

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL  
AUGUST 8, 2022**

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**Call to Order**

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

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**Other Officials in Attendance**

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Heather Galan, Public Works Director; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Nick Leach, Village Engineer; Molly Jones, Communications Supervisor; Jodi Luka, Management Analyst; David Douglass, Battalion Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Jeremy Gaughan, Police Commander; Jesse Gonzalez, Deputy Police Chief

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**Roll Call**

**PRESENT: 5- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Ross**  
**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hood congratulated Trustee Woodside on becoming a grandfather over the weekend.

Mayor Hood also congratulated Administrator Muetz and Clerk Harris on winning the Exchange Club's rib eating contest.

Trustee Balmes wanted to commend Trustee Ross for all her effort regarding the success of the Gurnee Days Honoree dinner.

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**A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 5- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Ross**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

**Motion Carried.**

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**B. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE**

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

1. Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting.
2. Approval of Engineering Division recommendation to award the Knowles Road to Rollins Road Pedestrian Path Project to the low bidder, Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. at a cost of \$190,000.00.
3. Approval of Payroll for period ending July 29, 2022 in the amount of \$971,211.94.
4. Approval of Bills for the period ending August 8, 2022 in the amount of \$3,250,646.41.

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

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 5- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Ross**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

**Motion Carried.**

**C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Recognition of Gurnee Fraternal Order of Police Social Lodge 266 by Lake County Honor Flight.

Lake County Honor Flight President John Passanante recognized the hard work and dedication the Gurnee FOP Social Lodge. He stated the manpower and financial donations from the Social Lodge help support its mission. Police Sergeant and Social Lodge President Jason Kalinowski stated it has been a pleasure to work with Honor Flight and get veterans to Washington DC.

2. Introduction and recognition of the 2022 Gurnee Queens:
  - Miss Gurnee Emily Hetman
  - Junior Miss Gurnee Natalya Alvarez
  - Little Miss Gurnee Ana Schuessler (Absent)

Mayor Hood greeted each Queen and presented them with a gift. He asked each Queen to introduce themselves. They each spoke briefly and then presented Mayor Hood with a portrait of the three Queens to be displayed in Village Hall.

**D. REPORTS**

None.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Ord. 2022 – 46 granting a Final PUD Plan approval pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for property located east of Milwaukee Avenue and north of I-94 (south of the Woodlake Apartment complex).

Administrator Muetz said Items #1 and #2 under New Business are related and will be summarized together. He stated on May 16th the Village Board approved the rezoning and preliminary PUD plan for property located south of Woodlake Apartments. AR Building Company is planning to build three 4-story apartment buildings, each with 51 units. Following preliminary PUD plan approval, final PUD plans are submitted and reviewed by staff to determine conformance with the preliminary plans. Planning staff reviewed the Final PUD Plans and found that they are in substantial conformance with the approved Preliminary PUD Plans. The main difference is that the Final Plans eliminate the need to utilize existing trees along Rt.21 to meet the roadway buffer tree planting requirement, as 33 additional canopy trees have been added to this buffer yard. Overall, the Final PUD Plan provides 82 additional canopy trees. This is an improvement compared to the preliminary plan. As it relates to Item #2 under New Business, Administrator Muetz stated the developer still has over 200 replacement trees that can't physically be accommodated on the site and is therefore requesting to pay a fee-in-lieu of installation (next item on the agenda). Based on the number and size that cannot be placed onsite, the fee is \$118,800.00.

Trusee Thorstenson asked, for walkability purposes, if AR will be connecting their sidewalks to the existing sidewalks in the area. A representative Manhard Consulting said yes.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Ord. 2022 – 46 granting a Final PUD Plan approval pursuant to the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance for property located east of Milwaukee Avenue and north of I-94 (south of the Woodlake Apartment complex).

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 5- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Ross**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

**Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of request from AR Building Company to pay fee-in-lieu of in the amount of \$118,800.00 for 225 replacement trees at property located east of Milwaukee Avenue and north of I-94 (south of the Woodlake Apartment Complex).

Summarized under New Business Item #1.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of request from AR Building Company to pay fee-in-lieu of in the amount of \$118,800.00 for 225 replacement trees at property located east of Milwaukee Avenue and north of I-94 (south of the Woodlake Apartment Complex).

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 5- Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Ross**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

**Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of 2022 Trick or Treating hours – Sunday, October 30th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Mayor Hood said annually the Village sets Trick or Treat hours. The recommendation is for this to take place on Sunday, October 30th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Trustee Balmes said Trick or Treating should be held on Halloween.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of 2022 Trick or Treating hours – Sunday, October 30th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 4 - Garner, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Ross**

**NAY: 1- Balmes**

**ABSENT: 1- Woodside**

**Motion Carried.**

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**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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**Closing Comments**

None.

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**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 7:16 p.m.

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**Andrew Harris,  
Village Clerk**