

***Village of Holiday Hills Board Meeting Minutes
for March 20, 2024***

CALL TO ORDER

President Giles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Brian Agrella, Mickey Brown, Lisa Maier, Kamil Pawlak, Carol Stingel

Board Members absent: Richard Young

Staff Present: Clerk Tennessen, Director Dzialo, Chief Caldwell

Also present: Jennifer Gibson Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENTS REPORT (J. GILES)

President Giles asked to suspend the agenda as presented. The Girl Scout troop is coming in shortly to show us the plan for the pollinator and natives garden at Tower and Hickory. All trustees verbally agreed. See Environmental Trustee report section.

Sewer Update

There is some construction going on for just a couple of days down at lift station. This is to provide some storage capacity per Northern Moraine.

There will be some water main construction in the next months down on Holiday.

A discussion on Saturday hours for the assistant collector since she is currently coaching til Mid-May. It was decided with a verbal nod of head that Saturday hours will be by appointment until assistant is free again. Clerk Tennessen will note that on FB page and website.

CLERK'S REPORT (L. TENNESSEN)

Approve minutes for February 21, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Stingel was originally marked as abstain in Feb 2024 minutes. She was not at the meeting but had indicated electronic participation/listening. Because the Village does not have an ordinance allowing electronic voting, she dropped the phone and the Clerk was not aware of this. The minutes will be changed to reflect absent. Also Trustee Stingel requested a change to show correct info for February Community Relations Committee report. Clerk Tennessen will present February minutes for approval once corrected.

No vote was taken to approve February 2024 minutes

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TREASURER'S REPORT (T. CHESLER)

Approve warrant dated 03/20/2024

Treasurer report given by Trustee Brown.

Motion: Maier

Second: Stingel

Ayes: Agrella, Brown, Maier, Pawlak, Stingel

Nays: none

Absent: Young

Abstain: none

Motion carried

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT (vacant)

No report

MAINTENANCE REPORT (D. DZIALO)

Discuss tree removal estimate with possible vote

Director Dzialo reported that the tree in front of village is completely dead and must be removed. She is still getting estimates on cost of removal and hasn't received all as yet. This will be deferred until April meeting when all info will be in. There are some new landscape plans in the works.

Director Dzialo also commented on the number of semi trucks going down Sunset to the lift station and questioned on whether this is ruining the pavement. There was discussion on restoring the paving on Sunset to what it was before sewer work was done.

Director Dzialo also talked about the Northern Moraine punch list and especially about the street signs that have not been restored. She will write to Joe Lapastora on this and resend the list.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (J. CALDWELL)

Chief Caldwell has noted that there are code violations in the Village with parking on grass, side of road, stop sign violations. These will be ticketed soon.

Chief also spoke on the recent sheriff calls both to the Village and to Vaupell.

Chief Caldwell is also working on background checks for potential police officer candidates.

Chief Caldwell presented his budget worksheet to Trustee Brown.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (K. PAWLAK)

Playground update

Discussion on possible financing opportunities with Rise Foundation and our bank, First Mid. Trustee Brown is working with the bank.

President Giles also said that there is a concrete donation possible, along with labor donation. These will all keep the cost down.

Trustee Stingel asked if personal donations will be accepted. These questions should be directed to Trustee Brown.

Trustee Pawlak presented his budget worksheet to Trustee Brown.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (C. STINGEL)

Thank you for Egg Filling Day

Trustee Stingel thanked those who were at the Village Hall on March 10.

Thanks to Carol, Penny, Kathy, Doreen, Mickey, Carol P, Lesley, Fran J for assisting!

Many hands makes light work!

Reminder on Easter Festivities

Trustee Stingel reminded everyone that March 23, 2024 from 1-3pm at Village Hall is the day! She spent only \$127.00 and \$400.00 was allocated. Trustee Stingel asked for assistance on March 23 around 12 Noon for setup.

ENVIRONMENTAL (L. MAIER)

Girl Scout proposal on area and plans with possible vote.

Girl Scout Troop 129 presented their project for Tower and Hickory. They explained what they were trying to accomplish with planting pollinator plants and how they would get the small plot ready for planting. This project would lead them to earning their Bronze Award. The troop has gathered materials in order to plant donated seeds. The troop will maintain the plot which will be about 10x10 feet in size with a roped off border. A motion to allow use of space at Tower and Hickory was asked.

Motion: Stingel

Second: Brown

Ayes: Agrella, Brown, Maier, Pawlak, Stingel

Nays: none

Absent: Young

Abstain: none

Motion carried

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CODES AND ORDINANCES (B. AGRELLA)

Trustee Agrella will be getting together with Chief Caldwell to create and deliver the ordinance violations.

Trustee Agrella spoke on rumors about his family. This is very hurtful with nothing true but just hearsay and rumor spreading creating gossip. Trustee Agrella stresses that his family comes first. All the trustees agreed that family is always first. The person(s) creating this gossip should stop.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (R.YOUNG)

Absent

No report

FINANCE (M. BROWN)

Update on financials

Trustee Brown provided financial info.

MFT \$42,127.99

General (IL funds) \$160,537.68

E-pay \$22,434.80

Checking \$27,452.92

Budget items discussion

Each committee member has handed in their respective budget to Trustee Brown. She will work with GAPS to create a draft budget. Trustee Brown mentioned that all filing with the state is up to date.

ARPA grant with possible vote on distribution of funds

Need a resolution by the end of April on the 2020, 20221 and 2022 distribution of funds. Attorney Gibson will create and get this over to clerk for April meeting.

Information on possible financing options for park equipment

Trustee Brown has met with First Mid. The bank is very community-minded and is willing to work with the village on financing. There is an option for \$35-40K borrowed at 6% for 5 year loan. The monthly payment on \$32K would be \$625.00. For \$40K, the payment would be \$780.00. We will need to have a resolution and ordinance in order to create the funding loan, along with all bank approvals.

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OLD BUSINESS

The building inspector position is still open. We may be able to connect and use an inspector from neighboring community at some cost. President Giles asked if anyone knew of someone, to let him know. The clerk will post on the Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Stingel asked about a 'no outlet/no thru street' sign to deter people from trying to find a different route when River Road is closed. Director Dzialo will check with Nunda on locations and their thoughts.

The Attorney will not be able to attend our April meeting. The board voted not to have attorney.

A motion to not have attorney representative for April meeting.

Motion: Stingel

Second: Brown

Ayes: Agrella, Brown, Maier, Pawlak, Stingel

Nays: none

Absent: Young

Abstain: none

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

Public Comment

Could a bike rack be installed at Tower and Hickory park? Kids ride bikes to the bus stop. This resident also talked about how dark it is for children to walk between Catalpa and Tower bus stop and could more street lights be installed.

A comment was made that the bus transportation company is saying that the streets are too narrow for much bus traffic. This makes it so the buses only run on the major roads and not in between on any side streets, creating long gaps between stops. President Giles responded that the bus company is in charge of everything and is not very responsive to user needs.

Adjournment

President Giles asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Stingel

Second: Maier

Ayes: Agrella, Brown, Maier, Pawlak, Stingel

Nays: none

Absent: Young

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 17, 2024

Submitted by
Lesley Tennessen, Village Clerk _____