

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
OCTOBER 22, 2018**

Call to Order

In Mayor Kovarik's absence, Village Administrator Mr. Muetz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Other Officials in Attendance

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, Police Chief; Brian Smith, Deputy Police Chief; Tracy Velkover, Planning Manager; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director, Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator

Roll Call

PRESENT: 5- Garner, Balmes, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross
ABSENT: 1- Hood

Mr. Muetz asked the Board for a recommendation for a President pro tempore to lead the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to have Trustee Balmes lead the meeting.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

President pro tempore Balmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Garner, Balmes, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 1- Hood
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 October 8, 2018 Village Board meeting.
2. Approval of Payroll for period ending October 12, 2018 in the amount of \$806,665.31.
3. Approval of Bills for the period ending October 22, 2018 in the amount of \$1,902,913.09.

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- Garner, Balmes, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 1- Hood
Motion Carried.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Approval of Proclamation designating November 4, 2018 as "Change your Clock, Change your Battery Day" in the Village of Gurnee.

President pro tempore Balmes read the proclamation into record.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of a Proclamation designating November 4, 2018 as "Change your Clock, Change your Battery Day" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. Report from Jessica Fain, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP – Police and Fire Pension Actuary Reports.

Finance Director Gosnell noted the actuary reports for the period ending April 30, 2019 were completed, and these reports determine the required contribution to the pension funds made in December 2019. Mr. Gosnell introduced Jessica Fain with Lauterbach & Amen to present the information in the report.

Ms. Fain Noted the following regarding the Police and Fire Pension Funds:

- Contribution requirement for the year totaled \$4,044,363 (\$1,770,649 for Fire, \$2,273,714 for Police)
- Funded percentage was 71.47% over all, 72.44% for Fire, 71.74% for Police
- The Net Position of both funds increased by \$9,736,362, \$3,390,060 for Fire, \$6,346,302 for Police
- Benefit payments are expected to increase to \$5,907,000 in five years, and \$8,495,000 in ten years
- The changes in required contribution from last year totaled \$66,038, -\$40,074 for Fire, and \$106,112 for Police.

Mr. Gosnell noted as a result of the strategic planning process and the desire to conservatively fund pensions, the Village will budget for the greater of expected changes or actual changes in the required contributions. This results in an increase in the contribution of \$58,848 for Fire and \$106,112 for Police.

Ms. Fain noted the factors resulting in the increase in funded percentage.

Mr. Muetz noted the Village does not levy a property tax for the pension contributions, rather pays them directly out of General Fund revenues.

2. Mr. Muetz said the November 5th Regular Meeting has been moved to November 12th.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 75 granting a Variation pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for property located at 1135 Vineyard Drive.

Mr. Muetz said the residents at 1135 Vineyard Drive are requesting a variance to allow a proposed patio to extend approximately 10' more than allowed by code into a 40' year yard setback. Per the Zoning Ordinance, decks and patios are allowed to encroach 10' into the required rear setback. This home is setback much further from the street compared to neighboring homes (we presume to preserve trees in the front at the time of construction), therefore it was built right at the rear property setback of 40 feet. The subject property backs up to Bittersweet Golf Course and also has a 20' restrictive golf course easement in the rear yard. As proposed, the patio would be located 20' from the rear property line and not encroach on the restrictive golf course easement. The petitioner has spoken to adjacent neighbors about the patio installation and they have no concerns. The Planning & Zoning Board is forwarding a 5-1 favorable recommendation.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of Ord. 2018 - 75 granting a Variation pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for property located at 1135 Vineyard Drive.

Roll call,
AYE: 6- Garner, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Adjournment

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

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

President pro tempore Balmes adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**Andy Harris,
Village Clerk**