

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD**

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
MARCH 6, 2023**

Call to Order

Mayor Hood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Other Officials in Attendance

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Heather Galan, Public Works Director; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Erica Wells, Assistant Finance / HR Director; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Nick Leach, Village Engineer; Jodi Luka, Management Analyst; Chris Velkover, Information Systems Director; Ryan Nelson, Assistant Information Systems Director; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Jeremy Gaughan, Police Commander; Jesse Gonzalez, Deputy Police Chief.

Roll Call

PRESENT: 5- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien

ABSENT: 1- Balmes

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Balmes

Motion Carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE

The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from the February 20, 2023 meeting.
2. Approval of Ord. 2023 – 14 eliminating Chapter 78, Section 708-105 Subsection (h) of the Gurnee Municipal Code to remove the two hour parking limitation on Grove Avenue and Lee Avenue.
3. Approval of Ord. 2023 – 15 approving and publishing the official Zoning Map of the Village of Gurnee.
4. Approval of Fire Department request to purchase one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Tahoe PPV from Karl Emergency Vehicles at a cost of \$42,996.00 (Fire Department Unit #1394).
5. Approval of request from Fire Department to award the Fire Station #1 Bunk Room and Front Office Update Drywall bid package to the low bidder The Rockwell Group at a cost of \$28,200.00.
6. Approval of request from Public Works Department to allow Administrative Services Coordinator Kristine Poisl to attend the May 23, 2023 Cityworks Customer Advisory Panel session in Westminster, CO at the cost of \$1,150.00.
7. Approval of Payroll for period ending February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$946,623.73.
8. Approval of Bills for the period ending March 6, 2023 in the amount of \$907,343.83.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Garner to

approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Thorstenson, Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Balmes

Motion Carried.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Administration of Oath of Office for the promotion of Police Officer Tim Hamann to Police Sergeant.

Chief Smith introduced Officer Hamann and spoke briefly about his accomplishments.

Mayor Hood administrated the Oath of Office to Sergeant Hamann.

Sergeant Hamann briefly spoke thanking everyone in attendance and introduced his family.

2. Administration of Oath of Office for the promotion of Police Commander Jeremy Gaughan to Deputy Chief.

Chief Smith introduced Commander Gaughan and spoke briefly about his accomplishments.

Mayor Hood administrated the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Gaughan.

Deputy Chief Gaughan briefly spoke about his career with the Gurnee Police Department. He introduced his family and thanked all his colleagues in attendance.

D. REPORTS

1. Presentation by Warren Township Supervisor Sue Simpson: Township and Warren Special Recreation Association update.

Township Supervisor Sue Simpson provided the Village Board with an update on the Township. She stated Warren Township served nine municipalities, 65,000 residents and 365 square miles. The main campus is 82 acres. She stated that this year the Township would celebrate its 175th anniversary.

She next reviewed the three main responsibilities of township government which include property assessments, general assistance and highway maintenance. Supervisor Simpson stated that Warren Township does so much more than this however. She then briefly spoke about the Teen Center, Special Recreation Association, Senior Center, playgrounds and baseball fields to name a few. Supervisor Simpson stated the Township also partners with other agencies to provide programs and services to their residents. She next reviewed a five-year improvement plan to address baseball field needs, as well as efforts to install a spray park at the Township Center. She noted this effort will cost \$250,000 per year. She then introduced Adam Krieger, Executive Director of Warren Township Youth and Family Services.

Mr. Krieger provided the Village Board a summary of Youth and Family Services. He stated the goal is to support and strengthen the youth and families of Warren Township by providing counseling and other programs that foster personal, family and community well-being. Mr. Krieger stated Family Service outpatient counseling currently serves about 180 patients. He next discussed the Teen Center, stating it serves children from approximately 6th grade all the way through high school. He stated students from Woodland and the Almond Campus are the biggest users of the Center.

Next Supervisor Simpson introduced Township Board member Elmer Fallos who provided an updated on the Senior Center and its services. Mr. Fallos stated the Senior Center offers activities, trips, fitness, a library, café, social workers and lending closet. He stated the 2019 expansion greatly improved its ability to service the community. He ended by noting by 2030 one-in-six people will be a senior citizen, further highlighting the importance and need for the center.

Next Warren Special Recreation Association (WSRA) Executive Director Beckie Korzyniewski and Superintendent of Recreation and Adult Day Program Coordinator Jessica Fultz provided an update. Ms. Korzyniewski stated WSRA is a standalone entity that services individuals from the ages of 6 to 65. The Association provides services to multiple communities and member agencies and provides between 75-100 programs annually. The goal is to minimize barriers for its participants. She highlighted a recent caroling tour WSRA held during the holidays, including a stop at Village Hall. Ms. Fultz discussed efforts to adopt programs and activities to the participants to help them succeed. She also discussed the adult day program and its importance related to socialization and integration. Ms. Korzyniewski ended by recognizing Supervisor Simpson for all of her support as well as highlighting the upcoming Shining Stars fundraiser set for Friday, March 24th. She encouraged people to attend the event.

Supervisor Simpson concluded the Township presentation by stating that after 26 years as a Township Supervisor she would be retiring and that Elmer Fallos would assume the role of Supervisor.

Mayor Hood thanked the Township for attending the meeting and sharing information about all the services and programs it provides.

E. OLD BUSINESS

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Shelley Palmer
6304 Doral Drive
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Palmer referenced the January 30th Village Board meeting and a presentation that was made at it. She then presented multiple questions regarding a potential amendment to the Gurnee Municipal Code to allow gas stations and/or convenience stores to sell alcohol. She questioned potential changes in the future, hours, if alcohol would be locked up, proximity to other uses, what would be sold and square feet restrictions. She concluded by stating the residents of the Village need to be protected.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**
