



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Board Room

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

June 18, 2024

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: LaBedz, Tinaglia, Schwingbeck, Bertucci, Shirley, Baldino, Dunnington and Grasse.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Diana Mikula, Hart Passman, Nick Pecora and Becky Hume.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Village Board 06/03/2024 Approved

Trustee Nicolle Grasse moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

B. Committee of the Whole 06/10/2024 Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Warrant Register 06/15/2024 Approved

Mr. Recklaus provided an explanation of the Criminal Investment Fund at the request of resident Melissa Cayer.

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve in the amount of \$3,516,094.19. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction and Oath of Officer - Police K9 Atlas

Atlas is a 2 1/2 year old German shepherd who was imported from Germany earlier this year by the Arlington Heights Police Department which partnered with the Kane County Sheriff's Department's canine program to acquire him and to conduct the rigorous training mandated by the State of Illinois for the dog and his handler.

Officer Heffernan was chosen to be Atlas' handler. He has been an officer with the Village since 2018 and is the recipient of numerous awards for his efforts in impaired driving enforcement. Officer Heffernan was a nominee for the Police Department's prestigious Calderwood Officer of the Year Award in 2021 and continuously displays a strong work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond.

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to K-9 Officer Atlas.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Bill Manganaro wanted to acknowledge and celebrate the appointment of Trustee Nicolle Grasse as the State Representative for the 53rd District in Illinois. As a resident of both the Village and District 53, he said he was grateful for the leadership she brought to this Board and her upcoming representation in Springfield.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 18, 2024 Approved

Interview of Riley Philips for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) term ending April 30, 2025

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Phillips.

Trustee Nicolle Grasse moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment.

Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

X. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS

- A. 2024 MFT Street Reconstruction Project - Award Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

CONSENT LEGAL

- A. IDOT Resolution for Improvement - 2024 Street Reconstruction Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve R2024-18. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- B. Euclid Avenue Resurfacing - Phase II IGA (City of Rolling Meadows) and Resolution Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve R2024-19/A2024-26. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- C. S Belmont Avenue - No Parking Near Carefree Park - Ordinance Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve 2024-37. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- D. Resolution Approving Class 6B Incentive for Lavax, Inc. (330 W. Campus Drive) Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve R2024-20. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- E. Resolution - Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Camera Grant Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve R2024-21/A2024-27. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

- F. Resolution – Agreement for Use of Bathrooms at 6 S. Vail During Sounds of Summer Concerts Approved

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve R2024-22/A2024-30. Trustee

Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. LEGAL

- A. HANA Neighborhood Signage and Traffic Flow Improvement - Ordinance Approved

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Trustee Dunnington.

Mr. Recklaus explained that staff has reviewed requests from the HANA neighborhood for additional street signage. After looking at crash data and the configuration of the various intersections within the neighborhood, there are number of changes warranted. Letters were sent to 560 residents and information placed on the Village's website and social media channels. Residents were presented with proposed concepts and 57 comments were received. With the data and input, staff prepared a project proposal which includes implementing changes at 15 of the 62 intersections in that neighborhood. We're trying to prevent accidents and these are all improvements that we believe will enhance safety in that neighborhood. There's a number of uncontrolled intersections in that neighborhood where you come to the intersection and neither the East-West nor North-South traffic has a stop sign. It's very often confusing for motorists and something we can eliminate by doing what we've done other neighborhoods with a basket weave system of stop signs.

Trustee Dunnington said she agreed that these new stop signs will help with safety and improve traffic flow in the HANA neighborhood. She said the Village Board receives a lot of emails about speeding in residential neighborhoods. She said stop signs are not traffic calming measures for speeding and shared that Mt. Prospect recently approved a Friendly Neighborhood Street Program that's focused on residential areas. Some key parts of their plan are for traffic calming speeding measures. Their plan shows the cost for different traffic calming measures and details a process of how residents can request solutions in their neighborhood. It also does a good job of defining speed data better than how we measure it. Trustee Dunnington said she shared the plan with Mr. Recklaus and staff is reviewing it. She encouraged Board Members to take a look at the Mt.

Prospect plan as she thinks the Village should adopt a stronger formal plan and can use a lot of what Mt. Prospect adopted.

President Hayes said he believes stop signs are speed calming devices.

Trustee LaBedz said as a HANA resident, she was thrilled to see this proposal come through. Because she lives in the neighborhood, she understands that trying to get through the intersections when there is no control is difficult for pedestrians and vehicles. There are a lot of walkers in the neighborhood and a lot of the streets, or portions of streets, which don't have sidewalks. Sometimes, at the corners, it is not easy to see the cars which are coming.

Trustee Grasse thanked Trustee Dunnington for bringing up the the other options as she thinks it's important to be open to additional ways to keep us safer. As a runner, she is grateful for the safety measures.

Resident Keith Moens commended the Village staff for taking the initiative to address the safety issues in the HANA neighborhood. In September 2022, there was a traffic calming policy survey of 19 municipalities. Arlington Heights arbitrarily set the speed threshold at 40 mph in order to assess whether a street is to be considered for traffic calming. This was the highest threshold of any of the respondents, so as a result there is no speeding according to that threshold. We know that's not true based on Village pedestrian speed studies. In his opinion, speeding problems can be easily corrected if the Board and the staff implement a speed calming policy similar to some of the other nearby towns that were mentioned earlier tonight.

Mr. Recklaus responded that staff is always looking to learn better ways of doing things and identify best practices. We are looking at the Mt. Prospect document to see what we can glean from it. Some of the things we are already doing, but perhaps could be communicated better. Just last week the Police Department received first place in the State for having the best, most robust Traffic Safety program. We've also seen a dramatic decrease in traffic accidents within our community over the last 15 years with a 33% drop. While we absolutely can do better, and evaluating other programs is a best practice, he wanted to let the Board know that our Police Department and our Engineering Department already include work in this area and are leaders in the State.

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve R2024-38. Trustee Nicolle Grasse Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

B. Resolution Further Extending the Term of Sign Variations for an Electronic Billboard Sign (2200 W. Euclid Avenue) Approved

Mr. Recklaus explained that in 2017 the Board approved sign variations for the construction of the electronic billboard sign at the Arlington Racetrack property adjacent to Route 53. Staff believes that this sign is a unique because of its location on the highway which neighbors other towns' billboards. Its location is different from other places like retail or residential areas. The current owners of the property wish to continue to use the billboard as they plan for the property's long-term redevelopment. During this interim period, Staff is willing to support this request in expectation of future discussions on the property, and recommends approval of a resolution to further extend the sign's variation through June 30, 2025.

President Hayes said he supports this extension and thinks that although we have a policy to not have billboards, we do make exceptions to our policies and ordinances. He thinks this sign calls for such an exception. President Hayes said he's in favor of this billboard because it's apples and oranges in terms of how you characterize billboards and this is an appropriate location.

Trustee Dunnington agreed with original purpose of the billboard which was to provide exposure for the Racetrack. At that time, the Racetrack was the largest employer in the Village. Since the property is no longer a Racetrack, she thinks it's time for the billboard to be removed. To her, billboards are an eyesore. She pointed out that the letter "L" is missing at the end of "International" and she asked for the sign to be repaired at a minimum.

Trustee Grasse said the value of the billboard is worthy of discussion. She would like to continue the good faith partnership with the current owner for another year, but I think it's important to reevaluate in the year's time and also ask for repair to the Billboard.

President Hayes agreed with Trustees Dunnington and Grasse about the repair of the sign.

John Bostrom and Stacie Nelson, representatives from the Chicago Bears Football Club, said they will work on the request for repair and do a facelift of the sign.

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve R2024-23. Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

Nays: Dunnington

C. Ordinance - Organized Retail Crime Grant (Flock Approved 2024)

Resident Melissa Cayer asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Recklaus explained that statewide, retail crime is on the rise. Staff looks for ways to respond and combat it. The Police Department was awarded a \$183,000.00 grant for the establishment of a real-time criminal intelligence center. The grant includes a maximum of \$33,000.00 for fixed license plate recognition systems. These cameras are in fixed locations in the Village and allow us to track specific vehicles. The cameras are on Village, County, or private property with the permission of the property owner.

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve 2024-39/A2024-28. Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

D. Ordinance - Organized Retail Crime Grant (fusus) Approved

This item falls under the same grant umbrella as the Flock system. Fusus software allows the Village access to security cameras at business locations to which we are connected (with their permission) to view incidents where there is suspected criminal activity. Officers can then make better decisions regarding their response to the situation.

Trustee Grasse said these grants show staff's commitment for securing grant monies for the Village.

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve 2024-40/A2024-29. Trustee Nicolle Grasse Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

XV. APPOINTMENTS

XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Tinaglia reminded residents of the upcoming Frontier Days Festival, which is run by volunteers over the July 4th weekend. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. Please contact the Frontier Days organization to get involved.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia