

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 2011.

President Mulder called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The Village Clerk called the roll with President Mulder and the following Trustees answering: Glasgow, Breyer, Scaletta, Blackwood, Farwell, Sidor and Hayes. Trustee Rosenberg was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Bill Dixon, Assistant to the Village Manager Diana Mikula, Village Attorney Robin Ward, Finance Director Tom Kuehne, Chief of Police Gerald Mourning and Village Clerk Becky Hume.

MINUTES

Trustee Glasgow moved approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2011. Trustee Sidor seconded the motion. Trustees Hayes and Farwell passed. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Blackwood moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of December 5, 2011. Trustee Farwell seconded the motion. Trustee Hayes passed. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the Warrant Register dated 12/15/2011 in the amount of \$1,083,892.70. Trustee Farwell seconded the motion.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dawn Hedrick of 744 W. Happfield Dr. thanked the residents of Arlington Heights for their overwhelming support after the death of her son-in-law LCPL James B. Stack. She has organized a collection drive in support of the Marines in the Helmand Province/Afghanistan. Ms. Hedrick may be contacted at helpthemarines@gmail.com. The following items are being collected until January 15:

- Hand and foot warmers
- Toiletry items (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, lip balm, eye drops, hand sanitizers)
- Entertainment (DVD's magazines, books, batteries)

- Clothing (black heavy duty socks, hats, gloves)
- Letters or drawings of support

Drop off locations are:

- American Legion Post 208, 121 N. Douglas Ave.
- Arlington Theatres, 53 S. Evergreen Ave.
- Glueckert Funeral Home, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
- Mariano's Fresh Market, 802 E. Northwest Hwy.
- The Peoples' Bank, 1104 S. Arlington Heights Rd.

Panorea Bakutis of Robert Morris University in Arlington Heights, 2123 S. Goebbert Rd., said that the University is hosting a movie premier on January 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. The movie *Go Back and Be Happy* is based on the book written by alum Julie Papievis and she will be on hand to sign copies of her book at the premier. Ms. Bakutis also reminded Arlington Heights residents that they are eligible for a grant which reduces tuition to \$5,000 per academic year at Robert Morris University.

Joe Arndt of 1202 S. Patton Ave. stated that he has an issue with the sidewalk slabs with detectable warning plates that were installed in the summer of 2011. He said there are many plates with cement paste left on them, the plates do not have a protective coating and they look very bad. Mr. Arndt said that the workmanship was sloppy and that the Village deserved better. He said that there are also too many slabs marked for removal in the Surry Ridge West neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting December 12, 2011.

Trustee Scaletta moved, as he did at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of December 12, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the Village Board:

1. The Village recognize treatments as a viable approach to combating Emerald Ash Borer
2. The Village facilitate a People's Choice program whereby residents treat their own parkway ash trees at their own expense
3. The Village remove any dead or dying parkway ash trees if deemed hazardous by the Village Forester regardless of treatment status
4. The Village identify a funding source or sources to provide the necessary funds over the next several years to address the increased removal volume
5. The Village identify a feasible Village-sponsored replacement strategy to be formulated in the near future
6. The Village notify the Arlington Heights Park District, local school districts within the Village's corporate limits, the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, and other

effected governmental bodies of the Village's approach to the Emerald Ash Borer challenge.

Trustee Breyer seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom McDonnell of 1307 W. Cedar Lane and President of the Surrey Ridge West Civic Association encouraged the Board to include a cost sharing program in response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Mr. McDonnell said that when Dutch elm disease came through, all the Village's elm trees were replaced. He said residents today would like financial assistance. Mr. McDonnell said that Elk Grove had been setting aside money for 4 years in anticipation of the EAB infestation. He asked the Board to look into using reserved monies.

Mr. Bill Greaney of 2503 S. Embers Lane asked for the Village to incentivize residents in order to encourage them to treat their trees. Mr. Greaney said that he understands the Village does not have extra funds to cut the trees down or treat them but, he said, most residents won't do anything about the EAB without incentive. He said that most residents do not even know if they have ash trees or not. He asked for the Board to look for government funding or tax breaks for replacement and treatment of trees.

Ms. Patti Mora of 2427 S. Embers Lane said that the residents understand that the trees will die without treatment. She said each resident operates on a budget just as the Village does. She said that if the burden of treating the trees is passed to the residents, it is a foregone conclusion that the Village will have to spend money it does not have cutting trees down. She said that tree removal is a safety issue and that it will cost a lot of money to take all the ash trees down. She asked for help in educating the community. She said she would like the residents and the Village to work collaboratively on a solution to the EAB problem. She requested that the Board vote on a cost sharing program.

Mr. Keith Mulford of 1303 Camelot Ct. said that he has 4 ash trees on his lot. He asked the Village to promote the Citizen's Choice program. He said that every tree treated defers or saves the Village money in take down and/or replacement costs. He said that small token incentives increase participation. He asked the Village to consider a 1 for 1 replacement program if at all possible as a blotched canopy of trees will hurt the entire Village.

Mr. Seth Eisner of 3258 N. Windsor Dr. said that the Illinois Arborists Association website lists companies that treat EAB. He said that if the Village can scratch up some money for treatment; it should consider a system which favors treating the larger diameter trees first as they are more costly to treat. He said that this would keep the most aesthetically pleasing trees safe and would reduce take down costs as larger trees are also more costly to take down. He said this approach would be the most cost effective in the long run.

President Mulder thanked the speakers for their insights and information.

Mr. Dixon said that everything mentioned with the exception of the cost

sharing concept was embodied in the motion before the Board. He said the Village is committed to a replacement strategy and is working on funding sources. He said that there was a three hour meeting on December 12th at which the EAB issue was discussed. **Trustee Hayes** noted that the motion creates an active role for staff in education and support of the EAB situation even though it does not include cost sharing. **President Mulder** said the reason the Board meeting was televised was to bring more attention to the Emerald Ash Borer issue.

Trustee Scaletta said that a map was available at vah.com under the Public Works Department which shows by address where ash trees were in the Village. He said that he would like to go through the budget process in March before committing funds to cost sharing.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 The Motion Carried.

President Mulder said that trees were very important to the Village. She said the Board understands residents' personal budgeting constraints and in acknowledgement of that, the Board passed a tax levy with a 0% increase. She said that the Board will look at what it can do through the March budgeting process.

B. Report of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of December 19, 2011.

Trustee Glasgow moved, as he did at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, to concur in the Mayor's appointment John Casey to the Housing Commission with a term ending April 30, 2013. Trustee Farwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Scaletta moved, as he did at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Ted Eckhardt to the Design Commission with a term ending April 30, 2013. Trustee Breyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Farwell moved, as he did at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Jim Tinaglia to the Design Commission with a term ending April 30, 2014. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Mulder administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Casey, Mr. Eckhardt and Mr. Tinaglia.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF BIDS

1. FIBERGLASS TRAINS FOR "TRAINS ON TRACK" PROGRAM

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COWPAINTERS, LLC OF CHICAGO, IL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,500. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$41,000 TO INCREASE THE EXPENSE ACCOUNT LINE ITEM, 515-1018-525-4055, PROJECT AE1201, FROM \$35,000 TO \$76,000. THE EXPENDITURE OF \$19,500 AND THE INCREASE IN THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET IS BEING FINANCED FROM THE REVENUES IN 515-0000-48170-00, WHICH WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PROCEEDS ACCUMULATED FROM BUSINESS DONATIONS COLLECTED, AS WELL AS THE SALE OF THE CALENDARS, BANNERS AND DONATIONS.

REVENUES RECEIVED	\$76,000
RETURN OF VILLAGE'S MONEY	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES	\$41,000

2. TWO TYPE 1 MEDTEC AMBULANCES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AWARD THE BID TO MEDTEC AMBULANCE CORP., BRADENTON, FL AND ITS DEALER, FOSTER COACH SALES, STERLING, IL FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW MEDTEC TYPE 1 ADDITIONAL DUTY AMBULANCES AT A COST OF \$212,871 EACH WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$425,742. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE PRE-PAYMENT OPTION AND TRADE-IN OF TWO 2006 MEDTEC AMBULANCES FOR A COST SAVINGS OF \$32,956 WHICH WILL REDUCE THE FINAL COST TO \$392,786.

B. LEGAL - ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. ORDINANCE 11-058 AMENDING SPECIAL USE PERMIT ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-042 AND GRANTING A VARIATION FROM CHAPTER 28 OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE

(St. Viator High School, 1213 E. Oakton Street, elevator addition)

2. ORDINANCE 11-059 AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE

(Making available Class 'B' [LaRoca Tapas, Inc., d/b/a LaRoca Tapas Restaurant, 6 S. Dunton] "T" and "B" [King Liquor & Cigar, Inc., d/b/a King Liquor & Cigar 807B Rand Road] liquor licenses; surrender of a Class "BB" [Grand Cru Wine Merchants, 1826 N. Arlington Heights Road] liquor license)

3. ORDINANCE 11-060 AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE

(Section 16-501, Dangerous Animals)

Trustee Glasgow moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Farwell seconded the motion. Trustee Farwell passed on legal A., 1.
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 The motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Mulder extended best wishes for the Holiday season to the residents of Arlington Heights.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

Mr. Dixon summarized 2011 stating that it was quite a challenging year for Arlington Heights and its government. The Village experienced a major blizzard in February, a rainstorm with flooding and significant loss in July and is now preparing to face the New Year with Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Dixon thanked the Board for their policy leadership through a very challenging year. He thanked the Staff for its efforts and the residents and businesses for their participation, cooperation and support.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Farwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Rebecca Hume, Village Clerk