



## MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Virtual Meeting

Arlington Heights Village Hall  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

June 1, 2020

7:00 PM

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll:  
Schwingbeck, LaBedz, Canty, Scaletta, Tinaglia, Baldino, Padovani and  
Rosenberg.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Robin Ward, Charles Perkins, Nick  
Pecora and Becky Hume.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Village Board 05/18/2020

Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Bert Rosenberg Seconded  
the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta,  
Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

### **V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A. Warrant Register 05/30/2020

Approved

Trustee Bert Rosenberg moved to approve in the amount of \$866,554.20.

Trustee John Scaletta Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

## **VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

President Hayes condemned the senseless murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. He also spoke out against the hateful and racist graffiti painted around the Village. He said there is no place for that kind of language or sentiment in the Village and we will do all we can to ensure liberty and justice for all citizens. We owe that to George Floyd and our fallen heroes who fought and died for those rights. Our Police Department is up to the task. He commended the many who exercised their first amendment rights peacefully in Arlington Heights. He asked for all to treat each other with respect.

Mr. Recklaus said Village Staff is monitoring events. All are affected by the video of Mr. Floyd's death. All feel betrayed. We share the outrage. Our Police Department is one of the best trained in the region for conflict resolution.

Chief Pecora said the video showing officers kill Mr. Floyd is a painful reminder to all who strive for justice and equality. Protesters raise legitimate concerns. He applauded the lawful and respectful protesters. The Arlington Heights Police Department uses best practice policies and are held to a high standard. He explained the training and guidelines the Department employs. Any officer who treats a human being the way Mr. Floyd was treated should not wear a badge.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Rosemary Walter submitted the following question: What training has our police force had and continues to have to be comfortable that such an event as the George Floyd incident would not happen in Arlington Heights? President Hayes said Chief Pecora's comments addressed this issue.

Paul Scott with Bridging the Black White Divide submitted a statement supporting the students who expressed their solidarity with other patriots around the country by marching against institutional racism. He reiterated his statement "This is a country that continues to punish blackness". He challenged those who defend Arlington Heights as a great and welcoming city by asking, "For who is this true? Being "welcoming" is a deliberate action. And, in the case of African Americans it should mean even more given the Village's legacy around housing and exclusion. He wrote that Arlington Heights does not exist in a vacuum. A failure to embrace

diversity fully prevents the Village from being the best it can.

Mr. John Bork thanked the Board for guiding the Village and conducting virtual meetings. He expressed his outrage for the murder of people of color. He urged the Village to create a policy of diversity/equality in recruitment in all departments and volunteer groups. He acknowledged the hiring of a person of color in the Police Department. He said the racial divide is a white problem.

President Hayes said that he has been anything but silent and expressed his outrage. Diversity is one of the main Village Board goals for 2020. It has recently been sidetracked because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Recklaus explained that many of the events the Village had organized and planned on attending to encourage diversity in the workforce had been canceled because of the pandemic. The work will continue.

George Motto applauded the efforts to keep residents safe. The Village has an excellent police force. He acknowledged the systemic racism in the country and suggested community wide diversification, not just in the Police Department.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

## **X. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSENT OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS**

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| A. | Resurfacing Program & Sidewalk Program -<br>2020 | Approved |
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Trustee Greg Padovani moved to approve. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

### **CONSENT NEW BUSINESS**

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| A. | Budget Transfer for COVID-19 Supplies | Approved |
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Trustee Greg Padovani moved to approve. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

## **CONSENT LEGAL**

- A. An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking Approved  
(South side of Vine St between North Fernandez Ave and North Ridge Ave)

Trustee Greg Padovani moved to approve 2020-14. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.  
The Motion: Passed  
Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- B. An Ordinance Granting a Land Use Variation and Approved Variations from Chapter 28 of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code  
(DPS Automotive, 855 W University Dr)

Trustee Greg Padovani moved to approve 2020-015. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.  
The Motion: Passed  
Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

## **CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER**

### **XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS**

### **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **XIII. LEGAL**

### **XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER**

- A. Arlington 425 Planned Unit Development Ordinance 19-019 Request for Extension Approved

Trustee Tinaglia said he would not be discussing or voting on the project

because of a professional conflict.

Mr. Firsel, attorney for the project, explained that because of delays by ComEd and the Covid-19 crisis, they need an extension. They would like a twelve month delay because of the economic uncertainty. Mr. Recklaus said staff would like to keep all parties motivated. Mr. Perkins said ComEd has been unresponsive to the petitioners and the developers of Sigwalt 16. By keeping a limit on the extension, the pressure is kept on ComEd.

Trustee Canty asked about the consequences of extending the approval or varying it by a different amount of time. Mr. Perkins said if the Subdivision Approval expires, the developer would have to start over. A 90 day extension provides a window to keep ComEd motivated to meet. If financing cannot be obtained, then another extension can be granted. Mr. Recklaus said staff wants to be confident the utility issues can be resolved.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if six months might be better. Mr. Perkins said that would delay the Sigwalt 16 project from moving forward. The Board agreed it did not want to hold up Sigwalt 16.

Julie Workman, attorney for Sigwalt 16, said ComEd has been unresponsive and their inaction is impeding the project. Mr. Firsel said they have gone through 3 ComEd representatives, who do not call back or respond. President Hayes recently wrote a letter to them, and now they seem willing to meet.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if engaging the State Legislators might be helpful. Mr. Perkins said ComEd has agreed to meet subsequent to receiving the Mayor's letter. Mr. Recklaus said that meeting will occur shortly, staff has some work to do prior to scheduling it. President Hayes suggested the meeting take place as soon as possible.

Trustee Baldino moved to grant a 90 day extension to see if an acceptable plan is provided by ComEd to relocate the overhead utilities running through the property. The Village Board may grant further extensions.

Trustee Canty seconded the motion.

Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck.

Abstain: Tinaglia

The motion: Passed

B. Discussion of 2020 Mane Event and Taste of Arlington Approved

Mr. Recklaus said Arlington Alfresco opens June 3rd. It allows for an open-air dining and shopping zone in the Downtown that enables restaurants, stores and businesses to expand their capacity into designated zones within the Arlington Alfresco footprint. The plan includes an 18-foot pedestrian walkway in the center of the streets for public safety vehicles. The dining areas will be fenced in and there will be many signs to help alleviate

gathering concerns as it relates to the COVID-19 virus.

Because of the unique year, staff is recommending that the Taste of Arlington and Mane Event be canceled this summer. The State is not allowing festivals until Stage 5. Given the large amount of work and the cost, with no vaccine or treatment, it is not prudent to host these events. The Chamber of Commerce is in agreement with this decision.

Joseph Preissing wrote: Would the Village consider allowing entertainers/bands to perform "for free" in Harmony Park each Friday/Saturday near the stage area, providing their own sound equipment? Mr. Recklaus responded that Arlington Al Fresco is going to allow more people into the Downtown. However, social distancing must be controlled. Under the current phase, these kinds of gatherings are not allowed or recommended. It is difficult to commit to something that could cause a gathering.

Trustee Scaletta moved to concur with staff to cancel the Mane Event and Taste of Arlington for 2020. Trustee Rosenberg seconded the motion.  
Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia  
The motion: Passed

## **XV. APPOINTMENTS**

## **XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request for Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21): Discussion of minutes lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes

and

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1): Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee John Scaletta moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.  
Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.  
The Motion: Passed  
Ayes: Baldino, Canty, Hayes, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia