

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 4, 2024**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM 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: **Brown, Clark (remote) Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams**

REMOTE participations The meeting was conducted at Village Hall; there was a request for remote participation for Trustee Clark.

Trustee Rolle made the motion for remote participation for Trustee Clark; **Trustee Taylor** second the motion.

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

Ayes: Brown, Lynch, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **Brian D. Mitchell**, Village Administrator; **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Chief Derek Pettycord**, 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 May 21, 2024**

Trustee Taylor made the motion to approve; **Trustee Clark** second the motion as read.

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

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

Bills Payables May 16, 2024, Corporate in the amount of \$158,417.71; Sewer and Water \$26,925.60; Glenwoodie Golf Course \$45,155.58; TIF Main Street \$800.00; TIF Industrial North \$250.00; TIF Halsted South \$146,432.21; TIF Halsted North \$83,121,40

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$460,052.50

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

Discussion: None

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: Lynch

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

Payroll as of May 31, 2024. Corporate \$129,669.74; Sewer and Water \$15,213.73; Paid on Call \$12,034.22; Elected Positions \$7,831.36; Elected Hourly \$480; Glenwoodie Golf Course \$34,738.96; Vendor Checks \$283.88;

OVERTIME: Police \$7,423.34; Sewer & Water \$636,32; Public Works OT \$3342.76; Economic Development Stipend \$461.52 Admin Stipend \$1,491.32

TOTAL PAYROLL: \$210,607.15

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

Discussion: Treasurer **Hart** noted corrections to be approved as read in the motion. **Trustee Brown** inquired if the admin stipend was for the deputy chief or deputy clerk. Treasurer **Hart** clarified the admin stipend is for the Deputy Clerk; **Trustee Brown** noted that the treasurer's stipend should be itemized on the payroll summary report with the other stipends as requested at previous board meetings.

She also noted that the term “elected hourly” gives the impression that the treasurer is paid \$480 per hour. **Village Administrator, B. Mitchell** indicated corrected title for Treasurer will be made in Paylocity. The payroll summary report will reflect Treasurer stipend instead of elected hourly in the next board packet.

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

Trustee Lynch asked Treasurer Hart for an overview regarding the expiration of TIFs and its impact to the Village of Glenwood; **Treasurer Hart** indicated that she did not have the TIF report present and would have to circle back on his inquiry. She did indicate that the email that was provided is the updated TIF report through April 30, 2024. **Trustee Lynch** requested a copy of the communication that went out to the taxing bodies requesting an extension; **B. Mitchell** will ensure that the board is provided a copy of the communication that was sent out to the taxing bodies. **Trustee Brown** inquired about the meeting that Treasurer Hart had with the Library and School District 167. Treasurer Hart referred both organizations back to the mayor to address their questions.

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Constance Lee

Ms. Lee asked for an update on the resolution between the youth sports organizations, the contract with Elmore Lawn Care and observation of Juneteenth holiday for the village of Glenwood.

Judith Mims

Ms. Mims inquired about the baseball field on 187th Street; concerns with beautification of Glenwood; Joe, Public Works noted that the baseball field is eventually being removed due to project construction; design project plans will be forward to Nellie of the Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association as requested. Glenwood Estates HOA prepared a letter addressing beautification concerns within the Glenwood Estates, especially the entrance and park; has not received any return calls from Public Works department.

Mr. Murdock

Mr. Murdock expressed that expediency is required by elected officials to address the concerns of the residents. He requested \$5k financial donation from the Village of Glenwood for the 9th annual Glenwood Estates picnic scheduled August 17, 2024 for Glenwood youth and families; games, live entertainment, horses, school supplies, food, etc. are just some of the expenses for the event. All residents are welcome to attend. **Mayor Gardiner** will add on the agenda at the next board meeting.

Gerald McCullough

Mr. McCullough expressed concern with safety issues concerning tree branches that have rotted out on Arizona street; also there is a huge hole that was dug out for lead pipe survey. The hole remains and is a danger to children playing in the area. You can't tell it's a hole because of the overgrown grass over it. Public Works will address concerns in the morning.

Delores Daniels

Ms. Daniels addressed safety concern with concrete/sidewalk on 193rd Place. Public tree is hanging too close to her home and gutters; she has contacted Public Works continuously but no resolution to having the tree trimmed. Joe Benoit, Public Works indicated tree trimming activities will start again in a couple of weeks. He will also address concern with uneven sidewalk tomorrow.

She also expressed concerns with the police arrest of her 14 year grandson; she claimed he was carrying a water gun; she did not like the officer stating her grandson would have been shot if he was in Chicago; she stated she was denied public information by the police department when she requested information under FOIA; her personal vehicle was searched, officers found the replica weapon, the car was towed, costing \$800 to get released.

Chief Pettycord noted the officers acted responsibly and in compliance with the arrest made. He indicated that they would consider returning the \$500 administrative fee. However, Ms. Daniels feels she should have the entire \$800 returned. The board will meet in executive closed session to discuss further following the board meeting this evening

Barbara Elmore

Ms. Elmore gave an update on progress made since the last board meeting; all concerns stated in the default letter have been addressed and corrected after several extended hours and out of pocket expenses on Sunday. **Trustee Lynch** inquired about what is the Village's contingency plan if a vendor does not complete contracted work. Joe Benoit, Public Works noted there isn't a contingency plan; the work remains until it has been completed or a default notification for unsatisfactory or incomplete work is sent to the vendor.

COMMUNICATIONS MAYORS OFFICE:

Juneteenth celebration is scheduled for June 19, 2024; residents will gather at the Underground Railroad Memorial site at 3:00pm and followed by event at Blakey Senior Center at 3:30pm. This is a family friendly event for all to enjoy. Thanked committee members for putting all of the details of the event together.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT NONE

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Motion to Discuss and Approve Village of Glenwood Observance of Juneteenth Holiday, effective June 2025

Trustee Rolle amended the motion to approve observance of Juneteenth holiday, effective 2025; **Trustee Brown** second the motion.

Discussion: **Trustee Rolle** noted that at some point, the holiday should be observed in the Village of Glenwood. She suggested that the holiday is budgeted for 2025 year; It was previously estimated by the Village Administrator that \$17k was the benefit cost of the additional holiday. The additional holiday will not impact salaries of department heads, it would just be an additional day off; the benefit cost impacts hourly employees. **Trustee Lynch** noted he was in favor of observing the holiday however would like to have the bottom-line financial implications in place before adopting an additional holiday.

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

Ayes: Brown, Clark, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Naes: Lynch

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Motion to Approve Ordinance Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Certain Surplus Personal Property; 2005 F350 Ford Pick Up and 2013 Ford Explorer

Trustee Taylor made the motion to approve. Trustee Clark second the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lynch inquired about the meeting held to discuss the new Homewood Casino. They expressed that there will be an increase in traffic due to the new casino and hotel; they have state of the art security and weapon detention in place; responsibility is with the police departments of Homewood and East Hazel Crest; it will not increase VOG PD personnel; if there is a situation that needs police assistance, the village of Glenwood will assist if officers are available. 3% split is for all south suburban communities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Brown revisited establishing parameters for barbeques, grills, tents, etc. in public village facilities and parks. There was a family barbeque at the baseball diamond in Hickory Glen Park. There were over 30 adults present. Should the village put signage indicating no grills, barbeques, tents, etc.? Mayor Gardiner suggested board members send input to Village Administrator, B. Mitchell regarding signage suggestions. Trustee Lynch indicated signage will not prevent misuse of village owned property; it begins with the village processes in place and enforcement.

Trustee Lynch asked for a motion to rescind the July 4th event. It is too expensive for a \$60k event for fireworks and security. All of the other communities have cancelled their events. Money can be better utilized, perhaps a family fest which will cost much less and just as entertaining. The cancellation fee will be much less than \$60k. Mayor Gardiner will add to board agenda for next meeting.

Trustee Lynch inquired about establishing an interest-bearing account for the funds at First American Bank and discussion for TIF transfers.

*****Motion to Move into Executive Closed Session, with no reason to reconvene*****

Trustee Williams made the motion; **Trustee Rolle** second the motion

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 6 Naes 0: Recues:0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

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

Naes: 0

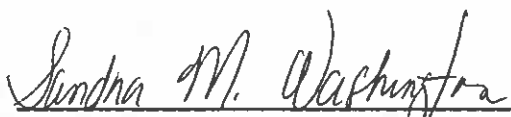
Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The June 4, 2024 regular board meeting was adjourned @ 8:32 PM.


Sandra M. Washington, Village Clerk