

APPROVED @ 4/12/21 VB mtg

**MINUTES OF A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2021 AT THE ROBERT J. HOMOLA MUNICIPAL CENTER
201 SOUTH BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS, DUPAGE COUNTY**

PROOF OF POSTING

The meeting was duly posted according to State Statute.

CALL TO ORDER

The Standing Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 22, 2021 was called to order by Village President Coladipietro at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call by the Village Clerk, those in attendance were:

PRESENT: Mayor Coladipietro, Trustees Belmonte, Shannon, Von Huben, Ackerman, Bucaro, and Bolen

ABSENT: None

QUORUM PRESENT

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion by Trustee Ackerman, seconded by Trustee Bolen, to **open the floor for audience participation**. Voice Vote. All Trustees voted **AYE**.

MOTION DELCARED CARRIED

Audience was present, but no one came forward.

Motion by Trustee Von Huben, seconded by Trustee Shannon, to **close the floor for audience participation**. Voice Vote. All Trustees voted **AYE**.

MOTION DELCARED CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) **Facilities, Infrastructure**

- 1) Discussion regarding Volta Charging and request to allow charging stations within the Village

Mr. Gascoigne stated in the agenda, it is misleading. We do have charging stations in the Village located at Walgreen's at Lake and Fairfield, Meijer's, and Best Buy. What is being raised by Volta Charging is they would like electronic messaging to be used for advertising. This would allow their service to remain free of charge for vehicles. Dawn from Volta Charging was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Mr. Gascoigne stated he spoke with other communities who have this, i.e., Downers Grove, Oak Brook, and Lombard, and they do allow for these stations with advertising. He was confident we could place these in stations with regulations and requirements to restrict their use, i.e., distances from right-of-ways, muted or turned down or off during hours of operation when stores are not open, etc. Questions were fielded regarding illumination, the units being dual-sided, locations, and the future, 5-10 years from now gearing toward all-electric vehicles. Mr. Gascoigne stated he will work with staff and the Village attorney to generate the language to move forward.

B) **Committee of the Whole**

1) Discussion of Saffron Liquor License

Mr. Scalera stated Saffron has requested to add six (6) gaming terminals in a separate gaming room. Included was a diagram with the location. There were some questions regarding plastic shielding as well as visual screening for supervisory visibility. Mr. Gascoigne will verify. Other than that, there were no other concerns.

C) **Planning, Zoning and Environmental Concerns**

1) Discussion of Glen Ellyn Road annexations (5N210, 5N242 and 5N246)

Mr. Gascoigne stated that he, Mr. Scalera and Counsel met with the center neighbor who is willing to voluntarily annex to the Village. The southern property owner is willing but not yet entirely on board and Mr. Gascoigne will speak with him tomorrow. The 3rd owner (northern) just purchased the property and is willing but will not be moving in right away. Since the Village is pursuing the annexation, the Village is willing to assume the \$500 annexation fee per lot. The middle owner has also requested we waive the water connection fee. She is a senior citizen. The cost is \$1140. The Board is agreeable since she is the only one occupying the home. The owners of the other home that was just purchased (northern-most) stated they will not be moving in for another few months. The southern-most owner has the property for sale. The cost for legal fees could amount to \$800-\$900 per property.

Mr. Scalera felt the costs for the fees were reasonable since these properties have been unincorporated for a considerable amount of time. It would then have our zoning laws and ensure it would be more in keeping with the surrounding properties. The cost to connect to sewer, however, was not considered at this time.

D) **Intergovernmental and Community Relations**

1) Discussion of Resolution Approving Amendment to ACDC IGA

Mr. Scalera stated at the last meeting he was to ascertain the 5.5% increase in service rates. He and Director met with the Manager and Director at ACDC and were told the 5.5% increase was not just in personnel. It included capital improvement projects, mainly upgrade to the antenna to the satellite that transmits the radio frequency as well as some equipment. He stated they shared with them their concerns how the personnel costs are calculated and distributed out and our desire to be more active and participatory in their budget planning. They indicated their Executive Board has not been able to meet due to COVID.

The Mayor asked Mr. Scalera to prepare a letter to ACDC requiring them to acknowledge that moving forward we would like to have an active role in determining future salary adjustments in personnel as well a review of the actual budget planning. Discussion followed and Director Giammarese commented that he has Operational meetings and he has voiced concerns.

The Mayor stated he will also send a letter following up on their meeting asking them for firm guidance on their budget process. He had concerns that COVID was the reason for not meeting and he would like something in writing from them on their process moving forward. He felt more oversight was needed.

It was stated that the Springfield mandated consolidation by statute, that it can also be modified by statute as well.

E) **Finance and Administration**

1) Presentation of FY22 Budget

Mr. Scalera stated the budget will be presented a little different this year. Mr. Szott will begin with a high level review rather than each department going through the budget. If the Board has any questions, please let him or Mr. Szott know. He then acknowledged the efforts of each department head for their input, specifically Gary Szott and his staff for their hard work putting this "living document" together.

Mr. Szott began by thanking his Assistant Finance Director, Tori Montbriand, as well as the department heads for their assistance. The FY22 budget is comprised of \$42 million spending, \$29 million in operating costs, and \$12 million in debt service. The \$42 million is a 7.3% increase from last year's budget and is attributable to the Lake Street project. Nothing was cut, he noted, we just got something done. He stated our operating expenses actually decreased by \$130,000 and we were able to hold the line and maintain our costs from an operating perspective. The FY22 budget is being funded by ongoing revenues from fund balances accumulated over the years to balance the budget.

COVID created havoc. He continued that our primary operating fund is the General Fund, which is 48% of the total cost. FY21 revenues far exceeded our expenses by \$1.2 million because of the CARES Act. Mr. Szott went on to show a graph of the General Fund with FY21 Budget, FY21 EOY, FY22 Budget, and FY21-FY22 24-Month time period. When you understand the 24-month time period, the Village fund balance has historically been ending in the mid-30% range. This is well above the 25% minimum fund balance. Mr. Szott stated that he is confident that the \$7 million FY22 fund balance ending is a strong balance to shoot for and there are positive happenings in the Village, i.e., the new stimulus that was not included in these numbers and the opening of Woodman's.

In reviewing the funds, he noted that sixteen (16) of the funds exceeded their target level. Six (6) did not exceed their target level, but three (3) of those were start-up TIF funds. He continued that they were just coming out of major projects and over time, they would reverse course and have positive fund balances. The Golf Course fund is another fund not meeting its target due to hard times, but FY21 turned around and we will see the same in FY22. Another fund being nurtured in the coming years is the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund (CERF). All other funds are in good or better finance position.

INFORMATION

None

MEETING REMINDERS

*Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

Discussion for a Special Use Facility called D1 Sports Training for Jr. & Sr. High School students located by Michaels on Army Trail Road

Monday, April 12, 2021 – Standing Committee of the Whole and Village Board Meetings

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

1. Village Administrator, P. Scalera

- Concerns were raised by property owners regarding the Rental Ordinance, and as a follow-up, there will be amendments to this ordinance at the April meeting.
- With the CARES Act funding from the County, Sound Incorporated will be replacing the audio and visual equipment in the Board room.

2. Assistant Administrator, B. E. Weber
Ms. Weber was absent.

3. Village Attorney, M. Castaldo, III
No report.

4. Director of Public Works, J. Monkemeyer
No report.

5. Finance Director, G. L. Szott
No report.

6. Director of Public Safety, F. Giammarese

- The Police Department will begin publicizing their lateral transfer program
 - Extremely low staffed
 - Screening process will be done in the next 1-1½ months.
- A new Police Test will be done after May 1st

7. Director of Community and Economic Development, S. Gascoigne

- An application for the property at Schick, Ridge, and First has been submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - The homes located there have been torn down.
 - The Mayor requested that Mr. Gascoigne share the plans with the Board.
 - This will be heard at the April 20 P&Z meeting.
- P&Z will also be discussing Old Town text code amendments with recommendations that were discussed by the Board a few months back.

OTHER BUSINESS

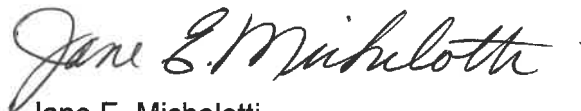
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Bolen, seconded by Trustee Ackerman, **to adjourn the meeting of March 22, 2021 at 7:06 p.m.** Voice Vote. All Trustees voted **AYE**.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,



Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

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