

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

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; Chris Velkover, Information Systems Director; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Interim Police Chief; Jesse Gonzalez, Deputy Police Chief; Tracy Velkover, Planning Manager; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director, Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kovarik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kovarik said Trustee Thorstenson is absent due to a family emergency and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Mayor Kovarik thanked Village staff for their phenomenal job during the recent cold snap.

Mayor Kovarik asked for a motion to suspend Public Comment until the end of the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Balmes to suspend Public Comment.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson
Motion Carried.

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

C. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE

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

1. Approval of minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting.
2. Approval of a Resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (2019 Motor Fuel Tax Program).
3. Approval of request for Assistant to the Finance Director Erica Wells to attend the Tyler Connect 2019 Annual Conference in Dallas, TX from April 7 – 10, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$2,590.00.
4. Approval of Bills for the period ending February 4, 2019 in the amount of \$118,692.46.

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

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Carried.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Acceptance of Richard McFarlane's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Kovarik read plaque and thanked Mr. McFarlane for his service. Mr. McFarlane was not in attendance.

2. Approval of Mayor Kovarik's recommended appointment of Laura Reilly to the Planning and Zoning Board – Appointment ending 4/30/19 (vacancy created by Richard McFarlane's resignation).

Mayor Kovarik introduced Ms. Reilly to the Board and she briefly spoke.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of Mayor Kovarik's recommended appointment of Laura Reilly to the Planning and Zoning Board – Appointment ending 4/30/19 (vacancy created by Richard McFarlane's resignation).

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Mayor Kovarik's recommended appointment of Heather Galan to Village Engineer.

Mayor Kovarik introduced Ms. Galan to the Board.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Mayor Kovarik's recommended appointment of Heather Galan to Village Engineer.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of a Proclamation designating February 3 – 9, 2018 as Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) Week in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Kovarik read into record.

Julia Paukert and Krista Zimmer, Warren Township High School FBLA representatives, read a prepared statement regarding America-Phi Beta Lambda week and the upcoming activities.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of a Proclamation designating February 3 – 9, 2018 as Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) Week 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. 2019 - 07 granting a variation pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance to allow a shed to encroach into the required 3-foot interior side yard setback and to be separated from the principal structure by less than 5 feet for property located at 2195 Spruce Pointe Drive.

Mr. Muetz said the residents at 2195 Spruce Pointe installed a 10' wide by 16' deep shed without a permit. The shed was discovered by a Building Inspector during an inspection in the area. The residents have previously secured permits for other work on the property. The Zoning Ordinance requires shed be 5 feet from the principal structure and setback 3' from the interior side yard. This shed is less than a foot from the home and about one foot from the interior side yard. Following testimony from the resident, the Planning & Zoning Board is forwarding a unanimous unfavorable recommendation. The PZB determined that the petition does not meet the standards for a variance.

Mayor Kovarik asked if the Petitioner would like to speak.

Petitioner briefly spoke to the Board stating that he runs a Lock Smith business and the shed is where he stores products needed for his business. He said it is close to the house so he can respond to his customers in a timely fashion.

Mayor Kovarik asked if the shed has electricity.

Petitioner responded yes it does.

Trustee Hood said that the Board generally follows what the Planning & Zoning Board recommends.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of Ord. 2019 - 07 granting a variation pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance to allow a shed to encroach into the required 3-foot interior side yard setback and to be separated from the principal structure by less than 5 feet for property located at 2195 Spruce Pointe Drive.

Roll call,

AYE: 1- Jacobs
NAY: 4- Hood, Ross, Garner, Balmes
ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Failed.

2. Approval of Ord. 2019 -08 authorizing the execution of a contract with Joel Kennedy Constructing Corporation for the Hunt Club Road Watermain Extension.

Mr. Muetz said included in the FY 18/19 Approved Budget is the replacement of deteriorated watermain, as well as new watermain installation, along Hunt Club Road. The project extends from Wentworth Drive north to Wildflower Lane and includes approximately 2,300 feet of watermain and related appurtenances. It also includes the installation of sidewalk in the area. On January 24th the Engineering Division opened at total of eight bids for the project. The bids ranged from \$520,835 to \$838,900. Joel Kennedy Construction was the low-bidder. The Village has worked with Joel Kennedy before and has been happy with the results. In addition, Joel Kennedy has performed a major portion of the CLCJAWA expansion project. CLCJAWA has reported satisfaction with the work performed. As such, staff is recommending the project be awarded to Joel Kennedy. Replacing this stretch of watermain will address frequent break issues.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of Ord. 2019 - 08 authorizing the execution of a contract with Joel Kennedy Constructing Corporation for the Hunt Club Road Watermain Extension.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Police Department Door Management System Upgrade Project at a cost not to exceed \$108,705.80.

Mr. Muetz said the FY 18/19 Approved Budget includes funding to update the door management system at the Police Department. The system is original to the building. It allows constant real-time monitoring and control for building doors including detention cells. Through the 911 Center expansion it was discovered that the hardware and software for the current system has been discontinued. This has prohibited the Village from adding additional door control and monitoring where needed. While the Department can continue to use all the wiring, keypads and sensors, the software, servers, switches, program logic controllers and associated parts are in need of replacement. Mr. Muetz also stated the current system also requires on-site support which involves sending a technician from Indianapolis at a minimum charge of \$1,000 per trip. The upgrade will allow our vendor to troubleshoot items remotely therefore saving this travel expense.

Mr. Muetz said since learning the current technology is obsolete staff from the Police Department and Information Systems Division has been working with Stanley Security and JJ Henderson to formulate a plan for upgrading and expanding the system. This effort involves multiple vendors. In the end, it will result in an updated system that included additional doors that require monitoring and control. The total cost of the project is \$108,705.80. This includes \$5,000 in contingency funding that staff is hopeful will not need to be utilized.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Police Department Door Management System Upgrade Project at a cost not to exceed \$108,705.80.

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Hood, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 1- Thorstenson

Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Elizabeth Thies
3435 County Club
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Thies read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. She stated she believes the IEPA and EPA has failed the residents and that the legislation introduced by State Senator Bush is not enough. She continued to state any plants using ethylene oxide, which she now realizes is in many consumer products, should not be located in urban areas. Ms. Thies provided some information on the history of the company according to her research. She concluded by stating Willowbrook has a bad reputation and she is concerned Gurnee will end up with this same reputation.

**Pam Knobbe
535 Cross Rd
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Knobbe stated she is a two time cancer survivor. She stated her cancer would not be tracked locally as her treatment did not occur in this area. She stated it has been a very difficult journey that she would not wish upon anyone.

**Teuta Tanaka
17599 W. Dartmoor
Grayslake, IL**

Ms. Tanaka stated she is a scientist. She stated she saw the CBS 2 report and provided a summary of that report. She stated she feels the EPA has failed Lake County. Ms. Tanaka requested independent testing by an outside laboratory. She concluded by offering to assist in any way she can.

**Alvia Moid
7612 Cascade Way
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Moid read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. She stated she is a physician who believes people will make decisions on where they live based on ethylene oxide. She concluded by stating she is most concerned for younger members of the community.

**Jolanta Pomiotlo
4487 Sheffield Ct
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Pomiotlo read a prepared statement concerning ethylene oxide highlighting a planned community open house that took place, the Village's presentation on January 28, 2019, progress at the State level and her desire for the Village to support state legislation if it is introduced.

**Shannon Meehan
7531 Cascade Way
Gurnee, IL**

Ms. Meehan stated independent third party testing must be done. She stated in her opinion any testing conducted by the company cannot be trusted.

Iris Tanaka
17599 W. Dartmoor
Grayslake, IL

Miss Tanaka requested the Village conduct testing related to ethylene oxide.

Eric Sindermann
5011 Prairie Oak Rd
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Sindermann stated he submitted a FOIA request to the Gurnee Police Department and it was denied. He stated he has submitted another FOIA request and is concerned the Police Department will not honor it. He then provided the Village Board a copy of a request and the response from the Police.

Ryan Horath
4487 Sheffield Ct
Gurnee, IL

Mayor Kovarik stated before Mr. Horath spoke she wanted the record to reflect that Mr. Horath has stated to her he does have a legal degree, and does not have an active legal license. She continued to state Mr. Horath has not practiced or litigated municipal law.

Mr. Horath read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. He stated a recent CBS 2 report on Willowbrook did not come as a surprise to him. He then provided his perspective and reaction to the presentations by Fire Chief Kavanagh, State Senator Melinda Bush, Lake County Health Department representative Larry Mackey and Village Attorney Bryan Winter. He continued to say while he believes action at the State level is the best course of action, while not needed now, he personally believes local level action and legislation needs to remain an option.

Mayor Kovarik requested the record reflect the map that Mr. Horath referred to is based on modeling and is a tool for agencies to use to focus priorities and resources on areas they may wish to study further to better understand possible risks to public health.

Maryam Sellami
14545 S. Somerset
Green Oaks, IL

Miss Sellami stated everyone has a right to clean air.

Syed Karim
7612 Cascade Way
Gurnee, IL

Mr. Karim stated that independent air testing is needed and that testing conducted by the company will not satisfy resident.

Closing Comments

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 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk