

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK TO BE HELD ON DAY, MAY 28, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, 825 MIDWAY DRIVE, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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, Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Clerk Deborah Hahn, Village Trustees Mark Astrella, Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Michael Mistele and Gayle Neal, Attorney Thomas Halleran, Village Administrator Sean Halloran, Assistant Village Administrator Alex Arteaga, Director of Community Development Michael Krol, Director of Parks and Recreation Dustin Kleefisch, Director of Public Works Rick Valent, Chief Lauren Kaspar, Deputy Chief Gerard Wodka and Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.

ABSENT: Trustee Greg Ruffolo, Attorney Michael Durkin, Chief Financial Officer Lora Flori and Deputy Chief Ben Kadolph.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trilla asked Chief Kaspar to lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Mistele to change the order of the meeting, moving agenda item 5 before agenda item 4.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

ITEM NUMBER 5 MOVED TO PRECEDE ITEM NUMBER 4 IN THE AGENDA ORDER:

5. PROCLAMATION - GOOD SAMARITAN RECOGNITION (RECEIVE)

Chief Kaspar read and presented Rich Scherer, a Burr Ridge Public Works employee, with a Good Samaritan Recognition Proclamation. Chief Kaspar, the Mayor, and the Board thanked Mr. Scherer.

Before proceeding to agenda item number 4, Visitors' Business, the mayor read a brief statement:

The Willowbrook Mayor and Board of Trustees take great pride in the diversity of our community. It is with respect to that diversity that we have an unwritten rule to refuse requests for "proclamations" on issues that may be deemed controversial,

religious, federal, or international issues. We attempt to be respectful of all individual rights. It is our job to focus on enhancing the lives of Willowbrook residents by improving amenities, making operations efficient and resident friendly, all while keeping our taxes one of the lowest in DuPage County's 32 towns.

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees are accomplishing the responsibilities that are vital to our collective futures. We certainly do not endorse any insensitive, racist, or religious discrimination. We will continue to support productive discourse among our residents. We all have friends and families that have been affected by wars all over the world and share our empathy for the innocent who die in these conflicts.

#### 4. VISITORS' BUSINESS

Visitors requesting to speak included:

Roohi Fathima	Jamal Hamondeh	Mohanad Alhams
Sawsan Abubaker	Eyad Elagha	Dr. Shanab
Nizam Khatib	Jad Qaddoura	Patty Droogan

The speakers urged the Mayor and Board of Trustees to pass a resolution supporting a ceasefire in the conflict currently ongoing in Gaza and support humanitarian relief efforts in the region. Many of the speakers spoke from personal experiences and thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

After all speakers had been heard, Mayor Trilla acknowledged that he, and the Board, feel terrible about the situation in Gaza. He indicated that he does not understand the depth of the issues and is unable to comment on it. The Mayor indicated he had reached out to several members of Congress relaying the information being presented to the Board.

He reiterated that his job as Mayor, and the job of the Trustees, is to focus on local issues. Although it may be disappointing, the Mayor has spoken to all the Trustees, and the decision was made collectively not to pass a resolution at this time, nor in the foreseeable future. Although he and the Board are sympathetic, and individually may want to help, this is not something done in Willowbrook. The Village and the Board have been strong supporters of the Mecca Center since its inception. We respect how you worship; we ask that you respect how we govern.

#### 5. PROCLAMATION – GOOD SAMARITAN RECOGNITION (RECEIVE)

This item was moved to precede agenda item number 4.

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 13, 2024 (APPROVE)
- c. Warrants \$ 195,743.36
- d. MOTION - AMEND THE FY23-24 GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURES FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION (PASS)
- e. RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-28- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK REGARDING THE REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (ADOPT)

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 Berglund to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- 7. RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-29- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK ACCEPTING PROPOSALS AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FIXTURES FOR THE FARMINGDALE AND CREEKSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$80,546.43 (ADOPT)

Director Kleefisch shared that tonight's agenda item is for two shelters for Farmingdale Terrace and Creek side Park to be secured from Parkreation using Sourcewell government pricing through the manufacturer ICON Shelters.

The Farmingdale Terrace shelter will be a 20'x20' hexagonal shelter with a cost of \$30,935.00, providing a \$3,332.00 savings using Sourcewell pricing. The Creekside shelter will be a 20'x20' square shelter with four columns with a cost of \$29,930.00, a savings of \$3,220.00 with the Sourcewell pricing structure. This results in combined savings of \$6,552.00.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Mistele to adopt Resolution 24-R-29 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN OUTDOOR BATTING CAGE SYSTEM FOR THE FARMINGDALE AND CREEKSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,201.00 (ADOPT)

Director Kleefisch reported that during the CIP Open House meetings, public feedback was very positive in having access to a safe and dedicated area for kids and parents to engage in baseball/softball activities or golf at the park.

These batting cages are manufactured by Beacon Athletics and have a great system for installation that does not require a ladder and includes a pole and anchor system to combat wind and ice/snow load. Each batting cage will be a 55' long cage, with standard 12' high and 14' wide. The cost for both units, including freight, is \$25,201.00.

Mayor Trilla asked if these batting cages will be set up at two different parks. Director Kleefisch said that is correct; one will be at Creekside on the north side of the playground structure and the other one will be at Farmingdale which will take up the south side of the existing basketball court.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mistele and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adopt Resolution 24-R-30 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-31 - A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 5-1-14 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO DEVIATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING ROTATION PROCESS AND EFFECT THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) LATERAL POLICE CANDIDATE FOR THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER (ADOPT)

Chief Kaspar stated that the current composition of the Willowbrook Police Department as provided by Title 5, Chapter 1, Section 5-1-1 of the municipal code is as follows:

Chief of Police -1

Deputy Chief of Police -2

Sergeants - 4

Patrol Officers - in such numbers as may be provided from time to

time by the Mayor and Board of Trustees for a total department composition not to exceed twenty-seven (27) members.

With the most recent hire, the total number of sworn officers is twenty-five (25), leaving two vacancies. Since the Department's last hire was a lateral candidate, staff is seeking a deviation from the entry level/lateral rotation at this time.

The staff is currently in the process of establishing a new list with the intention of hiring one entry level and one lateral candidate to fill the remaining two vacancies.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mistele and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adopt Resolution 24-R-31 as presented.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

#### PRIOR BUSINESS

##### 10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neal further explained her position on an item providing Active Adult Services for Lake Hinsdale Village at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. She clarified to the Board that she was aware of some events, but not others.

She also advised the Board regarding information received at a DMMC meeting, that the (Illinois Tollway) iPass sticker is available, but that transponders will continue to work until replaced with a sticker. Old transponders can be recycled at Home Depot.

Trustee Ruffolo was not present.

Trustee Mistele had no report.

Trustee Berglund thanked the Mayor for his position.

Trustee Davi thanked the Mayor and is in full support of him.

Trustee Astrella echoed Trustee Berglund and Trustee Davi's comments.

##### 11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Halleran had no report.

##### 12. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Hahn had no report.

13. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Halloran thanked and congratulated Director Kleefisch, Director Valent, and Foreman Passero for their hard work in preparation for the ribbon cutting at Midway Park. The park is well received by the residents.

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trilla reported the Governor and the State Representatives are almost done with the (State) budget. Although the state grocery tax is being done away with, local authorities will be allowed to maintain the tax. There is no change to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Although the budget is not finalized, it should be by morning.

Congratulations to all the staff for all the hard work they are doing. I am very proud to be a part of this Village and all the accomplishments. The parks are being well received by the residents and I congratulate the Board for their vision and fiscal stewardship. As a Village we are giving back to the children and the senior citizens. We will continue to develop the senior citizen program. Thank you for everything you do.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no need for an Executive Session this evening.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mistele and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adjourn the Regular Meeting at the hour of 7:20p.m.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED.

June 10, 2024

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Frank A. Trilla, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.