

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

Call to Order

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

Other Officials in Attendance

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Assistant Village Administrator / Community Development Director / Village Engineer; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, 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

Cub Scout Pack 677 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Theis
3435 Country Club
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Theis read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide that was previously sent via email to Mayor Kovarik.

Celeste Flores
3765 University Ave
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Flores expressed concerns regarding ethylene oxide. She asked what the Village is doing, why Vantage is still operating and what the next steps are. She said stated she will be posting additional information regarding the issue on Next Door.

Ryan Horath
4487 Sheffield Ct
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Horath read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. He stated it is hard to tell if the companies are compliant because the standards are convoluted. Mr. Horath stated the cost to the community is much more than the cost to the companies and that we should not wait for state and federal agencies to address this. He further stated he believes the Lake County States Attorney and Illinois Attorney General need to file a lawsuit and that legislation introduced regarding this issue must be supported.

Barbara Paulausky
4359 Bluebird Ct
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Paulausky said the ethylene oxide information on the Village website is too vague. She said she doesn't want to wait for information and thinks the Village should respond within 48 hours because 30 days is too long.

Steve Wexler
2460 Downing Cir
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Wexler said he had just found out about the ethylene oxide issue only hours prior to the meeting. He said the Village of Gurnee should put the well-being of its citizens before corporate profit.

Brittany Albrecht
388 Tanglewood Dr
Gurnee, IL

Ms. Albrecht read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. She said she is worried about her kids. She asked what these companies are doing for their employees and wants to know how this will affect her family.

Mayor Kovarik

Mayor Kovarik said the entire Village Board is just as concerned as everyone that spoke tonight. She said we all live here. She said the Village is actively engaged with several different agencies and legislators regarding the situation. She said there is a lot to be sorted out. She continued to say the Lake County Health Department is putting out good information on this subject. She said currently we are in the process of gathering all the information and appreciates everyone that came to the meeting and voiced their concerns. She said the Village will continue to update the Village website with any new and additional information.

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: 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 October 22, 2018 Village Board meetings.
2. Approval of Engineering Division's recommendation to award sanitary sewer cured-in-place-pipe service contract to Hoerr Construction, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 (Municipal Partnering Joint Bid Consortium contract).
3. Approval of Police Department's request to renew annual maintenance support for the Police Department Records Management System with Public Safety Systems, Inc. (PSSI) at a cost of \$21,210.46.
4. Approval of Payroll for period ending October 26, 2018 in the amount of \$1,030,517.81.
5. Approval of Bills for the period ending November 12, 2018 in the amount of \$1,194,484.30.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner 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. Approval of a Proclamation designating November as "National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of a Proclamation designating November as "National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

2. Approval of a Proclamation designating November 15, 2018 as "American Enterprise Day" in the Village of Gurnee.

Warren Township students Matt and Patrick briefly spoke about the American Enterprise Day.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Balmes to approve of a Proclamation designating November 15, 2018 as "American Enterprise Day" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

E. REPORTS

None.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment policies with new carrier The Standard for a 24-month period beginning January 1, 2019.

Human Resources Director Palmieri said MetLife has provided the Village's life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) policy for the past 5 years. With this year's renewal, a 10% increase was provided. Wright Benefit Strategies went to market for the Village and received two proposals from Fort Dearborn and The Standard. The Village has had coverage by both of these companies in the past. The Fort Dearborn proposal was not competitive in pricing and was not considered. The Standard offered

a slight decrease over the current MetLife if no supplemental life was offered and a significant reduction if supplemental life was offered. The Village currently offers a supplemental life plan and it is recommended this continue and the Village accept The Standard's proposal with the supplemental life insurance offered.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment policies with new carrier The Standard for a 24-month period beginning January 1, 2019.

Roll call,

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

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

2. Approval of the 2019 Village Board meeting schedule.

Mr. Muetz said the 2019 Village Board meeting schedule strives to maintain regular business meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and Committee of the Whole Meetings on the 4th Mondays while taking into account major holidays and observances. A few items worth noting for 2019:

- January - With New Year's Day and MLK Day (in the middle of the month) meetings are pushed to January 7th and January 28th. There will be no Committee meeting in January.
- May - May only has three Monday's available with Memorial Day, so no Committee of the Whole is scheduled this month.
- September - With Labor Day meetings for September will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of the 2019 Village Board meeting schedule.

Roll call,

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

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Wexler
2460 Downing Cir
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Wexler asked what carrier the Village life insurance switched to.

Mayor Kovarik

Mayor Kovarik said "The Standard."

Mr. Wexler said asked if the Village has been in contact with the surrounding communities regarding ethylene oxide.

Mayor Kovarik said the Village of working with the Lake County Health Department.

Mr. Wexler asked if additional information will be on the Village website.

Mayor Kovarik said yes, at this time the plan is to update the Village website.

Trustee Garner

Trustee Garner said he is of the opinion that everybody knows what's going on and that Vantage and Sterigenics know more than all us know. He said the Illinois EPA and the US EPA also know. He said he sees a lot of finger pointing going. He said he would like to know when they knew and who decided not to tell us. He continue to say we need to find out quickly what is going on. He said we don't need to finger point anymore and need to solve the problem.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

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

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**