



# Village of Fox River Grove

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

### **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, and Schladt. Trustee's Sepeczi and Wall were absent. Also, present were Administrator Soderholm, Assistant Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich, and Clerk Caesar.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

President McLaughlin announced that the first annual Makers Market is scheduled for this Saturday. The event will be held at Stanger Park near Algonquin Road School.

### **1. APPROVAL: CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL VIA ONE VOTE FOR ALL**

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2022
- B. Accounts Payable – September 6, 2022
- C. Treasurer's Report – July 2022
- D. Raffle Fee & Fidelity Bond Requirement Waiver for Fox River Grove PTO
- E. Temporary Liquor License Fee, Raffle Fee & Fidelity Bond Requirement Waiver for Fox River Grove Fire District Turkey Raffle

**Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve consent agenda items A – E. Trustee Curtiss seconded.** Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Schladt —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

### **2. APPROVAL: ORDINANCE 2022-10, 1005 ALGONQUIN ROAD – VARIANCE TO ALLOW DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WITHIN TWENTY-EIGHT (28) FEET OF THE FRONT LOT LINE.**

Administrator Soderholm explained that initially the petitioner had requested a variance to allow a detached accessory structure within ten (10) feet of the front lot line. The Village Board granted forty (40) feet. The petitioner opted to hire a private land surveyor, which resulted in his current request for a variance from the forty (40) feet to twenty-eight (28) feet. A discussion and review of the new plat of survey was held. **Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10, 1005 Algonquin Road, with an amendment to allow a detached accessory structure within thirty-five (35) feet of the front lot line. Trustee Schladt seconded.** Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

**Village President** Marc McLaughlin

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

**3. APPROVAL: AWARD OF BID, SCREW PUMP BEARING ASSEMBLIES, GEARBOXES & MOTORS, KENO & SONS.** Administrator Soderholm stated that Keno & Son's total bid came in at \$146,000, which included an alternate of \$32,400 to replace the lower bearing assemblies as part of the project. Administrator Soderholm stated that the current bearings are over twenty-five years old and replacing the lower bearing assemblies at this time would be beneficial to future reliability. Administrator Soderholm stated the \$146,000 bid was higher than anticipated, primarily due to inflation. **Trustee Curtiss made a motion to approve the authorization for Administrator Soderholm to enter into a contract with Keno & Sons for the replacement of the upper and lower bearing assemblies, gearboxes, and motors on the screw pumps at the wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Knar seconded.** Roll Call: Trustee Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, Schladt, and President McLaughlin —all "yes." MOTION PASSED.

**4. DISCUSSION: DIGITAL SIGN CONVERSION AGREEMENT – CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR**

Administrator Soderholm stated that Clear Channel's initial digital sign conversion proposal was presented to the Board in February of 2020. The project was delayed due to COVID -19 and other economic factors. Clear Channel has expressed their continued interest in seeking the Board's approval to allow one double sided digital billboard located on the property of River Inn Motel, located at 1000 Northwest Highway, in exchange for the removal of all other billboards as their leases expire. Mr. Scott Hannion, with Clear Channel was present to answer any questions proposed by the Board. A discussion was held.

Trustee Knar feels the presence of the digital sign, will hinder the future development of the motel property to it is fullest potential for the entire 30 year contract duration. Knar inquired as to how much rent would be paid annually to the property owner, emphasizing that the Village would not receive any proceeds at all.

Administrator Soderholm stated that the longest lease expiration date goes through October 2026. Mr. Hannion stated the sign would be 10 X 6 X 36 feet in size, the illumination would be auto programmed to decrease at night and that the sign would most likely be raised in height from the current billboard. Trustee Migdal asked why San Jose's illuminated billboards are turned off from midnight to 6 a.m. Mr. Hannion stated that was per their agreement with San Jose' and that only 1% of agreements have conditions and none of their Illinois contracts contained restrictions that he could think of. Trustee Schladt said she would be interested in having some conditions.

The recommendation of the Board was to move the Digital Sign Conversion Agreement onto the next agenda for approval. Staff was directed to gather more information pertaining to the height of the current billboard and the proposed height for the new one, location identifiers that relate to the sign removal exhibit A, and brightness guidelines. Administrator Soderholm stated that the sign size, height, and brightness should all be addressed during the required zoning process.

**5. DISCUSSION: PICNIC GROVE PARK INCLUSION IN FABULOUS FOX! WATER TRAIL.**

Administrative Assistant Bechler stated that Fabulous Fox! Water Trail would like to include Picnic Grove Park as an access point on the water trail they are creating and promoting along the Fox River. Participation requirements include a letter of approval and support, and authorization for the group to post signs in the park identifying the location as an official access site to the trail for non-motorized boaters. A discussion was held.

Trustee Knar stated he is not in support of increasing Picnic Grove Park traffic at this time. Trustee Schladt supported Trustee Knars sentiment stating the twenty parking spots in the park are not enough to encourage additional traffic, and that the new bike trail going in will certainly bring more people to the

park. President McLaughlin supported postponing the Picnic Grove Park inclusion until the Board has had more time to plan for the current and future growth.

Trustee Knar requested to have a parks discussion added to a future agenda to discuss ideas he has for next year in the park.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Knar made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:28 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Downtown Redevelopment. Seconded by Trustee Schladt.** Roll Call: Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Schladt – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

Village President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Schladt.

**Trustee Knar made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Curtiss.** A voice vote was taken. Trustees Curtiss, Knar, Migdal, and Schladt– all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.



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Marc McLaughlin, Village President

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Shelley J. Caesar, Village Clerk