

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 18, 2018**

Call to Order

Mayor Kovarik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Other Officials in Attendance

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Scott Drabicki, Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Chris Velkover, Information Systems Director; Tom Rigwood, Director of Public Works; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, Police Chief; Brian Smith, Deputy Police Chief; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director, Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator

Roll Call

PRESENT: 6-Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes
ABSENT: 0-None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kovarik led the Pledge of Allegiance

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Steve Carlson
Lake County
Board Member**

Mr. Carlson stated that the Lake County Board authorized an addition of a path directly from Dada Drive and Route 45 into Third Lake Rollins Savana Forest Preserve and thanked the Mayor and Village for their support. Mr. Carlson wanted to be sure that the new Knowles Road water tower would not block future pedestrian paths. Village Engineer Scott Drabicki ensured Mr. Carlson that it would not.

**Martin Peters
3924 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL**

Mr. Peters made comments regarding the removal trees on property located on Blackstone Avenue. He stated residents called regarding the removal of trees and it was not stopped. Mr. Peters stated he was told by the Police Department it was a civil matter and he does not understand that.

Village Attorney Winter provided a brief summary of action to date, stating this is an ongoing investigation and a Cease and Desist order has been issued place. He further stated that Village Engineering is following up to ensure no activity takes place other than what is being done by the Village.

Mr. Peters continued to state he is of the opinion the equipment should be impounded and the permit issued by staff created confusion in the neighborhood.

Mayor Kovarik clarified by stating that due process is being followed, the Village is taking the appropriate steps, setting thresholds and will follow through on the stabilization of the banks plan.

Mr. Peters concluded the he feels the neighborhood has been destroyed and staff did not respond quickly enough.

**James Eimerman
3978 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL**

Mr. Eimerman stated he is not happy with the response of the Village. He stated he believes the Police Department should have stopped all work on the site when it was first contacted. He then shared what he believes are shortfalls in how the issue has been handled to date

**Theresa Peters
3924 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL**

Mrs. Peters stated she called and was told the situation was taken care of and the homeowner was to remove the debris. She further stated she has safety concerns related to this situation.

**Carl Majeski
3946 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL**

Mr. Majeski echoed the comments of the residents and addressed the east side of the property that was also impacted. He voiced concerns regarding the industrial park, retention pond, 30 years vegetation and the Village's plan for restoration.

The Mayor stated that once staff is ready, a meeting would be held with the neighborhood to discuss the plans and to get their input before implementation. She further stated that the immediate plan is to get the situation shut down and address erosion control.

Steve Saunders
193 N. Delany Rd
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Saunders asked if there is a plan and timeline for the bank stabilization completion.

The Mayor stated that staff is aware of the erosion concern and that a temporary solution may be put in place until a permanent and funded plan can be executed.

Jeff Stahl
281 Jennifer Court
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Stahl asked if the action that took place was criminal. He also brought up concerns regarding drain tile on the west side of the creek being impacted. He stated he feels the Village needs a new plan to address the situation.

Tonya Moore
3905 Harper Ave
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Moore stated she has safety concerns related to the situation and the equipment being on the property.

Denise Majeski
3946 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Majeski stated she agrees with what has been said to date regarding safety concerns.

Barb Jenkins
287 Jennifer Court
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Jenkins stated she feels the concerns expressed tonight are not being heard. She requested the Village Board visit the site to view the current condition. Ms. Jenkins then expressed concerns about burning on the property, as well as flooding concerns. She then requested that removal of the equipment and trees be expedited.

Theresa Peters
3924 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Peters reiterated her concerns for safety in the area.

Carl Majeski
3946 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Majeski suggested an increase in police presence in the area until the issue is resolved.

Jeff Stahl
281 Jennifer Court
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Stahl stated he is concerned about potential festivities over the upcoming July 4th holiday.

Martin Peters
3924 Blackstone Ave
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Peters stated the recent activities has exacerbated prior issues in the area and he is frustrated with the Village's response to date.

Warren Butler
On behalf of 295
Jennifer Court
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Butler stated his mother lives on Jennifer Court and he has concerns over burning and public safety.

Andrea Stahl
281 Jennifer Court
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Stahl stated the concerns expressed tonight should raise a red flag.

**B. APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

**C. CONSENT
AGENDA /
OMNIBUS VOTE**

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

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2018 Village Board meeting.
2. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 47 ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in public works of this public body.

3. Approval of the following bid dates:
 - a. July 10, 2018: Tree & Brush Removal, East Grand Avenue Landscaping, Fire Station #1 and Well House #1 Roof Replacement, Sanitary Sewer Lining; and
 - b. July 24, 2018: Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements, Landscape Restoration, Crescent Avenue Lift Station Generator Replacement, Village Hall Roof Replacement.
4. Approval of Payroll for period ending June 8, 2018 in the amount of \$834,265.19.
5. Approval of Bills for the period ending June 18, 2018 in the amount of \$1,564,232.49.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Presentation of plaque to Emily Kellogg in honor of achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Mayor Kovarik presented Ms. Kellogg with a plaque and asked her to briefly explain her Service Project.

2. Presentation of plaque to Luke Weber in honor of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mayor Kovarik presented Mr. Weber with a plaque and asked him to briefly explain his Service Project.

3. Approval of Proclamation designating July as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Kovarik read proclamation into record.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Proclamation designating July as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

E. REPORTS

None.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 48 approving an Amusement Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Village of Gurnee and Great America, LLC.

Public Hearing item.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of Ord. 2018 - 48 approving an Amusement Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Village of Gurnee and Great America, LLC.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 49 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Beach Park to install communication equipment on a water tower.

Mr. Muetz said as discussed over the past few months, the connection between Gurnee and Zion related to 911 Consolidation and related services includes a Comcast fiber connection, as well as a planned wireless connection. The wireless connection will follow a path from the Gurnee Police Station to the Northwestern Water Tower to the Beach Park Water Tower and finally to the Zion Police Department. Information Systems Director Chris Velkover has been working on an intergovernmental agreement to allow the Village of install equipment on the Beach Park Tower. Following review by Beach Park and Attorney Winter, it is now ready for Village Board consideration. The agreement allows the Village to install the needed equipment rent-free. Beach Park has requested that while the equipment is being installed on the tower that the beacon light be upgraded. Gurnee staff has planned for this and will handle it outside of the intergovernmental agreement. Beach Park has indicated it will consider the agreement at its next meeting assuming Gurnee approves it. The Beach Park Village Administrator has communicated he does not expect any issues getting the agreement approved by his Board.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Ord. 2018 - 49 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Beach Park to install communication equipment on a water tower.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 50 authorizing a Change Order to the 2018 Roadway Rehabilitation Agreement in the amount of \$357,968.85.

Mr. Muetz said the Village budgeted \$2.65 million in the FY 18/19 Budget for roadway improvements. The contract for roadway improvements was awarded to the low-bidder JA Johnson on April 2nd for \$2.4 million. Since staff did not know what the program cost would be, it did not include intersection improvements at Almond and Dada in the project. With the intersection now fully designed and the program cost coming in under what was included in the budget staff is requesting a change order to increase the contract with JA Johnson by \$357,968.85. This will allow intersection improvements at Almond and Dada. It would result in the budget being over by about \$83,000, however, staff does not expect to expend the \$100,000 budget for floodplain acquisitions and no grants were received this year. Therefore, overall we will still come in under budget overall.

It was moved by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of Ord. 2018 - 50 authorizing a Change Order to the 2018 Roadway Rehabilitation Agreement in the amount of \$357,968.85.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 51 authorizing execution of a contract with Chicago Bridge & Iron, LLC for the construction of the Knowles Road Water Tower contingent upon approval of a loan by the IEPA.

Mr. Muetz said Village staff has been working over the past few years to increase our water capacity/pressure by adding a water tower on the west side of the Village. The new 2 million gallon tower will be located on a Village-owned parcel on Knowles Road. Bids were opened on June 7th. The project includes a preferred tower design, along 5 alternative designs. The Village received proposals from 4 firms. CB&I Constructors out of Plainfield, IL were the low bidder for all the alternative bids that received proposals, as well as the sole bidder for the preferred spheroid-

style tower. With the bid information in hand, staff can now complete this portion of the IEPA loan application. Once approval is received from the IEPA, staff recommends awarding this project to the low-bidder CB&I at a cost of \$3,895,000. The Village estimated the cost of the tower at \$4.3 million.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Ord. 2018 - 51 authorizing execution of a contract with Chicago Bridge & Iron, LLC for the construction of the Knowles Road Water Tower contingent upon approval of a loan by the IEPA.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Res. 2018 - 06 supporting enforcement of environmental regulations related to the Foxconn/Upstream Development to be located within the headwaters of the Des Plaines River.

Mayor Kovarik said Lake County Stormwater Management has been monitoring this. The typical administrative processes to address wetland mitigation and impacts is not being followed in the case of the Foxconn development. The development will impact Gurnee and therefore Mayor Kovarik stated she felt it was important to consider this resolution.

Trustee Ross said this is important.

Trustee Thorstenson asked if any interstate agreements have been followed.

Mayor Kovarik clarified the Great Lakes resolution is separate from this issue, adding nothing is in place for the Des Plaines river.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about the Des Plaines river trail and if Des Plaines, IL has been brought into these discussion.

Mayor Kovarik said the Forest Preserve would fall under Lake County and she has not heard of Cook County communities considering a similar resolution. She said this resolution is making a statement that the Village is concerned.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Balmes to approve of Res. 2018 - 06 supporting enforcement of environmental regulations related to the Foxconn/Upstream Development to be located within the headwaters of the Des Plaines River.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

6. Approval of request from Village Engineer Scott Drabicki to waive the formal bidding requirement and award Well #1 Pump House Electrical Systems Upgrades to Kelso-Burnett at a cost of \$29,675.00.

Mr. Muetz said the Village of Gurnee has two emergency back-up wells. Over the past 4 years staff has worked to improve the reliability and functionality of these wells. This included an array of underground improvements to the pumps, supply piping, etc. The focus has now shifted to the items above ground. Specifically at Well #1, obsolete items have been removed and needed items upgraded. During this process it was discovered that electrical improvements are needed. This included raising equipment above flood levels, installing a new main board and disconnect, connecting items to the new board, a new low voltage transformer and subpanel and removing all the old and obsolete electrical components. The Village has a longstanding relationship with Kelso-Burnett, most recently assisting with the 911 Center

reconfiguration project. Kelso has also worked on the Wells in the past and is familiar with the equipment and layout. Staff reached out to this local company once again and received a quote of \$29,675.00 for all the needed work. Based on the complexity of the project and our experience with Kelso, staff is requesting the formal bidding process be waved and the project be awarded

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Balmes to approve of request from Village Engineer Scott Drabicki to waive the formal bidding requirement and award Well #1 Pump House Electrical Systems Upgrades to Kelso-Burnett at a cost of \$29,675.00.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**