

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT ASHTON PLACE, 341 - 75TH STREET, VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Frank Trilla.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Clerk Leroy Hansen, Trustees Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Terrence Kelly, Michael Mistele, Gayle Neal, and Paul Oggerino.

ABSENT: None

Also present were Village Attorney Thomas Bastian, Village Administrator Timothy Halik, Chief Mark Shelton, Deputy Chief Robert Schaller, Director of Finance Carrie Dittman, Assistant to the Village Administrator Garrett Hummel, Deputy Clerk Cindy Stuchl, and Planning Consultant Anna Franco.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trilla asked Planning Consultant Franco to lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None Presented. Any visitor comments pertaining to the gun club were heard during the discussion of Item #7.

5. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- a. Waive Reading of Minutes (APPROVE)
- b. Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - April 10, 2017 (APPROVE)
- c. Warrants - \$258,138.26 (APPROVE)
- d. Resolution - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Village Clerk to Enter into an Employment Agreement Between the Village of Willowbrook and Robert J. Pavelchik, Jr. as its Chief of Police - Resolution No. 17-R-25 (ADOPT)

- e. Motion to Approve - Police Renovation Project: Payout #6 - Partial Payment, L.J. Morse Construction Company (PASS)
- f. Motion - Motion to Approve - Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget (PASS)
- g. Proclamation - A Proclamation Recognizing the Week of May 20th Through May 26th, 2017 as National Safe Boating Week Within the Village of Willowbrook (APPROVE)

Mayor Trilla asked the Board if there were any items to be removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Mistele to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Berglund, Davi, Kelly, Mistele, Neal, and Oggerino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

6. DELINQUENT WATER BILLS

Administrator Halik advised that there was one (1) delinquent water bill. Staff requested authorization to proceed in accordance with past practices, which was granted.

7. ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM THE B-3 ZONING DISTRICT TO THE B-4 ZONING DISTRICT AND GRANTING A SPECIAL USE FOR A "FIRING RANGE, INDOOR", INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN VARIATIONS FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE - PC 17-01: ROUTE 83 FRONTAGE ROAD AND 79TH STREET - THE CHICAGO GUN CLUB

Planning Consultant Franco advised that The Chicago Gun Club submitted a petition to develop a 31,000 square foot "Gunny" Club, which includes 32 tactical shooting bays, a firearms retail floor, two members-only lounges which would serve food and alcohol, training and educational facilities, and offices.

The proposed Gunny Club would be located on the vacant property located at the northwest corner of Frontage Road and 79th Street, just south of Willowbrook Inn. The property is currently located in the B-3 Zoning District. To allow for the development of the Gunny Club, the petitioner has submitted a petition to rezone the property from the B-3 Zoning District to the B-4 Zoning District

which permits a firearms store. The petition also requests a special use to allow for an indoor firing range.

Planning Consultant Franco advised that this use would be subject to the Village's sales tax and amusement tax.

Planning Consultant Franco stated that two public hearings were held by the Plan Commission to review this proposed petition. Approximately 14 residents testified in opposition of this special use and three were in favor. The biggest concerns were in reference to general public safety, the mixing of alcohol and firearms, noise, air quality emissions, and proximity to schools.

The favorable comments included the fact that firearms are misunderstood.

Planning Consultant Franco related that the Plan Commission unanimously voted to forward a positive recommendation to the Village Board.

Planning Consultant Franco introduced Joe Neveril of Chicago Gun Club, LLC, who is the petitioner for the gun range. Mr. Neveril thanked Village staff for their work done on this project. Mr. Neveril advised that since the Illinois Concealed Carry Law went into effect, there have been 11,200 concealed carry permits being issued in the DuPage County. The need for quality facilities to train has never been greater. Mr. Neveril stated that this facility will provide unique, upscale firearms experience that will be grounded in safety, outstanding customer service, and responsible firearms ownership.

Mr. Jordan Moran of Acoustical Solutions, Inc. spoke about the noise concerns. Mr. Moran advised that the existing background noises were measured several times during the week and completed four different surveys. Mr. Moran advised that a 3D model of the predicted noise that the gun range would produce was created. The results of the surveys showed that the noise levels would be well within Village noise requirements and would be in compliance with Village ordinances.

Mr. Kristofer Williams of Carey's Small Arms Range Ventilation Company spoke about the concerns over lead contamination. Mr. Williams advised that the ventilation system proposed for this facility meets OSHA and EPA standards.

Mayor Trilla opened the floor up for public comments. 49 citizens approached the podium to speak. The majority of comments were against the gun range. Concerns included:

- The mixing of alcohol and firearms.
- This is an outside corporation whose goal is profits and not the wellbeing of the citizens of Willowbrook.
- Too close to residences and schools.
- The sounds of gun fire.
- Complaints about not receiving notification.
- Potential lead exposure.
- Statements that if gun range is approved, citizens will no longer shop in Willowbrook.
- Survey or referendum should be conducted.
- Brings more guns to Willowbrook.
- Concerns over property values.
- Thefts of firearms being stored in vehicles in parking lot.
- There are plenty of ranges in other nearby communities.
- Potential of unregulated gun dealers.
- Could attract crime.

Residents that were in favor of the gun range had the following comments:

- A member of the Plan Commission related that this use would be good for the community and the petitioner presented a proper presentation.
- It is important for gun owners to have place to receive proper training in the use of their firearms.
- Resident reminded the audience that it's not guns that kill, it's the person behind the gun. There are a lot of responsible people who purchase guns for good and valid reasons.
- Gun owners need a place to practice using their guns.
- Noise is a non-issue. The facility is indoors.
- Some comments were made that the citizens were in favor of the gun range but not with the liquor included.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Oggerino to take a recess at 8:30 p.m.

PREVIOUS ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Berglund, Davi, Kelly, Mistele, Neal, and Oggerino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Those present at roll call were Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Clerk Leroy Hansen, Trustees Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Terrence Kelly, Michael Mistele, Gayle Neal, and Paul Oggerino.

ABSENT: None

Comments continued from the public.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Oggerino to table discussion on this issue until the May 22, 2017 Regular Village Board meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Berglund, Davi, Kelly, Mistele, Neal, and Oggerino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRIOR BUSINESS

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neal had no report.

Trustee Kelly had no report.

Trustee Mistele had no report.

Trustee Berglund had no report.

Trustee Davi had no report.

Trustee Oggerino had no report.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bastian had no report.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Hansen had no report.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Halik had no report.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trilla referred his report to Jeff Swanson, owner of the Wilshire Gun Club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Swanson stated that he appreciates the concerns that were voiced by the citizens. Mr. Swanson advised that the emphasis is not to add additional guns to the community. The goal is to provide another level of safe, secure instruction and training. Mr. Swanson stated that neighborhood values have increased and crime has decreased.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Trilla stated that there was no need for Closed Session during tonight's meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Berglund, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at the hour of 9:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Berglund, Davi, Kelly, Mistele, Neal, and Oggerino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED.

May 8, 2017.

Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Clerk Cindy Stuchl.