

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**June 8, 2021**

The Village Board Meeting was held in-person at RedTail Golf Club along with Zoom streaming. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stavropoulos. Present at RedTail Golf Club were Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Also present were Village Manager Jean Heckman, Village Attorney Scott Puma, Village Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, Chief of Police Mike Roth, and a few members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Resident Marty Moister, addressed the Board as a representative for CCAPOA (Country Club Additions Property Owners Association) He brought attention of traffic concerns on Lake Avenue. Residents would like the support of the Village in taking action to create a Traffic Calming Policy. Chief Roth added he had met with Mr. Moister regarding the concern and reported a speed box was temporarily installed with the help of the McHenry County Sheriff Department earlier that day. Chief Roth will gather information and present the findings at a later date.

President Stavropoulos continued the meeting with his opening comments. He reported that he met with the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Village was offered the opportunity to have a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Together, with the Lakewood Youth Organization, ideas of a design are well underway. Throughout the Village, there seems to be an issue that may need to be addressed in the future, that being the withering away of trees and the possible need for removal and replacement. He also reported the Crystal Lake Park District is doing their due diligence on the proposed property for joint park project. If their findings reveal the land is not suitable for the project, it will be returned.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following were considered and enacted on a single motion by Trustee Barron, seconded by Trustee Fischer

1. Approval of Minutes
  - D. May 25, 2021 Village Board Meeting
2. Approval of Bill Lists
  - A. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated April 30, 2021 in the Amount of \$2,886.68
  - C. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated June 9, 2021 in the Amount of \$238,995.24
  
4. Approval of a Special Events Permit Application from the Crystal Lake Water Ski Association Requesting Slalom Tournaments on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and Sunday, August 8, 2021 and Barefoot Tournament on Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with No Wake Hours for all Events.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes

A. March 9, 2021 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Babischkin requested the removal of Item 1.A. Upon conclusion of suggested edits, Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Fischer moved to approve Village Board Meeting Minutes dated March, 9, 2021 as amended. Voting Aye: President Stavropoulos, Trustees Babischkin, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: Trustees Augustine, Barron and Berman. Motion declared carried.

B. March 23, 2021 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Babischkin requested the removal of Item 1.B. Upon conclusion of suggested edits, Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Runge moved to approve Village Board Meeting Minutes dated March, 23, 2021 as amended. Voting Aye: President Stavropoulos, Trustees Babischkin, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: Trustees Augustine, Barron and Berman. Motion declared carried.

C. April 23, 2021 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Babischkin requested the removal of Item 1.C. Upon conclusion of suggested edits, Trustee Runge, seconded by Trustee Babischkin moved to approve Village Board Meeting Minutes dated April, 23, 2021 as amended. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: Trustee Berman. Motion declared carried.

E. May 25, 2021 Executive Session

Attorney Scott Puma requested the removal of Item 1.E. Follow-up with staff with instruction to proceed with Executive Session Minutes was recommended. Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Augustine moved to remove Item 1.E. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

2. Approval of Bill Lists

B. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated April 30, 2021 in the Amount of \$58,217.30

Trustee Babischkin requested the payment for Zukowski, Rogers, Flood, and McArdle Law Firm be amended to reflect the reduction of work product that was billed for lot sale transactions that are in question. Total amount to be researched by Jean Heckman. Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Runge moved to approve Bill List Dated April 30, 2021 minus calculated work product discrepancy. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**PRESENTATION OF POOL COVER VARIANCE REQUEST.** President Stavropoulos clarified for those in attendance that this item was placed on the Agenda in error and will be readdressed should a request be received.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.** Trustee Berman stated that previous discussion regarding funding for a ninth police officer resulted in approximately trying to allocate \$31,000. He would like to see the current proposed funds be used for drilling a test well at RedTail Golf Club.

Trustee Barron sought clarification to whether the funds were being booked from General Fund or Motor Fuel Tax and whether the funds were levied and had to be used for a particular purpose.

Attorney Scott Puma will research the legality of the proposed funding for Ordinance 2021-16.

*Public Comment:* None.

Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Augustine moved to table Ordinance No. 2021-16. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PROSECUTOR.** President Stavropoulos spoke of the Village's best interest to retain a prosecutor for traffic matters. Following recommendation from Village Attorney Scott Puma, Steve McArdle was recommended.

Trustee Runge would like to have a Fee Schedule filed with the Village.

*Public Comment:* None.

Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Barron moved to approve Steve McArdle as Village Prosecutor for Traffic Tickets and DUIs; traffic matters. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7.03 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING TERMS OF OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONERS.**

President Stavropoulos addressed the need to bring this Ordinance compliant with State Statute by the change to appointment term needing to go from four to the required five years. A schedule as to appointment terms was presented. There currently is an opening for a Commissioner, and the Village will continue to welcome interested parties until June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Trustee Babischkin stated her understanding of the schedule and sought confirmation of such. She also inquired as to what determined the order. President Stavropoulos took current tenure into account when addressing reappointments.

Trustee Fischer was curious as to if feedback was received from the current sitting committee members. As to which President Stavropoulos replied all communication received was understood and those members were satisfied.

*Public Comment:* None.

Trustee Barron, seconded by Trustee Augustine moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-17. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS.** President Stavropoulos shared with Board the 2020 Annual Report from the Crystal Lake Fire Department, a history of fire service expenditures, and current agreement expiration terms. It is not necessarily an issue at hand right now; however, he wants to keep the Board informed.

*Public Comment:* Resident Cheryl Lockwood, inquired to procedure when services are requested. Is it standard practice for a fire truck to arrive on scene when only an ambulance is needed? Does this practice create unnecessary expense?

Resident Marty Moister, inquired to the verification of the bill payment approval.

Resident Tracey Chain, reiterated that historically this service type has always been an issue addressed as a costly item.

Resident Liz Delzell, agreed with the financial responsibility being addressed, but also cautioned overall community safety is a concern.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING REDTAIL LOGO.** Trustee Babischkin spoke of maintaining overall good marketing for RedTail Golf Club. She would like to address the disconnect of brand and logo consistency. Suggestion was given to rolling back of the “striking hawk” logo until a full marketing plan is put in place.

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Trustee Berman would like to have Golf Manager Kenny Goodwin available to add comment/concerns and believes in supporting the decisions that are being made by Kenny and staff.

Trustee Barron agrees there should be brand standards and a roll out plan. Also, there can be “clean-up” to the current logo done so it may show better on the website.

Trustee Fischer inquired if there is an estimated cost to the rebrand. He agrees there should be consistency and that it should look good on all media.

Trustee Runge would like clarification to the reason for the logo change. She would like to have product testing done and evaluated in order to make an informed decision.

Trustee Augustine drew attention to the positive momentum that has been created at RedTail by Kenny and his staff. He believes in supporting and empowering their decisions. However, this should be a discussion that includes Kenny.

*Public Comment:* Resident Cheryl Lockwood believes RedTail is moving in the right direction. People are excited about the golf club.

Resident Scott Chain voiced his concern for the expenditure of rebranding at this time.

Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Barron moved to table the Consideration of RedTail Logo until the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 22, 2021. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: Babischkin. Motion declared carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Village Manager Jean Heckman acknowledged a candidate that has come forward with interest to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee. The posting will be open until Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

B. An insurance claim was resubmitted regarding the mini-excavator damage. The Village has been reimbursed \$5,000 towards the original claim of \$31,170.

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE STATUS UPDATE.** Village Manager Jean Heckman reported that records and information has begun to get gathered for the Committee to review. There is a prospective CPA candidate to join the Committee. There is still a delay in the financial reports due to the fact that invoices are still being found and entered; some cases these are six months old.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

Chief Roth: None.

Golf Manager Kenny Goodwin: Absent.

Public Works Director Gary Zickuhr: Absent.

Village Manager Jean Heckman: Thanked the Lakewood Youth Organization for their participation and representation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Crystal Lake Chamber Parade. At last count, there will be 30 youth participants.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made at 8:39 p.m. to convene in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; and appointment, employment, compensation, performance of specific employees of the Village by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Augustine. .Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

At 9:51 p.m. the Village Board returned to the regular Village Board Meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Barron, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Jeanette LoBosco  
Village Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: June 22, 2021