

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, January 24, 2022

President Alice F. Gallagher, Presiding*
Call to Order, 7:00 p.m.
Village Clerk Edward Tymick

Board Members Present

Nicole Chen
Alan Fink
James John
Scott Lewis
Heidi Rudolph
James Tyrrell

Ellen Baer, Village Manager*
Casey Biernacki, Dep. Vlg. Mgr.
Grace Turi, Director of Finance
Brian Budds, Dir. of Law Enf. Svcs.
Marty Scott, Director of CD
Mike Kelly, Dir. of Fire & EMS
Jeff Koza, Dir. of Eng.
John Mastandona, Asst. Dir. of Finance
Matt Supert, Dir. of Mun. Svcs.
Aleks Briedis, Director of Rec
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was conducted as a fully remote meeting.

The COVID-19 meeting requirements were read by President Gallagher.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Gallagher led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call as noted above.

READING OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS – DELETIONS

There were none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

**Chuck Bosko of the VFW attended the virtual meeting and told the Board the 2022 Memorial Day Parade application was approved and the full parade and observance is on the Village events calendar on Monday, May 30, 2022. Mr. Bosko thanked the Board for their support and assured everyone that the VFW will work with Director Scott and others on Village staff. The VFW will follow all Village guidelines and protocol. President Gallagher told Mr. Bosko that everyone is looking forward to this important Village event. [Mr. Bosko actually spoke later in the meeting during Village Manager Baer's report.]

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

EXPLANATION OF OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE

President Gallagher explained that the Illinois State Statutes allow a municipality to collectively vote on a group of ordinances, resolutions, and other motions, such as awards of contract, appointments, etc. This is known as an omnibus vote. All the items contained on the omnibus vote list have been previously discussed by the President and Board of Trustees on at least one occasion, and often on several occasions. By placing them on the omnibus vote list, a single vote may be taken to approve them. A Trustee may remove any item from the list and have it discussed and voted on separately, prior to the omnibus vote. President Gallagher asked if there was such a request.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE (*)

Trustee Tyrrell moved that the following ordinances, resolutions, and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for January 24, 2022, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote:

- 1) *APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2021, AND JANUARY 10, 2022, AS READ

- 2) *ORDINANCE 22-3068 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD WATER TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH SPRINTCOM, LLC RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ADJACENT TO AND ON THE VILLAGE WATER TOWER LOCATED AT 4400 CENTRAL AVENUE PROPERTY (SPRING ROCK PARK SITE)

- 3) *RESOLUTION 22-2652 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING SERVICES

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS AND TESKA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF DESIGN CONCEPT AND DESIGN PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE HILLGROVE AVENUE STREETScape CONCEPT

- 4) *RESOLUTION 22-2653 APPROVING A WAIVER OF THE 5 ACRE MINIMUM LAND AREA REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 10-8-3 (GUIDELINES) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS VILLAGE CODE AND THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION MATERIALS UNDER SECTION 10-8-8 (SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS VILLAGE CODE BY TOWER REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC RELATIVE TO ITS PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO CONSTRUCT A 5 UNIT TOWNHOME PROJECT AT 17 WEST OGDEN AVENUE PROPERTY

- 5) *RESOLUTION 22-2654 APPROVING THE CONTENT OF AND/OR RELEASE OF CERTAIN CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS (2021 FULL YEAR REVIEW)

- 6) *MOTION TO APPROVE AN ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS AND BACK FLOW SOLUTIONS, INC. OF WORTH, ILLINOIS FOR THE VILLAGE'S CROSS-CONNECTION PROGRAM FOR AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE OF \$495.00

- 7) *MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF IDOT RESOLUTION FORM FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: USE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS [WESTERN AVENUE, WALNUT STREET TO DEAD END, RACE STREET, WESTERN AVENUE TO DEAD END, PARK PLACE, GRAND AVENUE TO WOODLAND AVENUE, WALNUT ALLEY, WALNUT STREET TO DEAD END]

- 8) *MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF IDOT RESOLUTION FORM FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: USE OF REBUILD ILLINOIS (RBI) FUNDS [46th STREET, WOLF ROAD TO GILBERT AVENUE, LONGMEADOW LANE, GRAND AVENUE TO RIDGEWOOD DRIVE]

The motion was seconded by Trustee Rudolph.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting aye: Trustees Chen, Fink, John, Lewis, Rudolph, Tyrrell, and President Gallagher.

Voting nay: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS

1) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT (Trustee Rudolph)

A. The December 2021 Financial Report

Trustee Rudolph presented the highlights of the December 2021 Financial Report. The General Fund ended the year with a surplus on a cash basis. There will be adjustments made in the 13th period as the statements are converted to a modified accrual basis. As stated, and consistent with some of our prior reports, the sales and local use taxes continued to be very strong, with receipts 117% of the 2021 budget. The Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) distributions were also quite strong as the Village collected 142% of budgeted amounts. This is consistent with IML projections.

Other revenue highlights include Building Permits (from Timber Trails) which exceeded expectation with collections of 129% of the budget. Fines and investment income lagged a bit Expenditures were on target for the month but will be adjusted for expenditures incurred in 2021 but invoiced in 2022.

With respect to the Water and Sewer Fund, consumption billed in December which was the period covering mid-September through mid-November was about 9% higher than the consumption billed in 2020 for the same period. That fund also ended with a surplus of cash which will be used to pay outstanding construction projects.

The Police Pension Fund posted an unrealized gain of 1.43% for December and maintained a 12-month return of 8.42% at the end of December. You'll note that last month that was at 10.42% so it has gone down a bit but we are still higher than our overall investment assumption of 6.75%.

MOTION:

Trustee Rudolph moved, seconded by Lewis, to accept the December 2021 financial report as presented.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting aye: Trustees Chen, Fink, John, Tyrrell, Lewis, and Rudolph.
Voting nay: None.

2) VILLAGE PRESIDENT GALLAGHER

President Gallagher extended kudos to the Public Works Department. They were out yesterday and today in the very early morning hours yesterday and today to make sure our commuters could navigate their way to work through Western Springs. Their efforts are truly appreciated by our residents, the Village Board and by President Gallagher, personally.

The West Central Municipal Conference has cancelled their remaining meetings for January due to COVID. Hopefully they will be rescheduling those meetings for February or March.

3) VILLAGE MANAGER BAER

Village Manager Baer reported on the snow removal and shared that the Village had put out information today asking residents to consider moving their vehicles off the street. Our Village code was changed in the last couple of years to require that if there were 2" of snow or more, cars were not allowed to park on street but that said, Village Manager Baer said that it bears mentioning that any time that we get snow, whether it is an inch or more, when Village crews are out plowing and salting, it makes it much more efficient to not have cars parked on the street. Thank you to those for recognizing that and trying to get vehicles off the street in a timely manner. Today was, obviously, a little more difficult when we were having snowfall during the rush hour. Village Manager Baer also extended kudos to the Public Works team for all the work they did in the very early morning hours to get things started and things were pretty well wrapped up by the end of the day today. There is a little more clean-up that has to be done in the downtown but good progress was made and we appreciate all the assistance from residents who made sure that the streets were free of parked cars.

**Resident Chuck Bosko was in attendance and Village Manager Baer invited him to make his comments to the Board at this time. They are noted above in the "Citizen Comments" portion of the meeting.

4) VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

No report.


ADJOURN

MOTION:

Trustee Tyrrell moved, seconded by John, to adjourn.
The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting aye: Trustee Chen, Fink, John, Lewis, Rudolph, and Tyrrell.
Voting nay: None.

The meeting closed adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Village Clerk Edward Tymick