

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - Village Clerk Elaine E. Simpson called the roll:

Present: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Trustee Mary Papantos was absent with prior notice.

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis, Community Development Director Ross Klicker, and Village Attorney James Ferolo were also present.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020

Motion by Ray Lang, second by Dave Vogel to approve Minutes as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

5. Changes to the Agenda - None

6. Proclamations - None

7. Appointments and Confirmations

Appointment: Plan Commissioner, Martin Berke

President Horcher asked for a Motion to approve the appointment of Martin Berke to the Plan Commission.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

8. Administration of Oaths

Administration of Oath will take place before the next Plan Commission meeting.

9. Citizen Concerns and Comments

Deborah Wilson commented on payments to Village vendors.

Kaz Pollitt commented on legal fees paid by the Village and the Freedom of Information Act process.

10. Staff Reports

Manager Sfondilis stated that the Village is performing a routine protocol audit to ensure that there is no fraudulent activity in the Village, vendors are getting paid, and there are no cashflow problems.

Manager Sfondilis spoke about removing properties from the Flood Plain map; FEMA has issued their final report and 761 properties are scheduled to come out of the flood plain. Brief discussion continued on this subject. Manager Sfondilis clarified that the homeowner may have to prove they are not in the flood plain, but will not have to pay for insurance.

11. Consent Agenda-All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered after all other Agenda items.

A. Resolution 20-108 Affirming an Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 786, for the Period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023

Clerk Simpson read the Consent Agenda item into the record.

Motion by Dave Vogel, second by Mary Krueger to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

12. Old Business - None

13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

A. Ordinance 5362 Amending Title 19, Zoning, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, Chapter 19.11 General Development Standards, Appendix D – Design Guidelines, and Associated Sections, in Order to Modify Zoning Regulations for Trash Dumpster and Garbage Receptacle Enclosures [Docket No. 2020-3]

Clerk Simpson read the legislation title into the record.

Community Development Director Klicker described the ordinance; there were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

B. Ordinance 5363 Granting a Variation from Title 21, Signs, of the Wheeling Municipal Code to Allow for an Increase in the Permitted Wall Sign Area for Meat and Potato, Located at 403 W. Dundee Road [Docket No. 2020-24]

Clerk Simpson read the legislation title into the record.

Director Klicker introduced the item; there were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Dave Vogel, second by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

C. Ordinance 5364 Granting Special Use Approval for a Wholesale and Distribution Facility, Outdoor, in the I-1 Light Industrial and Office District, 1125 Wheeling Road (Central Turf and Irrigation) [Docket No. 2020-27]

Clerk Simpson read the legislation title into the record.

Director Klicker introduced the item; there were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

D. Ordinance 5365 Granting a Variation from Title 19, Zoning, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, Chapter 19.11 General Development Standards, Section 19.11.010 Off-Street Parking and Loading, to Reduce the Required Off-Street Parking to Establish Three Parking Stalls (199 N. Milwaukee Avenue) [Docket No. 2020-26]

Clerk Simpson read the legislation title into the record.

Director Klicker described the request and answered a question from the Board.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

E. Ordinance 5366 Authorizing the Issuance of a Not-to-Exceed-\$3,000,000 Airport Revenue Note, Series 2020, of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois, and Approving a Note Agreement in Connection Therewith

Clerk Simpson read the legislation title into the record.

Chicago Executive Airport Director Jamie Abbott was present and answered a question from the Board.

Motion by Dave Vogel, second by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

F. DISCUSSION RE: Backyard Chickens

President Horcher read a prepared statement from Trustee Papantos.

Director Klicker reviewed the information gathered from communities that allow chickens. Board discussion continued related to limiting the number of licenses allowed, number of chickens allowed, penalties for complaints, fees, potential predators, and how electricity (heat) will reach the coop.

Trustee Krueger shared pictures of natural predators on and around her property.

Director Klicker stated that chicken owners are required to register with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

President Horcher asked if the Board is interested in moving forward on this subject.

Consensus Approved

Yes: Ray Lang, Dave Vogel, Joe Vito, and President Horcher

No: Mary Krueger, Jim Ruffatto

Absent: Mary Papantos

President Horcher polled the Board regarding allowing chickens based on lot size or as a setback.

Lot Size: Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Setback: Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Joe Vito, and President Horcher

Majority of the Board agreed to allowing a maximum of 25 licenses at a fee of \$25.

14. Official Communications

Clerk Simpson reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and provided information on late voter registration.

President Horcher encouraged voters to do homework on candidates before casting their ballot.

Trustee Lang asked for an update on Milwaukee Avenue construction. Manager Sfondilis stated that they have contacted IDOT and are waiting for an answer.

Trustee Krueger commended the Police Department on the success of their Halloween event, and thanked them for doing this for the community.

15. Approval of Bills

Approval of Bills for October 15 – October 28, 2020, in the amount of \$1,831,268.10¢

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Dave Vogel to approve Bills as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

16. Executive Session & Adjournment

President Horcher asked for a Motion to recess to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation, and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the Village, and to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Mary Krueger to recess into Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting directly from Executive Session.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved, the open meeting recessed at 7:26 p.m.

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

Absent: Mary Papantos

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of November 2020, by the President and Board of Trustees