

***Village of Holiday Hills Board Meeting Minutes
for March 15, 2023***

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Giles called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Trustees Terri Beaudoin, Jeff Giles, Tammy Gillcrist, Lisa Maier, Cheryl Thompson, Rich Young

Board Members absent: none

Staff Present: Clerk Lesley Tennessen, Chief Jeff Caldwell, Commander Bill Copp

Also present: Village Attorney Jennifer Gibson, Building Inspector Pratt, County Board Member Kelli Wegener

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENTS REPORT (J. GILES)

Recognition for Lou French from Senator Wilcox

Acting President Giles asked Clerk Tennessen to read the proclamation and recognition. This paper work will be forwarded to the family.

Sewer Update

Acting President Giles reported that all underground work is done. Testing is continuing. Nothing can be activated until all testing is complete. There is a minimum of 30 days. Possibility that residents may be able to connect once live in late June or July, 2023.

Storm update

Acting President Giles reported that several large trees fell on the fence on Hyde Park during the night. He received help from one of the neighborhood residents that is skilled in chainsaw operations. This was an emergency. Also, reported on Sunset closure due to downed power lines. ComEd took care of the lines. Several areas of the neighborhood were without power for a considerable times. Nunda is coming in on March 13 to do pickup of all branches. Everything must be at curb/street side in order to be picked up.

Road and restoration update

Trine is fixing the potholes. President Giles talks to Joe Lapastora almost daily on this. Asphalt paving will take place once the 'season' opens up again, late March or early April. Restoration of right of ways will be completed once the season starts. Again, late March/April timeframe.

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CLERK'S REPORT (L. TENNESSEN)

Approve minutes for February 15, 2023 Board Meeting

Clerk Tennesen asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Maier

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Beaudoin, Gillcrist, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT (T. CHESLER)

Treasurer Chesler was not present. President Giles presented this section

Short discussion on why there are several \$0 entries. President Giles said that people had not turned in their hours for payment.

Request to approve warrant dated 03/15/2023

President Giles asked for a motion

Motion: Beaudoin

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT (E. PRATT)

Inspector Pratt reported that no permits for any sewer connections will be issued prior to July, 2023 at the very earliest. A list of approved contractors is being compiled with assistance from Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District.

MAINTENANCE REPORT (D. DZIALO)

County Board member Kelli Wegener discussion on sewer grants

Ms Wegener reported that she attended the meeting on March 14, 2023. The Village was not successful in obtaining any of the money that was being asked for at this time.

However, there was considerable competition from lots of county agencies seeking money at this time. There is another meeting thru the American Rescue Plan on April 10, 2023, 8:30am at the County Administration Building. There are 6 grants opportunities available. All residents are asked to attend and prepare to give some public testimony. Senator Bill Foster and others are going to visit the Village on March

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16 to view the project. He took over from Lauren Underwood and is keen to see everything that is happening on the sewer project. Still trying to get money for connection fees for residents. The 15 year connect time table begins when the project goes live.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (J. CALDWELL)

Request approval to hire 1 additional officer

Chief Caldwell asked for 1 more officer. A motion to hire Tim Geroulis was presented.

Motion: Young

Second: Gillcrist

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Oath of Office for Tim Geroulis

President Giles administered the Oath of Office for Tim Geroulis.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (J. GILES)

Update of Village Hall

President Giles presented the updated room to the residents in attendance. He then read out the expense and budgeted amounts of all 4 ongoing projects: Hall, Bathroom, water heater and Police Department.

Update on police department rehab

Trustee Giles reported that flooring is all done in the front half of police side. All furniture must be moved and floor leveled in back half. Also, considerable drywall work is needed. President Giles estimates that he will need an additional \$1000.00 to complete. Trustee Giles asked for a motion for an additional \$1000.00 for police department rehab.

Motion: Thompson

Second: Young

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS (T. BEAUDOIN)

Discuss Easter festivities and Parade with Easter Bunny

After some discussion, it was decided that instead of a Parade around Village, it would be better to go back to the Easter Egg Hunt. This is going to be held April 1, 2023, 1-3pm here at Village Hall. Trustee Beaudoin will need assistance and asked for volunteers to fill eggs, run the Egg Hunt and other duties. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance that day!

Motion to approve funds for supplies not to exceed \$300.00

Trustee Beaudoin asked for a motion.

Motion: Gillcrist

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

ENVIRONMENTAL (L. MAIER)

Clarke Mosquito Control negotiations update

Trustee Maier reported that we are still in talks for the 2024 season. This is for potential mosquito disease control and not for nuisance mosquito abatement. This is a larvicidal program. Hard to see where potential trouble spots may be with the ongoing construction. Clarke will continue to review treatment areas. Please notify Trustee Maier of any standing water issues. Clarke is developing a customer portal on their website. This should facilitate quicker response. Also, Trustee Maier reported that Clarke may be offering an invite to view their facilities.

Monarch Pledge

Trustee Maier presented the paperwork from the Environmental Defenders group. This is to encourage villages to create viable areas for birds, bees and butterflies. There are 3 categories in the paperwork. Not a cost. A consensus was reached among the trustees to adopt this pledge. This will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

Wildlife Monitoring update

Trustee Maier gave a quick overview on her reporting to various organizations on animal, insect, birdlife in our neighborhood. This is good data to have in cases where potential problems occur or happen. She also reported that we have nesting Bald Eagles at the McHenry Dam. We also play host to osprey, pelicans and migratory birds.

FINANCE (C. THOMPSON)

No report

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (R. YOUNG)

No report

VILLAGE CODES (T. GILLCRIST)

None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

Public Comment

A resident asked if she could be notified if anyone in Village knows of food needs or other needs. She has time and energy to assist.

President Giles asked that if any resident has mailbox issues, please call Joe Lapastora. Trustee Gillcrist reported that she will get the codes to President Giles on mailbox setbacks. Several residents have complained that with all the road construction, mailboxes have been replaced/set back in place in wrong spot. Sometimes too high, too far from road, too close.

President Giles reported that the water on Hickory has been drained.

The Meet the Candidate date is March 25, 2023, 9am to 1pm. Same as village hall hours.

Adjournment

President Giles asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Thompson

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Giles

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 19, 2023

Submitted by Lesley Tennessen, Village Clerk _____