

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
MAY 3, 2021**

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; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Heather Galan, Acting Public Works Director/Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Chris Velkover, Information Systems Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator

Roll Call

PRESENT: 6-Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson, Ross
ABSENT: 0- None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kovarik's grandchildren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. TRANSITION BUSINESS

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2021 and April 26, 2021 Village Board Meetings.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of the minutes from the April 19, 2021 and April 26, 2021 Village Board Meetings.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Payroll for period ending April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$828,064.31.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Balmes to approve of Payroll for period ending April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$828,064.31.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Bills for the period ending May 3, 2021 in the amount of \$332,420.18.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of Bills for the period ending May 3, 2021 in the amount of \$332,420.18.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson, Ross
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

4. Statement from Mayor Kovarik.

5. Administration of the Oath of Office for newly elected official by Chief Judge Diane E. Winter.

Chief Judge Winter administrated the Oath of Office for:

- Clerk Harris
- Trustees Balmes, Thorstenson and Woodside
- Mayor Hood

Mayor Hood thanked Mayor Kovarik, his family and the community for the support they have shown. He also thanked the Village Board for its support, stating he is honored to be part of a board that works well together. He concluded by stating he appreciates the dedication of Village staff to the community.

6. Blessing by Pastor Chris Stephens and Gary Miller.
7. Roll Call of newly seated Board by Village Clerk Harris.

PRESENT: 6- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside
ABSENT: 0-None

8. Approval of Res. 2021 - 07 honoring Kristina M. Kovarik.

Mayor Hood read the resolution into the record. Following that, Clerk Harris presented Mayor Kovarik a framed copy of the resolution.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Res. 2021 - 07 honoring Kristina M. Kovarik.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

C. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE

Mayor Hood read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:

1. Approval of authorizing Fire Chief to issue a fireworks permit for a Warren Township High School event.

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- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Approval of Proclamation designating May 2021 as "Building Safety Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Hood summarized and briefly discussed the importance of building safety in the community.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of a Proclamation designating May 2021 as "Building Safety Month" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Proclamation designating May 9 - 15, 2021 as "National Police Week" in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Hood summarized and briefly discussed the importance of Police services and public safety in the Village.

It was moved by Trustee Woodside, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of a Proclamation designating May 9 - 15, 2021 as "National Police Week" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

- 3. Approval of Proclamation designating May 16 - 22, 2021 as "National Public Works Week" in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Hood summarized and briefly discussed the importance of Public Works and the services it provides to the Village.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of a Proclamation designating May 16 - 22, 2021 as "National Public Works 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. 2021 - 31 approving the appointment of the Director and Alternate Director as representatives to the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency.

Administrator Muetz said the Village receives water through its membership in the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA). As a member, the Village is required to appoint a Director and Alternate Director to sit on the Board of Directors. These positions are 2 years terms that expired on April 30th. The Mayor of each community typically serves as the Director. Trustee Balmes has served as the Alternate Director for 15 years and based on her past experience and willingness to continue to serve, Mayor Hood is recommending her reappointment. Administrator Muetz stated he also participates in the Agency by sitting on the Executive Committee, which reviews material and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Ord. 2021 - 31 approving the appointment of the Director and Alternate Director as representatives to the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

- 2. Approval of Ord. 2021 - 32 amending the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois.

Administrator Muetz said the Village of Gurnee is a member of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. He stated he serves as the Village's appointed Director and sits on the Executive Board, while Assistant to the Administrator Linehan is our Alternate Director and represents the Village at Full Board meetings. On April 15th the SWALCO Board approved amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement the Agency has with each of its 44 members. The amendment adds another option for members to consider as it relates to the Alternate Director position. Previously a past mayor or village president did not qualify to serve as an alternate. This change allows smaller community members that may have limited staff the ability to appoint a previously participating Mayor to continue to so long as the member's elected board approves the appointment. Both the SWALCO Executive Board and Full Board approved the amendment.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Approval of Ord. 2021 - 32 amending the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside

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 Hood adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**