Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Regular Village Board Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

A. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

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

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, Interim Finance Director Brankin, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, Communications Coordinator Paplauskas, Deputy Police Chief Vavra, and Fire Chief Clark.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda audience participation.

E. Public Art Acceptance

1) Presentation of 2024 Public Art Plan (Public Art Workgroup Chair Diana Martinez)

Public Art Workgroup Chair Diana Martinez gave a brief history of the Public Art Workgroup and past projects. She then reviewed possible future projects for the 2024 Public Art Plan. Two other members of the committee were also present.

Chair Martinez asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with the recommended sculpture for 2024 with a $25,000 donation toward the installation.

Trustee Gould asked what the expected lifespan of the recommended arP sculpture would be. Chair Martinez did not know, but Communications Coordinator Paplauskas felt that the materials would stand the test of time and added that the piece would be custom made for the Village.

President Senak asked Chair Martinez to recognize the members of the committee. Chair Martinez did so. Trustee Thompson added that he had students ask him about joining the committee. Chair Martinez said that it's an ad hoc committee and that she would be open to including students.

Trustee Kalinich asked for more information about the donor, JCS. Chair Martinez replied, adding that it the donor wanted to remain anonymous.

Trustee Kalinich wanted assurance that the work in Panfish Park was done in coordination with the recommended sculpture installation. It was agreed that coordination would happen.

Trustee Kalinich asked if there was already a budgeted amount allocated to this project. President Senak and Village Manager Franz replied yes.

Trustee Christiansen felt that based on the six pages of recommended budget cuts for the 2024 budget, she wasn't sure if approval to move forward was a good idea. President Senak replied.

Trustee Gould asked if this could be re-addressed at a later date, perhaps after the budget has been settled. Chair Martinez replied, and hoped the Board would move forward based on the goal of supporting public art.

Trustee Fasules supported the project. Trustee Thompson agreed, adding that given the donor's matching contribution, the sculpture should be given approval to move forward.

Village Manager Franz talked about the matching grant offer and that direction from the Board was needed before the end of the year to secure it.

Trustee Gould wanted to see where the funding would fit before deciding. Village Manager Franz replied and confirmed that funding was included in this year's budget.

Trustee Christiansen said that as long as no cuts were made to staff, she approved.

Trustee Simon and Trustee Kalinich were also in favor of moving forward with the project and the installation site to be Panfish Park. Discussion continued about coordinating this with the current plans for the Park.

President Senak was totally in favor of the project and the Panfish Park location, adding that it would be appreciated by the surrounding community. It was agreed that the project would move forward, with funding from the Village, for the coming year.

F. 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 Kalinich [Items 1 – 11; 13]**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Christiansen**
AYES:	**Kalinich, Christiansen, Fasules, Gould, Simon, Thompson**
NAYS:	

Motion to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers totaling $1,898,498.29. These agenda items have been reviewed by the Management Team and Village Attorney and are consistent with the Village's purchasing policy (Trustee Kalinich)

1) Total Expenditures (Payroll and Vouchers) - $1,898,498.29
2) Village Board Executive Closed Session November 13, 2023 Minutes

   Trustee Gould pointed out that this should be approved as amended.
3) Village Board Special Workshop November 6, 2023 Minutes
4) Village Board Special Workshop October 30, 2023 Minutes
5) Motion to approve Ordinance No. 7069, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $45,000 for the Village of Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 13 (Interim Finance Director Brankin)
6) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7070, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $110,000 for Village of Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 14
7) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7071, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $5,200 for Village of Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 15
8) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7072, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $3,000 for Village of Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 16
9) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7073, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2022 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $800 for Village of Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 17
10) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7074, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $197,440 for Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 18
11) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7075, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2023 Tax Levy Year in the Amount of $138,461 for Glen Ellyn Special Service Area Number 19
12) Motion to Approve a License Agreement with Ben Entella, LLC for a Deck Extension at Marinella's Italian Restaurant 548 Duane Street, subject to Attorney Review (Economic Development Coordinator Hannah and Community Development Director/Assistant Village Manager Rodman)

RESULTS:	**APPROVED [5 to 1]**
MOVER:	**Trustee Kalinich**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Thompson**
AYES:	**Kalinich, Thompson, Christiansen, Fasules, Simon**
NAYS:	**Gould**

Trustee Gould was concerned with the length of the term and the description of the deck in relation to the trees. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah replied to Trustee Gould's concerns and added that this is not a final decision on all renovations but a vote to move forward so that the business can survey all of the work that needs to be done.

Trustee Thompson asked if this needs a Plan Commission or Architectural Appearance Commission approval. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah replied. Trustee Thompson followed up by asked if it was known what materials were to be used in construction. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah replied.

Trustee Fasules asked if a leasing option for the parking spots needed for expansion of the outdoor dining had been discussed. Attorney Mathews replied, explaining the issues involved with this approach.

Trustee Gould asked about the parking near the sign and if there was an actual spot there. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah replied. Trustee Gould stated that she preferred not giving up any Village property.

Trustee Thompson said that he liked the plan and the expansion of the outdoor dining and asked fellow Trustees to support the project as well.

Trustee Kalinich pointed out that the Village would not be selling property but only licensing property.

13) Motion to approve Ordinance 7076-VC, an ordinance regarding exempting the Village from the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for its own employees (Manager Franz)

Trustee Fasules wanted to know how much was being saved with this proposed ordinance. Village Manager Franz replied.

Trustee Fasules gave his thoughts on the proposed ordinance raising concerns about approving a policy at the end of the year. He stated he supported it but wanted to fully understand the implications. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Gould wanted to know if the employee manual had been revised to reflect the proposed ordinance. Village Manager Franz replied.

Trustee Thompson asked if IML was advising to opt-out. Village Manager Franz replied that they did not give a recommendation, rather, IML gave legal advice.

Attorney Mathews added his thoughts on the proposed ordinance and added that it would put the Village in a good competitive position with other municipalities.

G. Second Reading and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

1) Motion to approve on second reading, Ordinance No. 7067, an Ordinance adopting the annual Village of Glen Ellyn expenditure budget in the net amount of $85,037,199, including the compensation plan, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (Trustee Christiansen)

RESULTS:	**APPROVED [4 to 2] – ORIGINAL MOTION**
MOVER:	**Trustee Christiansen**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Simon**
AYES:	**Christiansen, Simon, Kalinich, Thompson**
NAYS:	**Fasules, Gould**

Interim Finance Director Brankin highlighted some of the more significant revisions that have been made to the budget since the last meeting.

Trustee Thompson asked for clarification on the Capital Projects Fund revisions. Clarification discussion ensued. Trustee Thompson asked for further clarification of the spreadsheet of cuts as well. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied.

Bob Deitch, resident of the Village, gave his thoughts of some of the comments made regarding the budget. He was complimentary of President Senak's approach.

President Senak gave his thoughts on reviewing and debating the budget. He applauded the staff on their work toward submitting a budget to the Board. He added that now was the time for the Board to do their work and scrutinize the budget submitted for approval. President Senak added that there needs to be prioritizations made by the Board as representatives of the Village residents. He encouraged the Board look at his list of suggested budget cuts and come to a consensus on which ones to include or not include in the final approved budget. He also said that he respected the Board's opinions and was confident in their abilities.

Trustee Kalinich asked Interim Finance Director Brankin for all of the past meeting dates where the Board has reviewed the proposed budget. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied with a summary of the eight budget meetings in 2023.

Trustee Kalinich also asked Village Manager Franz for occurrences of smaller meetings held to address budget topics. Village Manager Franz replied. Discussion ensued about the amount of time that the Board has spent on discussing the current budget proposal.

Trustee Gould asked for context on the abatement increase. She added her thought on the Fire Services increase. She felt that the budget includes an unacceptable change in fees for one year. Trustee Kalinich gave her thoughts on other options for Fire Services. Discussion of increases continued, including staffing.

Trustee Gould asked what the next steps were regarding President Senak's list of recommended cuts. President Senak replied that the list reflected items he would line-item veto if the budget is approved as proposed at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Simon felt the list of cuts was a "nickel and diming" of the budget and that the list was not worth the time to discuss. She agreed with Trustee Fasules that the staff departments heads should just go back and cut 1% from each of their budgets. President Senak agreed with this comment and gave his reasons. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Fasules asked Attorney Mathews if the Board can amend the reading and pass it this evening. Attorney Mathews replied yes.

Trustee Simon asked Village Manager Franz and Interim Finance Director Brankin if cutting the 1% could be done within reason. Village Manager Franz replied. He added that he was not clear on what the goal of the Board regarding the budget revisions. President Senak stated that the goal is to deliver a desired level of services to the Village residents within a reasonable budget. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Thompson was concerned with some of the items that the staff has suggested to cut and went into a few details of these cuts. His concern centered on the lack of vetting the specific recommendations. Trustee Thompson felt that receiving President Senak's six pages of recommended cuts immediately prior to tonight's Board meeting did not allow sufficient time for any other approach except managing a potential veto. Discussion continued.

Trustee Kalinich added her thoughts on cutting technology items from the budget and their possible impact on the communication and access of future meetings.

Trustee Kalinich asked a question about the 1% cut across the board that Trustee Fasules is suggested. Trustee Fasules replied.

President Senak added that he could veto the entire budget but thought that his 6 pages of recommended cuts were a better approach. Discussion on this statement went back and forth amongst the Board, President Senak, and Village Manager Franz.

Trustee Christiansen stated that she didn't think there was anything frivolous in the budget. President Senak replied. Trustee Christiansen said that bottom line, the budget needs to reflect "what does it cost, and what are the residents willing to pay for the services they demand." She felt that President Senak's approach would just cause a domino effect. Discussion continued. Assistant Village Manager/ Community Development Director Rodman gave input on the proposed budgeted amounts.

Trustee Simon referred to Trustee Christiansen's statement about the services that the residents ask for, and that the Board's job is to make sure the staff has the resources to provide what is needed to satisfy the Village residents. President Senak and Trustee Simon discussed this further.

Public Works Director Buckley added to the discussion when it turned to the proposed budget for signs throughout the Village. President Senak replied, including his thoughts on the maintenance of signs, and other points concerning this line item. President Senak and Public Works Director Buckley discussed this further.

RESULTS:	**APPROVED [5 to 1] – MOTION TO END LIVELY DEBATE AND VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION**
MOVER:	**Trustee Christiansen**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Thompson**
AYES:	**Christiansen, Thompson, Simon, Fasules, Kalinich,**
NAYS:	**Gould**

H. Second Reading and Adoption of the 2023 Property Tax Levy for the Village of Glen Ellyn and Glen Ellyn Public Library

1) Motion to approve on second reading, Ordinance No. 7068, an Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes in the amount of $16,491,897 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, of the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Public Library (Trustee Christiansen)

RESULTS:	**APPROVED [5 to 1]**
MOVER:	**Trustee Christiansen**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Kalinich**
AYES:	**Christiansen, Kalinich, Fasules, Simon, Thompson**
NAYS:	**Gould**

Trustee Gould asked if a person does not support the budget, can support be given to this motion. President Senak replied.

I. Other Business

J. Reminders

1) Village Board Meeting Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7 pm

Discussion on the agenda and content of this meeting was briefly discussed.

K. Adjourn – 8:48 P.M.

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