



# Village of Fox River Grove

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich, and Village Clerk Caesar. Trustee Schladt was absent.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Phillips – 510 Opatrny – Ms. Phillips expressed to the Board ideas regarding the preservation and revitalization of the downtown area. President McLaughlin acknowledged Ms. Phillips suggestions and stated that staff is actively working on the redevelopment of the downtown area.

Mr. Nedelcu - Civil servant from the office of State Representative Martin McLaughlin, serving the 52<sup>nd</sup> district. Mr. Nedelcu announced the availability of a full time district office director at 28662 W. Northwest Highway, Suite A, Lake Barrington, IL 60010, who is available to assist with finding solutions to problems with state agencies and departments.

Carrie Quinn – 106 Northwest Hwy – Ms. Quinn addressed the board with the question of redevelopment near her place of business on Northwest Hwy. Ms. Quinn stated her interest in expanding her quilting shop and does not want to invest a lot if there are plans for development at her business location. Per the direction of the Village President, Administrator Soderholm will schedule a meeting to discuss her concerns.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Village President McLaughlin stated he is looking forward to the Fireworks this weekend and hopes to see everyone at the outdoor celebration.

Trustee Wall acknowledged the excellent execution of the Parks fundraiser and congratulated the commission on the success of the event.

### **SWEARING IN: OFFICER SERGIO ZUNIGA**

Chief Waitrovich administered the swearing in of Officer Sergio Zuniga. Zuniga just completed week two of his twenty-two week academy training and is doing well.

## **1. APPROVAL: CONSENT AGENDA**

Village President Marc McLaughlin

Trustees Jennifer Curtiss / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Sheri Sepeczi / Patrick Wall

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2021
- B. Accounts Payable – June 15, 2021 & July 6, 2021
- C. Treasurer’s Report – April 2021 & May 2021
- D. Ordinance 2021-14, Surplus Property
- E. Ordinance 2021-15, Sewer Line Repairs
- F. Raffle Fee, Temporary Liquor License Fee & Fidelity Bond Requirement Waiver for Fox River Grove Fire Protection District – August 14, 2021
- G. Redevelopment Agreement – Grove Residences, LLC

**Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve consent agenda items A through G, Trustee Curtiss seconded.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**2. APPROVAL: APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE, VESELA NIKAY; POLICE PENSION BOARD, ANTHONY COLLETTI**

**Trustee Wall made a motion to approve appointments, Special Events Committee, Vesela Nikay and Police Pension Board, Anthony Colletti. Trustee Curtiss seconded.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**3. APPROVAL: FAÇADE GRANT AGREEMENT, LOKKE ENTERPRISES**

**Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve the authorization for Administrator Soderholm to enter into a façade grant agreement for Lokke Enterprises, Trustee Curtiss seconded.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**4. DISCUSSION: ZONING CASE #2021-05, 721 OLD HUNT ROAD – VARIANCE – METAL FENCE IN SIDE YARD ADJOINING STREET**

Administrator Soderholm stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended the approval of the metal fence in the side yard adjoining a street with a minimum three (3) foot setback from the sidewalk. Trustee Curtiss expressed her view that the metal fence looks nicer than split rail fences and was in favor of the variance. There was no other opposition from the Board. **Village President McLaughlin made a motion to recommend approval to the Village Board, zoning case 2021-05 as presented. Trustee Curtiss seconded.** A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**5. DISCUSSION: ZONING CASE 2021-07, 412 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY – SPECIAL USE, OUTDOOR SEATING & SERVING AREAS**

Administrator Soderholm stated that the Planning & Zoning Board passed case 2021-07 unanimously with two exceptions. Discussion developed regarding the outdoor operating hours. Trustee Wall was in favor of approving the same special use permit conditions that were written for the previous owner of the establishment. Wall did not agree with restricting the new business owners hours due to the previous owners lack of compliance. Trustee Knar voiced his feelings that the Village must ensure neighboring homes are not affected negatively during the businesses operating hours. Business owners Nikunj Patel and Himansu Patel were present to answer questions of the Board. Both Nikunj and Himansu, agreed that they intend do everything possible to ensure there are no complaints filed against their establishment. **Village President McLaughlin made a motion to recommend approval to the Village Board, zoning case**

**2021-07 as presented. Trustee Migdal seconded.** A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**6. DISCUSSION: REQUEST FOR SERVICE SYSTEM AND WEBSITE REDESIGN**

Assistant to the Administrator Bechler reviewed a list of complications staff has identified with the Village’s current website. The issues are primarily due to the website being outdated. Bechler stated that the Village has had the current website for eight (8) years. A discussion was held regarding the benefits a new Website and service system redesign would provide. The consensus of the board was that it was time and necessary to proceed with an upgrade. **Village President McLaughlin made a motion to recommend approval for staff to proceed with a new request for service system and website redesign for an estimated cost of \$12,500. Trustee Wall seconded.** A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:25 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Imminent Litigation and Land Aquisition. Seconded by Trustee Curtiss.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall.

**President McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sepeczi.** A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Sepeczi, and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

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Marc McLaughlin, Village President

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Shelley Caesar, Village Clerk