



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Regular Village Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 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, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Kalinich, Gould, Simon, and Thompson, and Clerk Cosby were “Present.” Trustee Fasules was absent.

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, HR Director Vonachen, Village Engineer Daubert, and Police Chief Norton.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda audience participation.

E. Presentation

- 1) Proclamation in Honor of Village Links meriting Audubon Certified Sanctuary Program 30-year designation

Village Manager Franz read the Proclamation into the record. President Senak added his congratulations to the Village Links.

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 [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Gould [Items 1 – 15]
SECONDER:	Trustee Thompson
AYES:	Gould, Thompson, Christiansen, Kalinich, Simon
NAYS:	

Motion to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers totaling \$7,466,017.03. 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) - \$7,466,017.03
- 2) Appreciation for the service of Kim Thomas, who is stepping down from the Community Relations Commission
- 3) Village Board Meeting October 23, 2023 Minutes
- 4) Village Board Special Workshop October 23, 2023 Minutes
- 5) Village Board Workshop October 16, 2023 Minutes
- 6) Village Board Meeting September 25, 2023 Minutes
- 7) Motion to Approve Resolution 23-13, a Resolution to allow the DuPage Water Commission Board to negotiate the next contract with the City of Chicago for a period of 15-20 years (Assistant Public Works Director Hubsby).
- 8) Receive the Police Pension Board's Municipal Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Interim Finance Director Brankin)
- 9) Motion to Approve Resolution 23-14, a Resolution to accept public improvements at the Enclave of Glen Oak subdivision (Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman)
- 10) Motion to Approve Ordinance 7065-VC, An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Fee regarding Fleeing and Eluding Incidents (Chief Phil Norton)

President Senak asked for more detail on this proposal. Police Chief Norton gave some background on the proposed ordinance and how it is an attempt to minimize police pursuits of individuals who flee and elude during a police stop.

- 11) Motion to authorize the Village Manager to approve the contract for the 2023 Newton Reservoir Repairs to Era Valdivia Contractors Inc. of Chicago, IL in the not-to-exceed amount of \$289,684, to be expensed out of the Water Fund. (Public Works Director Buckley)
- 12) Motion pursuant to Section 1-10-7 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code to adopt the competitive bidding procedures of the State of Illinois Management Services Group in lieu of the provisions of Chapter 10 on Village Contracts and approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F-450 chassis with a dump body package and a liftgate from Morrow Brothers Ford of Greenfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$89,664 (Public Works Director Buckley)
- 13) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7066, An Ordinance Approving the Exterior Appearance of Building Wall Sign for Byline Bank Located at 520 Crescent Boulevard (Assistant Village Manager/Interim Community Development Director Rodman)
- 14) A Motion to Approve a Central Business District (CBD) Construction Impact Grant to Veiled by Cha Cha totaling \$4,500 to be expensed to the Economic Development/ Marketing Account (Economic Development Coordinator Hannah)

Trustee Kalinich commented that she and Trustee Fasules had a chance to review this and it has been vetted.

- 15) Motion to waive competitive bidding per Village Code 1-10-2(C) and (D) to authorize the Village Manager to approve the purchase and installation of a Flygt Pump at the South Park Lift Station from Genco Mechanical, Crestwood, IL in the amount of \$44,879, to be expensed from the Sewer fund. (Public Works Director Buckley)

G. Public Hearing and First Reading of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget (Trustee Christiansen)

- 1) Motion to open a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed annual budget for the Village of Glen Ellyn in the net amount of \$84,867,458 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Christiansen
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Christiansen, Kalinich, Gould, Simon, Thompson
NAYS:	

Interim Finance Director Brankin thanked all involved in the budget process, and mentioned places where the budget is available for review by the public. He also reminded the Board that the numbers presented tonight match the original draft and other meetings, and will be updated by the 11/27/23 meeting, adding that the pending changes are summarized in tonight's presentation.

Interim Finance Director Brankin presented an overview of all funds in the proposed budget. He also presented highlights of the cash reserves, all aspects of the General Fund, and the proposed tax levy.

Interim Finance Director Brankin reviewed the fees being increased in the Village and the estimated financial impact of these fee increases.

President Senak asked about the General Fund revenue being indicated as up, and if that is accurate, could the 2024 budget be increased by \$1,000,000 in an effort toward not increasing the tax levy. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. Discussion ensued.

President Senak asked another question about property tax revenue, and where this revenue comes from. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. Discussion on this continued between the two.

President Senak asked if he, as President, has the authority to appoint Village staff, as he understood an ordinance he cited. Village Manager Franz replied he needed to research the ordinance in question.

President Senak continued with his points on the property tax levy. Attorney Mathews added his thoughts on the levy increases. Trustee Kalinich explained the tax question being raised by President Senak. Discussion continued.

President Senak asked about the number of new staff in the proposed budget. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. Village Manager Franz contributed more information as far as the increase in the Village staff.

Trustee Christiansen thanked Interim Finance Director Brankin and all of the staff for working so hard on this budget. Trustee Simon agreed with this.

Norris Eber, Village resident, thanked the Board and the Village staff for their hard work on the budget. He then talked about the tax levy, fee increases, and other items. A copy of his concerns was submitted to the Village Clerk to be included in the meeting's record.

Mr. Eber wondered if the railroad was ever going to sell property to the Village. President Senak replied they will not.

- 2) Motion to close a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed annual budget for the Village of Glen Ellyn in the net amount of \$84,867,458 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Christiansen
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Christiansen, Kalinich, Gould, Simon, Thompson
NAYS:	

- 3) Motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 7067, an Ordinance adopting the annual Village of Glen Ellyn expenditure budget in the net amount of \$84,867,458 including the compensation plan, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [4 to 1]
MOVER:	Trustee Christiansen
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Christiansen, Kalinich, Simon, Thompson
NAYS:	Gould

Attorney Mathews clarified that the vote tonight does not approve the budget.

President Senak said that just because the Village can raise property taxes, doesn't mean it must raise them. He added that the increase in fees is actually a tax increase. He cited the City of Darien and their ability to not increase the tax levy every year.

President Senak added his thoughts on increases in the Village staff and the hidden costs of adding personnel.

President Senak stated that he doesn't think the budget is sustainable and would line-item veto, if necessary, to keep the budget where it needs to be.

Trustee Simon gave her thoughts on President Senak's veto statement, and that funds are needed to keep the Village services at a level the residents expect. She also felt that the Board should trust the staff to do the work of the Village and manage the resources that it needs to meet the expectations of the residents.

Trustee Simon also gave her thoughts of the fee increases and why they need to be addressed now.

Trustee Thompson seconded Trustee Simon's comments, adding that outside consulting sources indicated that the Police Department staff needed to be increased before the crime rate goes up. President Senak said that this is not part of the increases in the 2024 budget. Trustee Thompson replied, adding that a paid Fire Chief was needed, as well as implementing additional EMS staffing. Discussion on staffing continued.

Trustee Gould said that financial stability is a requirement, and growth is optional. She felt that a case has not been presented that the Village is taking on too much risk with too many projects and then gave some specifics on her thoughts. She reiterated her belief that projects need to be prioritized.

Trustee Gould wanted clarification of what the tax levy abatement will mean to future budgets. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied.

Trustee Gould said that the Board heard the residents' concerns about tax increases through the Roosevelt Road public discussions, and that she is not on-board with the current plan.

Trustee Kalinich added clarification as far as the abatement is concerned. She added that the Roosevelt Road concern was about the school tax, not necessarily the Village tax levy. Trustee Gould agreed with this and added further thoughts.

President Senak asked what the amount of the proposed abatement was. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. President Senak asked what the dollar increase in the levy was from 2022-23. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. President Senak added his thoughts on using an abatement.

Trustee Gould asked about transfers to the Capital Fund. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied and added clarification as to where the funds were transferred. Village Manager Franz added his thoughts as well.

President Senak said that as he reads this budget, the reserve policy shows a \$5 million surplus and wanted to know if it was earmarked for something. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied. President Senak wondered if some of it should be used to decrease the tax burden.

H. Metra Station and Multimodal Access Improvements Project - Phase II Engineering Amendment (Trustee Simon)

RESULTS:	APPROVED [4 to 1]
MOVER:	Trustee Simon
SECONDER:	Trustee Christiansen
AYES:	Simon, Christiansen, Kalinich, Thompson
NAYS:	Gould

Village Engineer Daubert presented the motion for approval. He mentioned that Capital Improvement Commission Chairperson Szymanski and a representative from CDM Smith were present. He also said that completing Phase II will put the Village in a better position to acquire additional grants for the project.

Village Engineer Daubert added that the number he was presenting includes the design services for Streetscape.

Village Engineer Daubert briefly reviewed the timeline and other items concerning Phase II of the project.

Trustee Kalinich asked about the total budgeted amount for Phase II engineering, and what exactly is the ask for approval in tonight's vote.

President Senak asked how much the Village would need to contribute to the entire project, best case scenario. Village Engineer Daubert replied. President Senak pointed out that this project has nothing to do with safety but everything to do with convenience, giving statistics from the Police Department to reinforce his belief.

Village Engineer Daubert then presented the estimated project cost, with outside and local funding. President Senak asked if the funds proposed for approved tonight were included in the presented numbers. Village Engineer Daubert replied affirmatively.

Trustee Simon stated that the underpass is important in conjunction with the proposed event park at the US Bank site.

Trustee Kalinich said that access to the parking lots on the south side is also important, as commuter trains are often early, and then it is impossible to get the other side.

Trustee Thompson raised his concerns with the ADA compliance of the railroad crossings as they currently exist and believed that the ease of crossing with the underpass will alleviate this. He also felt that with the grants acquired for construction of this project, it is a good deal for the entire Village.

A discussion regarding the food and beverage tax and its benefit for funding ensued.

Village Manager Franz added his thoughts on the project and the small cost to the Village when considering the grants that will be utilized. The discussion turned to the event park and the underpass.

Trustee Gould reiterated her concern that this vote feels like an indication that the Board is "all in" on the entire train project. This assertion was addressed and rebutted by members of the Board.

Trustee Gould wanted to know what happens if the cost goes up as the project is realized,

and the gap that might be created. Interim Finance Director Brankin replied.

Trustee Thompson wanted to know what the approval process was for the entire project. Village Manager Franz replied.

Trustee Thompson asked if the Village will know within the next year if the train station will be able to be purchased. Village Engineer Daubert replied.

Trustee Simon said she has safety concerns around the current condition of the station.

President Senak asked what the current funding gap was for the project. Village Engineer Daubert replied, with follow-up from President Senak. Village Engineer Daubert replied.

- 1) Motion to authorize the Village Manager to execute Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement with CDM Smith of Chicago, Illinois for Phase II Engineering Services for the Glen Ellyn Metra Station and Multimodal Access Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,368,649 to be expensed to the Capital Projects, and Water and Sewer Funds.

I. Other Business

J. Reminders

- 1) Village Board/Glen Ellyn Park District Joint Special Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7 pm at 185 Spring Ave.
- 2) Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7 pm
- 3) Village Board Meeting Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7 pm

K. Adjourn – 8:55 P.M.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Thompson
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Thompson, Kalinich, Christiansen, Gould, Simon
NAYS:	

Adjourn to Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, Section 2.06, ILCS 120/2(c)(2), not to return to open session