Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Regular Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024
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, Trustees Christiansen, Gould, Simon, and Thompson answered "Present." President Senak was absent. Trustee Simon presided over the meeting as President Pro tem.

Also in attendance: Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, Finance Director Brankin, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, Village Engineer Daubert, Police Chief Norton, and Fire Chief Clark. Village Manager Franz and Trustee Kalinich arrived a few minutes after the roll call.

D. Audience Participation

John Svalenka, resident, brought up the effort to hire a full time Village Attorney to replace Attorney Mathews, saying that he wondered if a full-time person was really necessary and if perhaps the work can be managed through a consulting attorney more efficiently.

Julie Ryan, resident, wanted the Board to reconsider the decision regarding installation of sidewalk on the east side of Brandon Avenue. She talked about the construction work being done in 2027 and that asked that perhaps the sidewalk could be added to that project. She submitted her full brief, along with signatures from the residents of Brandon Avenue in favor of the sidewalk installation at that time.

E. Presentation

1) Proclamation in Honor of resident Marjorie Sullivan Lee (Resident Julie Evans)

President Pro tem read the proclamation honoring resident Marjorie Sullivan Lee. President Pro tem Simon presented Mrs. Lee with the key to the Village. A group photo was taken to commemorate the event.

Julie Evans, resident, gave her comments on the proclamation and Mrs. Lee's essential work in the community. She recognized friends either in attendance, or otherwise, as further thanks to Mrs. Lee for her tireless work as parent advocate for those with disabilities.

Mrs. Lee gave her thanks for the honor being bestowed on her by the Village.

President Pro tem Simon added that we are grateful that Mrs. Lee is part of the community.

2) Proclamation in Honor of Peace Officer Week (Police Chief Norton)

Clerk Cosby read the proclamation in honor of National Police Week.

President Pro tem Simon added that the Village appreciates the Police and everything they do for the community.

3) Proclamation in Honor of Emergency Medical Services Week (Volunteer Fire Company Chief Clark)

Volunteer Fire Company Chief Clark read the proclamation in honor of Emergency Medical Services Week.

Chief Clark then introduced three members of the EMS team in attendance for the presentation. A group photo was taken to commemorate the event.

President Pro tem Simon said that the Village was grateful for the entire EMS team's time and effort toward serving the community.

4) Proclamation in Honor of Public Works Week (Public Works Director Buckley)

President Pro tem Simon read the proclamation in honor of Public Works Week, adding that the Village appreciates their dedication.

Public Works Director Buckley let everyone know about the upcoming Public Works Open House and the activities involved for the community.

5) Recognition of Public Works staff for achieving Gold level status from the Illinois Section American Water Works Association (ISAWWA) Water Ambassador Program for third consecutive year (Public Works Director Buckley, ISAWWA representatives Shaunna Robinson and Ralph Gross)

Ralph Gross, District trustee, presented the Gold Level status in the Water Ambassador Program to the utilities division of Public Works, which the department has earned for three years in a row.

Mr. Gross then gave some background on the Village's participation in the program and the water savings achieved. He thanked Village management for being aligned with the goals of the program as well.

Mr. Gross gave some facts about the Village water system and added that it is no small feat to manage it at the level that Public Works consistently does.

A group photo was taken to commemorate the event.

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; 4 – 7A; 8; 2, 3 & 7B as amended]**
SECONDER:	**Trustee Kalinich**
AYES:	**Gould, Kalinich Christiansen, Simon, Thompson**
NAYS:	

Motion to approve the following items including Payroll and Vouchers totaling $3,655,956.77. 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) - $3,655,956.77

Trustee Gould stated that it was her turn to review the expenses this month and had an issue with an item she had asked Village Manager Franz about that referenced a business lunch but didn't list the attendees, Village Manager Franz had replied that there was a process change, but Trustee Gould did not feel that this change made sense. She asked this could be discussed in a future workshop and perhaps revert to the process as it had been before, listing the attendees of a business lunch.

2) Village Board April 29, 2024 Special Workshop Minutes

Village Manager Franz read suggested changes and additions to the minutes submitted by Trustee Kalinich and Trustee Gould, which clarified their comments made at the workshop.

3) Village Board April 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Village Manager Franz read a suggested change submitted by Trustee Kalinich to the minutes on page 4 in the fourth paragraph, clarifying that it was the Glenbard West AP Environmental Science classes that had just taken the tour.

4) Village Board April 15, 2024 Workshop Minutes

5) Approve Resolution 24-07, a Resolution accepting the Water Main and Bill of Sale at 90 North Finley Road (Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman)

6) Ordinance No. 8004, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the Village of Glen Ellyn for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023 (Finance Director Brankin)

7) Motion to authorize the Village Manager to execute Change Order 2 to the Village's Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of $8,175, for Engineering Consultant Services for the Village's Multi-Year Utility and Roadway Improvements Project to be expensed to the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion to authorize the Village Manager to execute Change Order 3 to the Village's Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of $717,248.01, for Engineering Consultant Services for the Village's Multi-Year Utility and Roadway Improvements Project to be expensed to the Capital Projects and Water and Sewer Fund (Public Works Director Buckley)

Village Engineer Daubert said that the second motion in this item should be amended to read as it does in the above copy, not just the Capital Projects Fund.

8) Motion to approve a Fire Prevention Award in the amount of $10,000 to 580 Duane LLC at 580 Duane Street, to be expensed to the Central Business District TIF Fund (Economic Development Coordinator Hannah)

9) Motion to approve Ordinance No. 8005-VC, An Ordinance approving Text Amendments to the Glen Ellyn Municipal Code Title 8, Section 8-1-13 and Title 10, Sections 10-2-2, 10-5-8, 10-5-14, and 10-5-15 to Regulate Outdoor Dining, Dining Platforms and Live Entertainment (Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman)

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

Trustee Christiansen wanted the addition of proximity of smoking to the outdoor diners. Village Manager Franz said that staff was debating this very issue at the moment. Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman gave additional input on state regulations regarding this request. Attorney Mathews suggested that this item should be subject to attorney review. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Thompson said that the Plan Commission had a lively discussion on the issue of the sidewalk dining platforms. He was not comfortable taking parking spaces and turning them into platform dining in the street. Attorney Mathews suggested that the item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. The item was then pulled.

Trustee Thompson was hesitant to have the Board's policy to be supporting platforms in the street. He felt it defeated the purpose of Streetscape that gives restaurants a larger sidewalk area to work with. He cited Fire & Wine restaurant as an example.

Trustee Gould brought up the possible closing of Main Street and how some businesses thought that would be a problem. She felt that creative outdoor dining options need to be revisited and discussed further. That said, for this season, perhaps outdoor dining can move forward as envisioned, but for next year it should be reviewed.

Trustee Kalinich heard the concerns and the feedback about parking combined with more opportunities for outdoor dining. She brought up Wheaton's approach for comparison and thought that closing Main Street was not a good option for the Village and added that using some parking spaces would work better. She felt that the different options being used by the restaurants give the area more variety and add depth for those walking through the downtown area. She felt revisiting the subject every year was a benefit to make it better.

Trustee Christiansen said that the current platforms are on streets that have not been redone for Streetscape. In general, the platforms do not bother her and that parking is not as difficult as it might have been in the past. She hoped more solutions would be apparent as outdoor dining is allowed and evolves.

Trustee Thompson talked about the Plan Commission suggestion that there should be only one platform per block face. He reiterated his feeling that the Streetscape was designed to increase sidewalk dining and felt the policy should be pushed in that direction.

Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman talked about the amendments, specifically the block face issue and that the Board needs to approve all initial requests for platforms. She added that constructing the dining platforms are a business expense and that the expectation should not be given just to be pulled back at a later date.

Trustee Gould thought Park Blvd. had good access and talked about the vibe of outdoor dining as far as traffic and overall dining experience. She added that the overall vision needs to be discussed and defined. She also felt there were several different options to keep the sidewalks from being crowded with furniture.

Trustee Gould commented that she was concerned with the cash investment by businesses for the platforms and asked Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman how many had been applied for. Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman replied and said that a few businesses were interested in platforms. Discussion continued about the current platform requirement criteria going forward and the platforms that do not conform.

Attorney Mathews said if there is no safety issue, perhaps businesses could be given a grace period as far as meeting the new platform criteria. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah gave additional information on the platform issue on Forest Avenue.

Trustee Christiansen asked if the parking lot behind the real estate office on Forest Avenue was public after hours. Village Manager Franz said it was private. Trustee Christiansen thought that perhaps an arrangement could be made with the business to allow after hours parking in the future.

Trustee Gould asked if there was going to be a modification to the ordinance. Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman explained why the ordinance did not need to be amended at this time. Village Manager Franz said that the Forest Avenue platform could be brought back next year as an agenda item to be grandfathered in for a 3-year period.

Attorney Mathews thought that "subject to attorney review" should be added to item 9 to cover the platform on Forest issue as well as the smoking parameters. The Board agreed to this amendment.

10) Motion to authorize the Village Manager to execute a License Agreement with 504

Kitchen for an Outdoor Café at 504 Crescent Boulevard (Economic Development Coordinator Hannah)

G. Other Business

Trustee Kalinich wanted to make everyone aware that the Historic Preservation Commission has been working on developing incentives to preserve historically significant buildings that can be offered to homeowners as well as developers. She mentioned that they are working with neighboring communities, specifically Hinsdale who has been through the process recently, to investigate what actions can be taken, along with the pros and cons. She continued by saying that in June or July, a report will be ready with cost elements and incentives to be considered for next year's Village budget.

Trustee Christiansen said she was excited about the efforts and that we are losing historic houses rapidly and need to find a way to preserve these gems. She mentioned that the. Historic Preservation signs being placed in yards this month and one of the signs she was asked to place was at a house scheduled to demolition.

Trustee Thompson said that he and Trustee Gould were working on encouraging more historic preservation in the downtown businesses as well. Trustee Kalinich said they got some insight on this from Hinsdale's experience. Discussion continued to efforts that can be done to promote improvement, working with Architectural Appearance Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.

President Pro tem Simon commended the Planning Commission of their thoughtfulness and exploring all of the issues involved.

H. Reminders

1) Village Board Workshop, Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7 pm
2) Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7 pm

I. Adjourn - 8:10 P.M.

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