

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, 825 MIDWAY DRIVE, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Due to the expiration of the Governor's Disaster Declaration, public participation/comment is permitted solely by attending the meeting at 825 Midway Drive.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Trilla.

2. ROLL CALL

Those physically present at roll call were, Village Clerk Deborah Hahn, Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Trustees Mark Astrella, Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Gayle Neal and Greg Ruffolo, Attorney Michael Durkin, Village Administrator Sean Halloran, Assistant to the Village Administrator Alex Arteaga, Chief Financial Officer Lora Flori, Director of Community Development Michael Krol, Director of Parks and Recreation Dustin Kleefisch, Chief Lauren Kaspar, Deputy Chief Benjamin Kadolph, Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan and Public Works Foreman AJ Passero.

ABSENT: Trustee Michael Mistele.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trilla asked Trustee Ruffolo to lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

a. POLICE OFFICER RICHARD FOYTIK

Clerk Hahn had the honor of swearing in the new patrol officer. The Mayor welcomed Officer Foytik to the Village. Officer Foytik introduced his wife and family to the Board. Mayor Trilla and the Village Board welcomed Officer Foytik to Willowbrook.

5. VISITORS' BUSINESS

Mr. Arteaga read the public comment for the record from residents Eric and Kathy Johnson, 215 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

Re: Midway and Borse Parks Improvement Projects slated to begin 2023

Questions:

- while Village plans include new plans to improve Borse Community Park...does Plan include, besides evaluation of (dead, topped off) trees and debris...

will existing Borse Park asphalt pathways be replaced/resealed...they are worn and unsightly.

- what are the forecasted hours for construction/improvement and hours of park operation...currently dawn to dusk...currently ball games ending

- EPA reported EtO (ambient air ethylene oxide contamination) in areas including Borse Park on Midway in 2018 in conjunction with Sterigenics poisoning 3 blocks away from Midway Drive construction sites...will digging up soil reintroduce contaminants into AIR and

Is soil from any parking lot and ground disruption going to impact EtO and other toxic chemicals into AIR and WATER and onto residences nearby?

Does soil testing done by WB include, not only composition of soil, water tables, etc... but CONTAMINATION existing. What does Village plan to do to mitigate damage to community, residential exposure...?

- Since there is money for the park's improvements...where can we find BUDGET breakdown that includes monies received...and intent to spend...itemized. We realize that this is a multi-year project and bids are still expected...but where can one get the breakdown of how much it is costing...how much is spent...who is awarded the contract...when the project is expected to begin/end...and contact names within Village to report any problems due to contractor construction. Do we ask someone in Village for a FOIA?

- On a lighter note...will there ever be WILLOW trees or even a river birch or two or three in Borse Park? We planted 2 in our back yard... Would be nice to see solar use, willow tree(s) not just on signage...

Will there ever be bird houses or refuge for wild animals and birds...how about asking that citizen who loves butterfly gardens to help put a couple in Borse/Midway along with wetland plantings...there used to be some near exit onto 75th St...

More questions to come...including...when and how will people living next to developments be notified of the start of construction...which, of course, we hope will be simplified, classy and quiet...

We look forward to true improvement to both Midway and Borse Parks. There should be updated and safe spaces for children and sports. There should also be a balance not to pave over every bit of greenspace.

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone? They paved paradise and put up a parking lot" (or two or three!). (Joni Mitchell/Counting Crows...Big Yellow Taxi)

6. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Trilla read over each item in the Omnibus Vote Agenda for the record.

- a. Waive Reading of Minutes (Approve)
- b. Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting May 22, 2023 (APPROVE)
- c. Warrants \$504,018.42

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 Ruffolo to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-25 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF BENJAMIN KADOLPH AS COORDINATOR OF THE VILLAGE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE DUPAGE COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FORM DESIGNATING HIM AS SUCH (ADOPT)

Chief Kaspar reported that historically the Village is required by the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security to appoint a local Emergency Management Coordinator. The form attached, the Oath of Office, is the notice to DuPage County Office of Homeland Security of the Village's appointment. The Village would benefit from Deputy Chief Kadolph taking over for Chief Kaspar, as he has extensive training with FEMA and Emergency Management services. It is the Chief's recommendation that the Village appoint Deputy Chief Kadolph to this position.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Berglund and seconded by Trustee Davi to adopt Resolution No. 23-R-25 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-26- A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FIVE (5) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) "AXON TASER 7 UNITS WITH ACCESSORIES, LICENSES AND WARRANTIES" TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BODY WORN CAMERAS AND IN-CAR CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,562.90 FOR FIVE (5) YEARS (ADOPT)

Chief Kaspar shared that the current taser were purchased in 2014 which makes them nine (9) years old. The newer models have the capability to activate the officer's body camera when they are drawn from the holster as well as the in-car camera.

Axon has provided pricing on Taser 7 and their newest model Taser 10. Staff would like to move forward with replacing the current outdated X26P Axon Tasers with the Axon Taser 7. In the five (5) year contract pricing, the first-year cost is \$10,805.74, already included in the FY 23/24 budget. The cost for the subsequent years is \$3,689.00.

Trustee Davi asked if this an even exchange, replacing seven units for seven units. Chief Kaspar indicated that was correct.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Ruffolo and seconded by Trustee Neal to adopt Resolution No. 23-R-26 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

9. ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-14- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-1-13 ENTITLED "SPECIAL EVENTS PROCEDURE; CHARGES", OF CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", OF TITLE 5 ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS", OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, ILLINOIS (PASS)

Attorney Durkin stated this is the ordinance that was discussed earlier this evening at the Committee of the Whole. After some discussion,

there was consensus among the Trustees and staff to amend the ordinance to include a five (5) day advance notice for application to allow the police department and Community Development to review the request. The suggestion is to amend the ordinance presented to add language in the first paragraph that the Village may require five (5) days' notice for review of special event permits reasonably expected to have 500 or more people in attendance.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Neal to pass Ordinance No. 23-O-14 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-27 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN LP FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 FITNESS COURT FOR MIDWAY PARK AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS AND THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN GRANT COMMITTEE OF \$50,000.00 TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE 2023 FITNESS COURT (ADOPT)

Director Kleefisch stated that the National Fitness Campaign is a nationwide campaign for community health and wellness. They partner with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois to provide grant opportunities for local municipalities, school districts and universities to receive funding for the installation of their fitness equipment. The fitness equipment is a seven-circuit body weight exercise with a greater life span than traditional equipment. Staff would like to move forward with this opportunity to purchase the equipment and to take advantage of the grant offered.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Ruffolo and seconded by Trustee Davi to adopt Resolution No. 23-R-27 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

#### PRIOR BUSINESS

#### 11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neal had no report.

Trustee Ruffolo had no report.

Trustee Mistele was not present.

Trustee Berglund had no report.

Trustee Davi asked when the resident's comments read during visitor's business would be answered. Mayor Trilla responded that the response would be in writing.

Trustee Astrella had no report.

12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Durkin reminded the Board that there is an executive session after the regular meeting.

13. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Hahn had no report.

14. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Halloran had two items to share. He offered his kudos to the Parks Department regarding the park event held last Friday (Neighborhood Nights at Creekside Park) with 75-100 residents in attendance. The neighbors loved the event, and it provided a great way for the Parks Department and the Police Department to meet the community.

Administrator Halloran also welcomed CFO Lora Flori. She has been with us for 2-3 months and she is doing a great job. Mayor Trilla asked Ms. Flori to say a few words. CFO Flori shared that she has been with the Village of Willowbrook on and off since March. She has previously worked with the Village of Vernon Hills and prior to that with DuPage County. She is familiar with governmental accounting. Ms. Flori is excited to be here and indicated she has met a lot of great people.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trilla thanked the Parks Department and expressed his pride in the event last Friday night. The activity embodied the vision that he and the Board holds for the Village for bringing government to the residents and families of the Village.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees Authorized by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

5 ILCS 120/2(11) - Probable or threatened litigation.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and move to closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adjourn the Regular Meeting at the hour of 6:52 p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

The regular meeting was adjourned and the Board moved into Executive Session.

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED.

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Frank A. Trilla, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.