

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 16, 2024**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM 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, 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 Pettycord, Police**; **Chief Kevin Welsh, Fire/Building**; **Dave Shilling**, Village Engineer

ABSENT: **Joe Benoit, Deputy Pubic Works, Phil Robbins**, Glenwoodie Golf Course

Village Clerk's Office: **Motion to Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2024**

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

Discussion: **Trustee Brown** noted correction to the minutes of April 2, 2024. **Under Attorney's Report, page 5, Motion to Approve an ordinance amending sections 42-31...** Replace Rolle with **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, approved with noted correction

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1). **Motion to Approve Bills Payable April 10,2024 as presented by Treasurer, Toleda Hart**

Bills Payables March 28, 2024, Corporate in the amount of \$421,144.66; Sewer and Water \$9,288.86; Glenwoodie Golf Course \$19,874.89; TIF Halsted North \$4,414.53;
TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$454,722.94

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

Discussion: Trustee Lynch noted bill payable to Dion's Café should be amended to \$1,000.00 for Dion's Cafe; motion to amend will be made and approved under New Business on the agenda for the additional \$5k.

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

Payroll as of April 2, 2024. Corporate \$151,658.55; Sewer and Water \$18,711.43; Paid on Call \$8,361.94; Glenwoodie Golf Course \$14,219.42; Vendor Checks \$2,600; **OVERTIME:** Police \$7,127.67 Reimbursable (\$687.24) Sewer & Water \$762.97; Public Works OT \$410.83; Economic Development Stipend \$461.52; Finance Stipend \$991.00.

TOTAL PAYROLL: \$202,018.19

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

Discussion: Treasurer Hart addressed corrections to Village Administrator, B. Mitchell regarding payroll approval date of April 2, 2024 and adding Elected Officials payroll in the amount of \$5,001.00 which does not affect or change the total bottom line. March 8, 2024 payroll was approved on March 19, 2024. Village

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Melinda Plott

Glenwood Baseball program has registered 60 youth; encourage everyone to show support; the annual baseball parade is scheduled May 4, 2024 at 9am; Mrs. Plott addressed concern with sharing the concession stand with Glenwood Cougar Football team; storage has become an issue. It has never been dual access to both teams at the same time; Glenwood Cougars have a spring football session which coincides with Baseball season. **Trustee Lynch** suggested controlling access to avoid conflict; **B. Mitchell** noted if Public Works is responsible for granting access, it may require overtime to manage. It was suggested to purchase a separate shed for Baseball team equipment; **Trustee Lynch** noted concerns about Glenwood Cougars not advising the Village of scheduling a spring session for football; Mrs. Plott requested more police presence during the evenings for additional safety measures.

Mrs. Plott noted that the last Finance Committee meeting was cancelled by the Chairperson due to nothing to report; there is always a need to discuss financial health of the Village; foresees a problem with a deficit due to spending money that isn't budgeted; should have hired a temp for some of the services that we are paying expensive consultant fees. Another Finance Committee has been scheduled.v

Constance Lee

Garbage can ordinance is not being enforced; residents keep their trash receptacles in the front of the property; or leave cans on the curbs, trash is flying up and down the streets; also trash gets blown in yards and streets when Homewood Disposal collects trash. There are a lot of homes unoccupied in Glenwood creating a lot of weeds; need the Village to manage weeds in these unoccupied properties.

Leon Fields

Concern with quality of drinking water based on violations noted on 2022 village water report for the period 10/2021-10/22; failed test again when repeated in 1/2023; contaminants included lead and copper; notices to public were not sent out to residents to inform of violations; has this been corrected? What is oversight? Village Engineer, Dave Shilling informed that the report was during the period the village was in between Public Works Directors; if a test is missed, it is carried over to the next reporting period; since the last Public Works Director, the tests have been up to date.

Federal grants are available to accelerate no trucking routes in residential communities. Four villages of Will county are collaborating to reroute trucking routes away from residential areas. Applauded police chief and deputy chief for deterring speeders with a patrol car with flashing lights in front of the middle school.

He noted it is a major traffic backup on Cottage grove because the new Islamic church has gated the parking lot adjacent to Hickory Bend Elementary; cars can no longer drive through the church's parking lot, causing a back up getting into the school. **Trustee Lynch** noted his understanding was that the new owners agreed to leave the gate open during school hours. Concern with parking capacity at the fieldhouses; it can be a problem with football season games. There should be language regarding maintaining surrounding areas with fieldhouse rentals, including parking lots, playgrounds, basketball courts, driving vehicles in grass.

Lorrie Wheeler

Village should be pursuing with the Forest Preserves adding a walkway to cross over to the forest preserves trails, especially at Dante/Glenwood Lansing Road or Cottage Grove/Glenwood Lansing Road; suggest hiring a Parks Director; Parks are a passion and seeks to volunteer and serve on a Parks Committee for the Village of Glenwood. Inquired about mulch, tennis courts repainted, sand replacement in volley ball courts, grants for water main breaks.

Ed Hadnott

Request the Village to extend the vehicle sticker deadline to May 31st since the stickers were not available on schedule; residents shouldn't be penalized. Asked Mayor Gardiner to explain decision to approve joint defense agreement with the Plaza of Glenwood, LLC that owes the Village over \$350k in taxes. They have not paid taxes for a year; haven't completed building in two years, no plans submitted, no demolition; no permits, etc. Encourages board to research case; another court date is scheduled May 2, 2024 at the Daley Center.

Mr. Murdock

Resident of five years; concern that elected officials do not attend homeowner association meetings; thanked Mayor, Chief Pettycord, Chief Welsh for their attendance. Thanked Trustee Lynch and Trustee Brown for asking questions to help residents stay informed of what is going on; encourages other trustees to give input and attend homeowner association meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS MAYORS OFFICE:

Motion made to TABLE Appointments

Trustee Taylor moved the motion for approval; **Trustee Lynch** second the motion as read.

Discussion: Mayor Gardiner informed the Board that candidate David Lockman is still in Springfield, Illinois attending Lobby Days

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

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

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes, Tabled until the next board meeting.

Motion to TABLE Request Executive Session under 2 (c) (1) personnel with action to be taken and reason to reconvene at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Rolle made the motion for approval. **Trustee Taylor** 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

Motion to TABLE a Contract with Arrow Strategy Group for the purpose of Communications and Marketing for the Village of Glenwood.

Trustee Lynch made the motion to TABLE. **Trustee Clark** second the motion as read.

Discussion: **Trustee Lynch** expressed that he would like to see the Board identify and understand what the priorities and needs are for marketing the Village brand before engaging in professional services; he noted some of the service offering is not applicable to the Village of Glenwood, e.g. press releases. **Trustee Rolle** asked what a 60-day plan would entail; what strategy or tools would be utilized beyond Facebook and the Gazette. **Trustee Brown** would like to see the Village move forward from Mulberry status; the village needs more forward thinking marketing, graphics, flyers, effective communications, etc. **Trustee Lynch** suggested tabling this agenda item until next board meeting to allow each board member time to pencil in the marketing direction they would like to see for the village; as well as how these marketing professional services will be funded. **Treasure Hart** noted that the funds are available and have been budgeted.

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

Ayes: Clark, Lynch

Naes: Brown, Rolle, Taylor, Williams

Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No, motion to table failed.

Motion to Approve a Contract with Arrow Strategy Group for the purpose of Communications and Marketing for the Village of Glenwood.

Trustee Taylor made the motion to approve. **Trustee Brown** second the motion

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

NO REPORT

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, B. Mitchell reviewed 4th of July event details and budget; ways to offset some of the expense \$20 per vehicle for non-residents of Glenwood; reduce cost of renting tables and chairs by telling residents to bring their own tables and chairs; estimate saving \$5-8k; Cinco De Mayo event planned at Dion's Café ; Senator Durbin extended gratitude for his visit to the Underground Railroad Memorial site; bike ride with Congresswoman Miller, village of Lynwood and Glenwood. Vehicle stickers are available, deadline to display has been extended to June 1, 2024;

Motion to Approve Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load for a period of two years and \$15,000 civic contribution.

Trustee Brown made the motion to approve. **Trustee Taylor** 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Budget discussion for the 4th of July 2024 event; conversations have been covered in Village Administrator's report; Chief Pettycord indicated he believes security is adequate for preparation of the unknown. Fencing is recommended to enhance security; it's a precautionary measure to manage control. Glenwoodie restaurant will be closed during the 4th of July event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Approve \$5,000 increase to Dion's Café for Cinco De Mayo event on May 4, 2024.

Trustee Lynch made the motion to approve. **Trustee Brown** 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

Treasurer Hart noted increase from \$18k budgeted to \$60k for the 4th of July event for two hours is excessive for fireworks; other municipalities have canceled their events; Juneteenth is approaching; financial resources could have been shared among the two events. \$60,000 was not budgeted.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Lynch 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

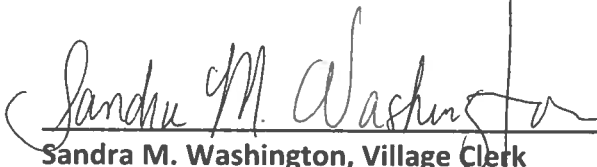
Recues: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT: The April 16,2024 regular board meeting was adjourned @ 9:00PM.


Sandra M. Washington, Village Clerk

