Ms. Maddox called.

Trustee Lynch stated the Village has hired a marketing strategist to come up with a plan on how to revamp the Village. Trustee Lynch also says the uneven sidewalks has been addressed. He also wanted to know from Ms. Maddox, 40 years ago, how was the Beautification issue addressed. Lastly, he says the Board Meetings are also a platform to hear the concerns of the residents.

Trustee Brown. She states she has other commitments which stops her from coming to all the HOA meetings; however, she says she is going to make a commitment to attend more meetings because she wants to hear the concerns of the people.

VA Mitchell addressed the issues with signs. He says the Village s working on the signs and the residents should see an update in the coming weeks.

Judith Mims- Glenwood Estates

Ms. Mims thanked **Joe Benoit, Public Works Deputy Director** for the fantastic job he and Public Works did in the Estates. Ms. Mims says high school students should come and help seniors out by doing yard work so they may receive community service credit. This program is through high school.

Next **Ms. Mims** asked if Glenwood had received the recent round of grants from Robin Kelly. Mayor Gardiner replied: yes, the Village received one million dollars and stated the Village also received state funds. **Ms. Mims** would like to know how the funds are being used/spent? She would like street lighting; especially in the Estates and at each resident's property to enhance public safety. **Mayor Gardiner** says the funds are for specific projects such as infrastructure and water issues in the Estates specifically. He also states he is trying to get money from Springfield, and we will consider street lighting as one of the budget items.

Mr. Murdock- Glenwood Estates

Mr. Murdock also thanked Joe for the work done in Glenwood Estates. Mr. Murdock says he do not mean to attack the Trustees; however, the residents just want things to go well in the Village of Glenwood. Also Mr. Murdock had concerns about summer programs for kids in the Village of Glenwood. He suggested there could be an on-the-job training program for kids.

Sherry Loving- Glenwoodie Drive Resident

Ms. Loving thanked all the departments for their quick action such as the police department and Public Works. **Ms. Loving** also had concerns regarding restricting traffic from Glenwoodie Drive. She would like to know the steps to the upkeep of the Village of Glenwood, especially on Glenwoodie Drive. Lastly, she would like the Village to repave State Street. Mayor Gardiner says State Street is a county road and the Village can only patch the road.

Cathy Paxton- Old Glenwood

Ms. Paxton had concerns much like Mr. Murdock about children working for credits during the summer. She recalled an old program where a previous Public Works Director was working with the children and then stopped because he did not want to "babysit."

Trustee Brown stated that some of the issues with youth is parenting. She says a great deal of the youth's issues today start at home.

Eric Slaughter- Glenwood Forest Resident

States he is the Board Chair for CEDA. He states CEDA offers scholarships for kids going to higher education. CEDA offers up to \$2500.00 for children in Illinois. This is every single year. The focus is for South Suburban Cook County. He states CEDA offers summer programs, summer camps, tutoring etc. Go to CEDA.ORG.net.

COMMUNICATIONS MAYORS OFFICE:

Mayor Gardiner states there will be Juneteenth Celebration tomorrow from 3-7 p.m. He thanked Trustees Brown, Lynch, Rolle and Taylor for all their hard work in planning this event.

1. Decision on 4th of July activities

Discussion: Trustee Lynch motion to cancel a portion of the 4th of July such as the Fireworks which includes additional security. He says there are a great deal of safety concerns and the cost of security. He states the Village can have a Family Fest that includes family activities and vendors. He just wants to cancel the fireworks and in turn will eliminate fireworks and security to pay out. **Trustee Clark** seconded the motion to cancel the fireworks due to safety concerns as well.

VA Mitchell asked for Clarity from Trustee Lynch as well. He also states the Village will have to communicate to the residents who have come to the Village for years that there will be no fireworks. VA Mitchell says if there is a venue, people will still come and create havoc.

Trustee Lynch says the venue can be at the Senior Center or Glenwoodie and it will not cause the problems that Fireworks would create.

Trustee Williams suggested the parade start at noon and then everyone come back to the Senior Center. He also suggests each HOA have their own venue. **Mr. Fields** explained how the venue was done back in 2008-2009 and he could design it again.

Pastor Briggs asked the Board to consider the residents view and not have the Fireworks because it is too dangerous and costly.

Trustee Lynch motion to cancel a portion of the **4th of July** such as the Fireworks and have the parade and family festival only and seconded by **Trustee Clark**.

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

Ayes: Clark, Lynch, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: Brown

Motion Approved: Yes, No fireworks.

1. Approval of donation to Glenwood Estates HOA.

Discussion: **Nellie Briggs** addressed the Board of Trustees. States this is the ninth year of her hosting the Estates HOA. The event is **Saturday, August 17, 2024, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** She says the food is free.

Trustee Williams motion for approval of \$2500.00 to Glenwood Estates HOA and seconded by Trustee Rolle.

Trustee Taylor added to give all the HOAs \$2500.00

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: Taylor

Motion Approved: Yes

ATTORNEY'S REPORT
No Report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

VA Mitchell stated to check on your neighbors and the elderly in this extreme heat and a reminder the Village Hall and the Police Station are cooling centers.

ENGINEERING

Dave Schilling

Discussion: Engineer Dave Schilling explained the Village would spend \$591,092.40 on roadway projects with 13-year bonds. The Engineering fees are \$85,000 therefore, the total spent is \$676,092.40. There are two Resolutions for this project to spend.

Trustee Williams motion for Approval of Village's Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds (\$591,092.40) plus 85,000 for engineering fees to resurface 192nd Street and patch Illinois Ave. and seconded by **Trustee Clark**.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: Taylor

Motion Approved: Yes

FIRE/BUILDING

Chief Kevin A. Welsh Sr.

Approval of Pumper for the Fire Department.

Discussion: **Chief Welsh** says the old pumper is a 25-year piece of equipment. There were four bids for this Pumper. Chief Welsh also gathered additional finance information from several banks. This is not to exceed \$932,439.00. This would come with a 5-year certification. Lexipol will assist with a grant for next year.

Trustee Clark was asking would other communities assist the Village if our equipment would go down. **Trustee Rolle** asked are there is any cost for this truck today. The answer is there is no expenditure until next year.

Trustee Lynch had concerns about the Chassis. **Trustee Lynch** also asked had the Finance Committee or **Adam Metz** had an opportunity to look at the proposal. The answer was no on both accounts. **Trustee Lynch** says this item should be budgeted and allocated because it is taxpayers' money, and the Finance people need to look at the state of our finances.

Trustee Brown made a motion to table to table to the next Board Meeting and seconded by Trustee Lynch.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Williams

Naes: Taylor

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain:

Motion Approved: Tabled to the next Board Meeting

PUBLIC WORKS

JOE BENOIT

1. Approval of AC repair for the Village Hall and Police Department in the amount of 26,757.00 with Mertz. (Emergency)

Trustee Williams made a by Trustee Lynch.

Trustee Lynch asked were there any other contractors solicited? He stated going forward we should go out for bid instead of being comfortable with certain contractors.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain:

Motion Approved: Yes

2. Approval of drive pump installation at Komer Pump Station in the amount of 15,258.00 with Metropolitan Industries. (Emergency)

Trustee Lynch made a motion and seconded by Trustee Rolle.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain:

Motion Approved: Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lynch asked where the Village with the audit and the budget? **Trustee Lynch** also asked to have the Budget sheets gone out to the department heads.

VA Mitchell explained with new Financial People getting started, the focus is to get them started. Adam Metz stated he has not come to the office much this past month to move things along. **VA Mitchell** stated an Operations Manager had been hired.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Williams moved the motion; **Second by Trustee Clark** second the motion as read.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: June 18,2024 regular board meeting was adjourned @ 9:43PM.


Carolyn D. Williamson, Deputy Clerk