



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Workshop
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 7:04 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Clerk Cosby, President Senak and Trustees Kalinich, Payne, Gould, and Thompson, answered “Present.” Trustee Christiansen arrived at 7:19pm. Trustee Fasules was absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, and Finance Director Noller.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda public comment.

E. Glen Ellyn Park District Liquor License Discussion

1) Discussion of Modifications to the Class K Liquor License

Attorney Mathews spoke about the efforts being made to change the ordinance to accommodate the Park District’s request to streamline liquor licenses for special events, specifically at Ackerman Park, the Boat House and Holes and Knolls.

Stacey Lim, Park District Superintendent of Facilities, was present and answered questions from the Board. She explained that the three specific locations are the most frequented locations within the Park District.

Trustee Thompson asked about private events at the Boat House. The ordinance change would not affect the Boat House.

Trustee Kalinich was open to the ordinance change but was concerned about Holes and Knolls since it is a family-oriented park. Park District representatives explained the ordinance change would only apply to adult special events.

Deputy Chief of Police Vavra gave the Police Department’s perspective on the proposed change in the ordinance. The Department would need to know what the event is so they can staff with the correct amount of police presence to service the event.

Attorney Mathews said that the recommended approach is reasonable and does not eliminate the request for a special event approval.

Trustee Gould asked about the liquor license fees now versus 2019. Attorney Mathews replied.

Deputy Chief of Police Vavra pointed out this change would apply to local liquor licenses, and state liquor licenses would still need to be obtained.

President Senak asked if food and beverage sold at these events would be subject to the food and beverage tax. Attorney Mathews replied he believed so but would investigate and confirm how this is handled.

Trustee Thompson asked about the third party that sells liquor at events and wanted to know who they are. Superintendent Lim replied. Deputy Chief of Police Vavra added comments regarding third party liquor sellers.

There were questions from the Board regarding certain events that occur in the Village.

The Board agreed that the streamlining is a positive initiative. President Senak agreed.

Village staff will continue working out the details of the ordinance change and will present it to the Board for approval at a later date.

F. Water and Sewer Rate Study

1) Presentation of Water and Sewer Rate Study

Finance Director Noller opened the presentation of the water and sewer rate study and introduced the NewGen Strategies representative.

Trustee Christiansen asked who determines the size of water meters. The reply was that the Illinois plumbing code determines this.

Eric Callocchia from NewGen Strategies, presented the rate study and the suggested rate increase needed, based on fund balance forecasts. His stated goal was to gain additional feedback from the Board to finalize the rate increase.

Board members and President Senak asked questions during the presentation about the rate study and the recommended rate structure.

There was concern over the rate structure making minimum users pay more percentage-wise than high users. Mr. Callocchia explained this in terms of the fixed costs vs. minimum usage. After this discussion, there was still a concern that there is no incentive to conserve and that the small, more sensitive users would pay more.

Finance Director Noller explained that the recommended rate structure was vigorously discussed in the Finance Commission review.

Trustee Thompson wanted to know why an increase in the reserve is needed. Trustee Gould wondered if the reserve level would go down once the Capital Project are finished.

Mr. Callocchia replied with more details to answer these concerns.

Trustee Kalinich asked for the number of customers using the median amount of 4,000 gallons. Mr. Callocchia replied that he will supply this number to the Board.

President Senak asked about how lead pipes figure into the rate structure. Mr. Callocchia replied that lead pipe replacement was not included in this study.

President Senak asked if minimizing leakage would be beneficial to pursue. Mr. Callocchia replied about the logistics and viability of this.

Chris Goodman, Finance Committee member, reiterated that the committee had the same concerns as the Board.

The discussion turned to outside vs. inside water use and if there should be different rate structures. This led Mr. Callocchia to speak in detail about alternative rate classes.

Finance Director Noller pointed out that large users are typically schools, the park district, and assisted living facilities.

The Board considered the recommended alternative rate structure as a good approach but that it needs to be looked at closer as far as minimum vs. high users, as well as the encouragement of water conservation in the future.

It was agreed that the fixed component should be adopted for FY 2023 and to revisit the issue for FY 2024 with more up-to-date information on the alternative rate component for possible implementation in 2024.

Donna Jean Simon, Village resident, asked about the consequence to the rate structure if in-need residents were given special rates. It was agreed that this should be further investigated.

G. 2020-22 Strategic Plan Update

1) 2020-22 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report (CY22 Q4)

Village Manager Franz reviewed the quarterly report, as well the need for questions for the next survey, and goals for the future. He also explained the color-coding in the report.

Patrick VanTiem, Village resident, expressed his concern that housing is still being considered for the Roosevelt Road property development. He feels this type of development does not fit with the rest of the district and that it is not optimal for raising tax revenues for District 89 schools.

President Senak gave his thanks for the report and suggested that the Board needs to give the staff more direction in prioritizing initiatives.

Trustee Kalinich thought that extending the plan was a good idea and expressed her concerns on some of the priority items, marked in blue. Village Manager Franz

replied. Assistant Village Manager Rodman added her insight on Trustee Kalinich's concerns as well.

Trustee Thompson asked about the steps listed under housing and if it is an adequate reflection of the actual work done. Village Manager Franz replied. Trustee Payne added his thoughts on this as well.

Trustee Kalinich mentioned that she and Village Manager Franz met with an individual to help facilitate Board governance.

Trustee Payne asked why the comprehensive plan cannot be finished. Village Manager Franz replied and emphasized that it will be finalized in the first quarter.

Trustee Payne asked about the special initiatives under governance and wondered if Village Manager Franz was looking for guidance on priorities. Village Manager Franz replied. President Senak suggested that the Board prioritize items for the staff and then he gave his priorities. Board members gave their priorities as well. Village Manager Franz was directed to summarize those practices and develop and extend the plan for the next two years.

H. Reminders

I. Adjourn – 10:09 PM

Mover: Trustee Gould; Second: Trustee Thompson. Unanimous vote to adjourn.