



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Regular Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

- A. Call to Order – 7:02 PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**

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

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, Assistant Public Works Director Hubsby, Finance Director Noller, Community Development Director Scott, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, HR Director Vonachen, Police Chief Norton, and Fire Chief Clark.

- D. Audience Participation**

Roger Hughes, Village resident representing DuPage United, spoke about affordable housing and specifically in support of the Full Circle development on the Roosevelt Road property, and deputed the accusation that it will overburden the District 89 schools and decrease possible tax revenues in the future.

Rev. Seth Carey, First Congregational Church and representing DuPage United, expressed his support for affordable housing at the Roosevelt Road location. He spoke of the Village’s DEI value statement and how the Full Circle development supports these claims. He also spoke about the huge need for this type of housing for the elderly and developmentally and physically challenged in our community.

Clara Hughes, Village resident representing DuPage United, spoke about the housing shortage in DuPage County for the housing insecure in the area. She stated her support of the Full Circle development and believes it is a needed type of housing in Glen Ellyn. She asked the Board to vote to accept Full Circle’s proposal.

Norris Eber, Village resident, reminded the Trustees that a petition had been previously submitted to the Board, with 450 names on it, in support of commercial development of the Roosevelt Road property. He suggested that affordable housing could be located at a different location in the Village.

President Senak spoke about the outstanding Police response to the 2 bomb threats that were

called into Glenbard West High School in the last week. He commended Chief Norton and the entire police force for their quick and orderly reaction to this threat. He also vowed that the people who committed these offenses will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. He also gave praise to Glenbard West's principal, Peter Monaghan, as well as the entire student body, for how they handled themselves during this stressful situation as well.

E. Presentation

- 1) Innovation DuPage Anniversary Presentation (Dan Facchini, Managing Director, Innovation DuPage and Joe Cassidy, Assistant VP, Economic Development, COD)

Joe Cassidy, Assistant VP, Economic Development, COD, addressed the Board about Innovation DuPage and the private/public nature of the partnership. He talked about the need for a business incubator/accelerator program to help small businesses succeed and grow. He introduced his team and said they have 40 plus partners in the County.

Dan Facchini, Managing Director, Innovation DuPage, gave additional background on Innovation DuPage and what it has achieved over the past four years. He emphasized that 45% of the businesses they service are tech but 55% are "Main Street" businesses. He continued with success stories of businesses they had helped.

Mr. Cassidy talked about Innovation DuPage's partnerships with students and area schools. He added that the presence of Innovation DuPage is a benefit to the Village. Mr. Facchini spoke about awards that have been won by Innovation DuPage.

Trustee Payne mentioned that he connected Innovation DuPage to University of Chicago for project collaboration.

President Senak praised the great partnership and pointed out that these programs are available to the businesses within Glen Ellyn. He thanked Innovation DuPage for their efforts.

- 2) Update from Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Rob Dybcio

There was no Chamber of Commerce update at this time.

- 3) Update from Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn Executive Director Carol White

Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn Executive Director Carol White gave an update of first quarter activity. She reviewed the three events that were held and spoke about how successful they all were. She talked about the benefactor sponsorship and how it raises funds so they can have more events. Ms. White then spoke about the upcoming events to be held downtown.

President Senak wanted to know, given the construction, how they are managing the events. Ms. White replied that they work with the construction team to manage logistics. She added that the end result of a fresh look to downtown will be worth it.

- 4) Proclamation in honor of National Peace Officers Week

President Senak read the Proclamation. He urged all to honor our police officers.

- 5) Proclamation promoting National Public Works Week

President Senak read the Proclamation. He thanked Public Works Director Buckley for the work he and his department does for the Village.

- 6) Presentation of Gold Level Water Ambassador Award to Glen Ellyn by the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (Assistant Public Works Director Hubsby)

Members of the AWWA were present to present the award to Streets Superintendent Nick Burgoni. Ralph Gross, with the Association, commended the efforts of the Village Public Works department. He spoke of the Water Ambassador program and its goals: safe, clean, and abundant drinking water. For the second year in a row, the Utilities division was presented the Award.

President Senak thanked the Utilities division for their diligence and congratulated them for receiving the award two years in a row.

F. Employee Recognition

- 1) Resident compliment to Glen Ellyn Police Department

Village Manager Franz stated this resident compliment was in recognition of the great job done by the Police Department during the bomb scares in recent days.

G. Consent Agenda - The following items are considered routine business by the Village Board and will be approved in a single vote in the form listed below:

RESULTS:	APPROVED [6 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Gould [Items 1 – 7]
SECONDER:	Trustee Christiansen
AYES:	Gould, Christiansen, Payne, Thompson, Fasules, Kalinich
NAYS:	

Motion to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers totaling \$1,914,120.30. These agenda items have been reviewed by the Management Team and Village Attorney and are consistent with the Village's purchasing policy (Trustee Gould).

- 1) Total Expenditures (Payroll and Vouchers) - \$1,914,120.30
2) Village Board Meeting April 24, 2023 Minutes
3) Village Board Meeting April 10, 2023 Minutes

Trustee Kalinich requested that the date format in the header be changed to spell out the month instead of using numbers.

- 4) Village Board Closed Executive Session April 3, 2023 Minutes

- 5) Village Board Special Meeting March 20, 2023 Minutes
- 6) Village Board Meeting March 13, 2023 Minutes
- 7) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7033-VC, An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of the Glen Ellyn Municipal Code, Chapter 5, Section 20 Regarding Food Trucks (Community Development Director Scott)

H. Special Use Permit, Zoning Variation, and Exterior Appearance - Willowbrook Wildlife Rehabilitation Center; DuPage County Forest Preserve District (Community Development Director Scott) (Trustee Thompson)

RESULTS:	APPROVED [6 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Thompson
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Thompson, Kalinich, Payne, Fasules, Christiansen, Gould
NAYS:	

- 1) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7034, An Ordinance Granting Approval of a Special Use Permit, Zoning Variations, and Exterior Appearance for Phase B-D of the Willowbrook Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Located at 525 S. Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn

Community Development Director Scott gave a brief overview of the request.

Kevin Horsfall, with the DuPage County Forest Preserve, gave an overview of the project and explained why they need a special use permit. He talked about how it will be the first net-zero facility for the Forest Preserve and how it will be a unique experience for visitors and the wildlife that it cares for. He emphasized that the building and landscaping will be a reflection of the facility's mission. He stressed that the funding is not from tax dollars.

Scott Seffes, with Wight & Company, showed a drawing of the location and went into the details of the project, including the layout of buildings and paths, materials to be used, natural barrier fencing, and native plant landscaping choices. Details were also given on the function of the new structures and animal enclosures, including the animal hospital, classroom space, and exhibits.

Trustee Christiansen asked if the paving will be permeable. Mr. Seffes replied that they would be.

Trustee Christiansen asked about the fencing on Park Boulevard, and if it had been revised based on the input from Plan Commissioner Cooper and his concerns stated in the Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Horsfall replied with the adjustments that have been made.

Trustee Christiansen asked about if the viburnums were susceptible to beetles. Mr. Horsfall replied. She requested that all plants be native. Mr. Horsfall replied that this was already in the plan.

Trustee Thompson asked about the amount of parking. Mr. Seffes replied that the parking plan was originally designed with this project in mind and it has been confirmed to be sufficient for the new facility.

Trustee Thompson asked where people will be directed if the parking lot is full for special events. Mr. Seffes replied that the church across the street has agreed to allow parking in their lot. Trustee Thompson asked that the Village be notified about special events so that the police are aware of the overflow.

Trustee Gould asked about the fencing and if it will go all the way to the raptor building and PV arrays. Mr. Seffes replied. Mr. Horsfall followed up with more information and what the planned plantings are to avoid starkness in the winter.

Trustee Gould asked about the buffer between the North building and the buffer with the residential area. Mr. Horsfall replied and added that there will be more trees planted in these areas in the fall.

Trustee Kalinich raised her concern that the honorary bricks that were laid previously at Willowbrook had been removed and wanted to know why they are not being reinstalled in the new facility. Mr. Horsfall replied that the bricks will be returned to the individuals who purchased them if they wanted them back. He added that there were no plans to reinstall them at this time but could look at it in the future. Trustee Kalinich stated that there were some hurt feelings involved and wondered if the bricks could be repurposed and used in the new design. Mr. Horsfall said they would look into it.

President Senak asked about the accessibility south end path to connect to the East Branch of the DuPage River trail. Mr. Horsfall replied.

Trustee Thompson commented that he believed this is a great project and partnership between the Village and the Forest Preserve, and that this goodwill extends to the work being done together to restore and renovate McKee house.

I. Village Board and Library Board Transition Activities

1) Recognition of Trustee Payne's Service (Village President Senak)

President Senak thanked Trustee Payne for his service, elaborating on his great service and dedication in the short time he was a member of the Board. President Senak presented him with the street sign "Payne Place."

Trustee Fasules gave his thanks to Bill, adding some personal stories of his time befriending Trustee Payne.

2) Proclamation Honoring Trustee Payne (Village Manager Franz)

Village Manager Franz read a proclamation in recognition of Trustee Payne and his dedication as a member of the Board.

3) Trustee Payne Remarks

Trustee Payne thanked President Senak and Village Manager Franz. He added that it had been an honor to serve on the Board. He also thanked the residents of Glen Ellyn for their trust in him to represent their interests. He gave his thanks to the entire Board, as well as the Commissions he was involved in and served with. He thanked his wife Nancy for her support. He congratulated the newly elected Board and said he had faith them.

4) Administration of Oath of Office to new Library Trustees officially elected to four-year terms of office in the General Consolidated Election of April 4, 2023 (Retired Judge Demling):

Kathleen Slovick, Mary Sue Brown, Karen M. Volk, and Richard C. Jones were sworn into office by Retired Judge Demling.

5) Administration of Oath of Office to Village Trustees officially elected to four-year terms of office in the General Consolidated Election of April 4, 2023 (Retired Judge Demling):

Donna Jean Simon, Kelli E. Christiansen, and Stephen Avery Thompson were sworn into office by Retired Judge Demling. Trustee Simon joined the Board on the dais.

6) Remarks by Trustees Christiansen, Simon, and Thompson

Trustee Simon remarked that she appreciates our community, citing the Police, Fire Department, Village Staff, Commission members, Library staff, teachers, homeowners, the members of the civic organizations, and the Board. She added that she is humbled and will do her best to serve the Village.

Trustee Thompson thanked all the residents of Glen Ellyn for re-electing him. He then thanked Trustee Payne for his service and thanked his friends and supporters throughout the Village as well. He also thanked Village Manager Franz, the Village Staff, President Senak, and his family.

Trustee Christiansen thanked one and all and said she was sort of reluctant when first elected as a Trustee, but that she had embraced the position after receiving everyone's support. She also appreciated everyone who voted in the last election. She pointed out that this is the first time that the Board will be a majority women. She added that she was grateful for everyone's support throughout the Village.

J. Other Business

No other business.

K. Reminders

- 1) Village Board Workshop May 15, 2023 at 7 pm
- 2) Village Board Meeting May 22, 2023 at 7 pm

L. Adjourn – 8:51 PM

Mover: Trustee Simon; Second: Trustee Fasules. Unanimous vote to adjourn.