



Minutes  
Village of Glen Ellyn  
Special Village Board Workshop  
Monday, November 15, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

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**A. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

*Upon roll call by Village Clerk Cosby, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Gould, Kalinich, Payne and Thompson answered "Present".*

*Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Finance Director Coyle, Assistant Finance Director Brankin, Assistant Public Works Director Hubskey, Chief Norton, Building Official Witt.*

**D. Audience Participation**

1. Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Services will provide a further update to the Village Board on their services and needs.

*Kim Reed, Vice President and Deanna Filkins, Executive Director and Lead Counselor, provided information supporting the need and uses of the GEYFCS's request for additional funding in the amount of \$105,000 on top of the \$85,000 the Village has already allocated in the budget for next year.*

*Erica Nelson of 1759 Kay Road, Wheaton, spoke in support of the GEYFCS funding request.*

*Jennifer McNulty, Hillside Avenue, Glen Ellyn, is a pediatrician and spoke in support of GEYFCS. She explained that children are waiting 12-24 hours to speak with a counselor for any type of evaluation. Based on her experiences, she feels funding the GEYFCS is a logical step and will provide early intervention as the organization is fiscally responsible.*

*Olivia Malek, Glenbard Student, spoke in support in GEYFCS. She explained that her schools lacks resources to help support students and students are aware of the availability of services outside of school.*

*Bill Enright spoke in support of the GEYFCS funding request.*

*President Senak asked for feedback from the Village Trustees on whether or not they support increasing the funding for GEYFCS.*

*Trustee Kalinich and Trustee Christiansen stated they were in favor of providing the additional funding, but raised questions about where the additional \$105,000 will come from since the Board*

*was asked to cut \$400,000 from the Village budget by the President. Trustee Thompson also supported the request, stating he believes there is a need in the community. Trustee Payne also voiced agreement and would like to see the funds come from ARPA.*

*Eleanor Saliamonas spoke regarding the provision of electric charging stations at Apex. She requested the Village Board ask for electric vehicle charging stations in the garage. Village Manager Franz stated he will investigate the number of proposed charging stations, but in the meantime, there are charging stations included in the Civic Center parking garage. Manager Franz asked Building Official Witt if there are any plans for installing them in the Apex garage. Building Official Witt said he would need to confirm this information by reviewing the submitted documents. Ms. Saliamonas requested the Village require electric charging stations in future projects.*

*David Cassen spoke, requesting the Village consider installation of an underpass along Crescent Avenue. He noted that he has lived in the village of Glen Ellyn for 55 years. He specifically encouraged the Village Board to consider an underpass on the west side of the town, specifically, at Prospect Avenue, to address the traffic back up at the railroad crossing.*

**E. McKee House (Presented by Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)**

1) Village Manager Franz will provide a brief update on efforts to preserve the McKee House.

*Manager Franz stated that the Village Board approved an amendment to the Forest Preserve agreement regarding the use of the McKee House. He explained that there has been interest in having the building be used as a Native American Cultural Center. The group interested in using the House is the SOARRING, (Save Our Ancestor's Remains & Resources Indigenous Network Group) Foundation. They are in the process of drafting a lease agreement with the Forest Preserve District in order to continue moving forward with the project.*

*Manager Franz noted that \$4,000,000 in funds are needed to make the necessary repairs to the McKee House. The plan is to raise the necessary funds through donations - not for the Village of Glen Ellyn to fund the repairs. Trustee Christiansen stated that with the agreement with the SOARRING Foundation formalized, fundraising will be smoother than it has been in the past.*

**F. 2022 Draft Budget (Presented by Finance Director Coyle) (Discussion Only)**

1) Finance Director Coyle will update the Board on the proposed 2022 budget.

*Director Coyle provided a summary of highlighted budget reductions totaling \$414,000. She advised that since the distribution of the meeting packet, an additional \$150,000 in costs has been reduced, as the company the Police Department is looking to purchase body and dash cameras from offered a five (5) year financing plan at no interest or no additional fees. This brings the total to \$554,000 of total savings programmed into the budget.*

*Trustee Christiansen noticed that 63% of the budget cuts come out of personnel and asked how this will impact the Village. Manager Franz stated that the Village is postponing the hiring of some positions and will re-evaluate these positions along with the budget in 6 months to determine if it is feasible to fill the positions at that time.*

*The Village Board discussed whether to program the CPI increase into the 2022 budget at length. At the conclusion of the discussion, there was a general consensus to re-work the draft budget with a CPI factor for both the Capital and General funds.*

**G. Strategic Plan (Presented Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)**

- 1) Village Manager Franz will provide the Board the third quarter update of the 2020- 2022 Strategic Plan.

*Village Manager Franz asked the Board Members to review the Strategic plan included in the packet and provide any feedback.*

Motion to Adjourn – *Trustee Thompson motioned, Trustee Payne 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:56 p.m.*