



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Regular Village Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

A. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

St. Petronille School Robotics Group students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Page, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Kalinich, and Thompson answered “Present.” Trustees Gould and Simon were absent.

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

D. Audience Participation

Trustee Thompson motioned that the night’s presentation E. 1) be heard before Audience Participation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christiansen with unanimous agreement.

Gwyn Fulmer, resident representing the Riviera Condominium Association, spoke about the fire alarm guidelines for existing multifamily buildings as it relates to their building. She reviewed the Association’s plan to install alarms and the challenges that have been presented throughout the process. She stated the Association’s concerns with compliance and asked that ambiguity in the code be cleared up so they know where they stand.

President Senak replied that the questions cannot be answered now, but the Board is glad to know that there is an issue. He added that Village Manager Franz and staff will work with them to ensure the building is in a condition that makes all the residents safer.

Ivy Toth, a senior from Glenbard West, spoke out about the immigrant situation in the Village and how it has been negatively presented in the media. She felt that not everyone sees migrants as a negative, and the Village could actually use more diversity. She also spoke about her disapproval of the recent harassment of two Muslim students from Glenbard West. She closed her remarks by stating that new Glen Ellyn residents, temporary or permanent, should be welcomed and treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

President Senak addressed Ms. Toth's concerns, specifically in relation to the school district. He added that this is a welcoming community but there are financial consequences to the decisions made and we have to be prepared to address those before the decisions are made.

Joyce Osborne, resident of the Forest Apartments, voiced her concern that the federal government is going to put an end to the Affordable Connector Delivery program due to lack of funding, which would mean some of the low-income seniors in the building would not have internet access. She then changed subject and asked if the Village was going to accept any offers concerning housing of migrants in the community. President Senak replied there was a firm "no" to the recent program offered but any future programs would be considered based on the information provided. He then gave his position on the issue. Ms. Osborne replied.

Village Manager Franz gave an update on the migrant situation in the Village, reiterating that the Village's primary concern continues to be ensuring the health and safety of the residents and anyone, including migrants and their families, who pass through our community.

President Senak reiterated why the Village did not apply or receive grant money for migrants.

E. Presentation

- 1) St. Petronille School Student Group Robotic Project Presentation on Arts in Glen Ellyn (Parent/Coach J. Schwan)

Student and team leader Johnny Schwan introduced himself and then had the entire team introduce themselves as well. The team then gave a presentation about their project to design, research, and development a website that contained all arts, theatre, music, and book resources available in the Village. They navigated the website to showcase how to use it and included actual feedback about the site from residents.

President Senak thanked them for their presentation and gave each team member a parting gift.

- 2) Community Survey Presentation (Communications Coordinator Paplauskas)

Communications Coordinator Paplauskas reviewed the results of the recent community survey. He pointed out the Village is doing very well regarding benchmarks. He also compared the results to those of 2017.

Communications Coordinator Paplauskas also reviewed the key findings of the survey, and then went over the three custom questions in the survey: what to do with the Duane/Lorraine Commuter parking lot; the vehicle sticker program; and Village communications.

Communications Coordinator Paplauskas concluded by saying that overall, Glen Ellyn residents continue to enjoy a high quality of life. They feel very safe within the community. They offer positive reviews for mobility within the community, and a strong economy is top priority for our residents.

Trustee Kalinich asked about mobility in the Village and if there was any opportunity for respondents to submit comments. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied there was not but it could be included in the future.

Trustee Thompson asked if there were any freeform comments at all. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied there were not. Trustee Thompson followed up by asking if it would be helpful to include a freeform comments section. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied.

Trustee Christiansen asked if the 763 total responses were one per household or multiple people in the same household. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied.

President Senak said he thought the survey had been well done and should help in developing lines of communications with the residents as well as strategic planning.

Trustee Kalinich wanted it to be noted that for surveys like this, a typical response is about a quarter of the people invited to do it. She then wanted to know if there was the ability to look at the results with the other 192 non-probability open participation responses; those who took the survey upon clicking on the link on the website. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied that all responses were included in the survey and had been separated in the report.

Trustee Kalinich asked for a clarification of what is meant by the results being statistically weighted to reflect Glen Ellyn overall. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas replied with clarifications per Trustee Kalinich's questions.

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 [4 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Thompson [Items 1– 11]
SECONDER:	Trustee Kalinich
AYES:	Thompson, Kalinich, Christiansen, Fasules
NAYS:	

Motion to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers totaling \$3,768,964.15. These agenda items have been reviewed by the Management Team and Village Attorney and are consistent with the Village's purchasing policy (Trustee Thompson).

- 1) Total Expenditures (Payroll and Vouchers) - \$3,768,964.15
- 2) Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Construction and Construction Engineering for the Crescent Boulevard Improvement Project (Professional Engineer Daubert)
- 3) Motion to Approve Six Central Business District (CBD) Construction Impact Grants to Chocolaterie Stam for \$4,500; Eli Tea for \$4,500; Cabernet & Company for \$4,500; Norabella Boutique for \$6,000; M and Em's for \$6,000; and Ko-Ze

Wine bar for \$4,500; to be expensed to the Corporate Reserve Fund (Economic Development Coordinator Hannah)

- 4) Motion to Approve the Purchase of One (1) 2024 Dakota 440 Material Handler from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC in Elgin, Illinois in the Amount of \$48,833.35 (General Manager Vesevick)
- 5) Motion pursuant to Section 1-10-7 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code to adopt competitive bidding procedures of the Sourcewell Purchasing Program in lieu of the provisions of Chapter 10 on Village Contracts and approve the purchase of Four (4) 2024 John Deere Gator GS Utility Carts from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC in Elgin, Illinois in the Amount of \$12,482.04 Each and for a Total Amount of \$49,928.16 (General Manager Vesevick)
- 6) Motion pursuant to Section 1-10-7 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code to adopt competitive bidding procedures of the Sourcewell Purchasing Program in lieu of the provisions of Chapter 10 on Village Contracts and approve the Purchase of Two (2) 2024 Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q Greens Mowers from Reinders, Inc. in Mundelein, Illinois for a Total Not-To-Exceed Cost of \$100,000.00 (General Manager Vesevick)
- 7) Motion pursuant to Section 1-10-7 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code to adopt competitive bidding procedures of the Sourcewell Purchasing Program in lieu of the provisions of Chapter 10 on Village Contracts and approve the Purchase of One (1) 2024 Toro Greensmaster eTriFlex 3360 Greens Mower from Reinders, Inc. in Mundelein, Illinois in the Amount of \$67,856.16 (General Manager Vesevick)
- 8) Motion pursuant to Section 1-10-7 of the Glen Ellyn Village Code to adopt competitive bidding procedures of the Sourcewell Purchasing Program in lieu of the provisions of Chapter 10 on Village Contracts and approve the Purchase of One (1) John Deere 6500A E-Cut Fairway Mower from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC in Elgin, Illinois in the Amount of \$79,496.76 (General Manager Vesevick)

Trustee Fasules asked if EV equipment was considered. General Manager Vesevick replied that EV equipment was considered and gave reasons why it was not practical. He added that The Links utilize EV when practical and itemized gas/EV equipment being used.

President Senak asked about the relative cost of EV versus gas-powered or electric. General Manager Vesevick replied.

Jacquelyn Casazza, president of Go Green Glen Ellyn, expressed the group's concern that most of the equipment to be purchased is gas-powered and continued, explaining why this is objectionable to Go Green Glen Ellyn. She respectfully requested that the Village Board consider delaying the purchase of this equipment and research the possibility of including one or more electric items, citing the Parks open goal objective 15, as well as the Sustainable Resource Stewardship Goal objective. She concluded her remarks by summing up the long-term benefits of EV.

Norris Eber, resident, gave his thoughts on the purchase of the gas-powered equipment and the noise level they produce. He felt more consideration would be given to this purchase.

Trustee Kalinich asked General Manager Vesevick to explain a little bit more about how he went about the considerations when choosing the equipment to purchase. General Manager Vesevick replied, explaining the process.

Trustee Kalinich followed up by asking for clarification of how many of the units included in this item are hybrid. General Manager Vesevick replied, specifying the two hybrid units.

President Senak asked General Manager Vesevick to continue to monitor EV equipment and to include background on EV/hybrid/gas to the Board in the future. General Manager Vesevick replied he would do so.

Trustee Kalinich asked how often units are replaced. General Manager Vesevick replied generally 7 to 10 years.

Trustee Kalinich stated she felt that there is nobody on the Board who does not care about environmental impact, but the Board always needs to balance that with doing the business of the Village. She appreciated tonight's comments and thought it was great that we are keeping all of that at the forefront. She added that better options should always be considered no matter what the replacement period.

- 9) Ordinance No. 7090, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the Village of Glen Ellyn for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024 to Provide Funds for Prior Year Projects, Encumbrances and Capital Improvements (Finance Director Brankin)
- 10) Motions to Approve an Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Village Green, and an Ordinance Authorizing an extension to the License Agreement for snow stockpiling between the Village of Glen Ellyn and Glen Ellyn Park District
 - A. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7091, an Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Village Green between the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Park District (Village Attorney Mathews)
 - B. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 7092, an Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the License Agreement for Snow Stockpiling, between the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Park District (Village Attorney Mathews)
- 11) Motion to Approve Ordinance 7093-VC, an Ordinance approving an Amendment to Section 9-2-7 (Fee Schedule) of the Village Code of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois regarding fee structure and frequent violator program (Police Chief Norton)

Trustee Fasules asked why the Police Department was frequently double ticketing for parking violations. Police Chief Norton replied, giving a history of why the frequent violator list was created and how it was being amended. Trustee Fasules asked how the frequent violator list is working. Police Chief Norton replied that it works very well. Trustee Fasules asked if there were statistics to back up that statement. Police Chief Norton replied.

G. Other Business

Trustee Kalinich wanted to mention that two different community members had inquired about the potential tunnel at the train station and they wanted to make sure that that was something that we were still considering. Each shared personal examples with Trustee Kalinich of why they thought it would be a benefit.

Trustee Thompson stated he wanted the community to know, our nation to know, Fox News to know, what Glen Ellyn is all about. He continued, saying that Glen Ellyn is a community of volunteers, and has a rich history of supporting and volunteering to help the homeless in our community, adding that the Village has a tradition of supporting global missions in faraway countries in Asia, Africa, South and Central America. World Relief Mission is helping refugee families resettle in the Chicagoland area, with many of our residents and neighbors helping those families adjust to life in America. He cited another Glen Ellyn community treasure -- our Renew project in downtown Glen Ellyn -- which is a faith-based Christian nonprofit organization that serves refugee women resettled in and around DuPage County. He concluded his remarks by saying the Village of Glen Ellyn is called to the idea of servant leadership in our community and brings resources to solve problems. He stated that servant leadership consists of flexibility, empathy, stewardship and listening and that these are the values of the people of Glen Ellyn.

President Senak followed up by saying that the Village was not really in the business of being able to settle migrant families in the community, lacking the resources to do so. However, he urged anyone with plan on how that could be done to present it to this Village Board.

Trustee Fasules spoke about President Senak's interview on Fox News and that what matters is what the majority of the Board says. President Senak agreed.

H. Reminders

- 1) Village Board Workshop Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM
- 2) Village Board Meeting Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM

I. Adjourn – 8:15 P.M.

Motion to adjourn to closed executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body not to return to open session

Mover: Trustee Fasules; Second: Trustee Kalinich. Unanimous vote to adjourn to Closed Executive Session.