

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 11, 2017**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at RedTail Golf Club by President Serwatka. Present were Trustees McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Chief of Police Michael Roth; RedTail Golf Manager Christopher Neuhart; and many members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Hansen of 2115 South Shore Drive is looking for relief from approximately two feet of water on South Shore Drive and Sunset Drive.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 27, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS:** Accounts Payable Invoices Dated July 12, 2017 in the Amount of \$130,505.10; Accounts Payable Pre-Paid Invoices for June, 2017 in the Amount of \$212,615.53; and RedTail Golf Club Accounts Payable Invoices Dated June 30, 2017 in the Amount of \$15,770.97

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** None

Voting Aye: Trustees McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:** This Agenda Item has been deferred until July 25, 2017 due to the lack of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD:** Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that this Ordinance declares the 2004 mower surplus in order to allow for a trade-in so Reinders can provide the best possible price for the new mower.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Ritchie, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

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**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R26 – A RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY WITH PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD FOR A TORO GREENSMaster 3120 MOWER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,028.56 (\$25,361.11 PRINCIPAL WITH \$2,667.45 IN INTEREST):**

Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that the 2004 Toro 3150 mower is no longer reliable and has become problematic to keep in working order and has an equivalent of 250,000 miles on a car. The lease replacement mower was approved in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. Three bids were solicited with Reinders at a price of \$25,361.11 including the trade in of \$1,700. Reinders provided a lease option through PNC Equipment Finance, LLC.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Ritchie, moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R26. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE TURNBERRY LAKES CLUB OPEN HOUSE ON AUGUST 6, 2017 FROM 12 P.M. TO 3 P.M. SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMIT AND WAIVE THE \$100 FEE FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT:**

Trustee Stephan commented that this fund raiser gives back to the Village of Lakewood to benefit its residents. The Health Department permit will be issued the morning of the event.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee McMahan, moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Turnberry Lakes Club Open House on August 6, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. subject to the receipt of Certificate of Insurance and Health Department Permit and waive the \$100 fee for the Special Event Liquor Permit. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM MUNICIPAL WELL AND PUMP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,809 TO ABANDON AND SEAL WELL #2:**

Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that this well was used to fill Lake #1 across from Turnberry Country Club when water levels fell below desirable levels. However, it did not draw the desired amount of water despite its run time and in the mid 90's it was determined the well caused the barium levels in nearby Well #3 to increase. Also, Well #2 was struck by lightning and the motor has since not been functional. The abandonment will prevent any possible future contamination of the Village's aquifers. Staff issued three requests for quotations and received two responses.

Trustee Ritchie, seconded by Trustee Stephan, moved to accept the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump in an amount not to exceed \$16,809 to abandon and seal Well #2. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

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**DISCUSSION ITEM: UPDATE FROM JULIE HEATHER MEISTER REGARDING PROGRESS OF THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT:** Ms. Meister thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to serve the Village of Lakewood. The scope of services is to assist with clarifying open positions within the Village and streamline positions and functions. She commented on analyzing the current workforce, forecast the strategic future state and the workforce it will require; recommend a framework for making short-term, mid-term, and long-term workforce decisions that guide outcome of each opportunity for workforce to change to bring the current state closer to the future state; and note observations and recommendations outside the primary scope of this project for future discussion.

Ms. Meister is hoping to draft a report which includes analysis and recommendations by July 19, and finalize the report at the July 25, 2017 Village Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-27 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING FINANCE DIRECTOR:** President Serwatka commented that this Ordinance restructures staff and gives more control to the Board of Trustees as opposed to the Village Manager. The Finance Director will be appointed by the Village President and voted on by the Board of Trustees.

There was general discussion regarding the difference between appointing and hiring a Finance Director. The Village Attorney commented that the Board of Trustees would hire this individual and vote to confirm this hire with designated compensation. Also discussed was the fact that all Village employees are bonded as required by Illinois Municipal Code.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Rexroat, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-27. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**REPORTS:** Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews clarified she is no longer the Interim Village Manager as of April 30, 2017. Shannon Andrews' position and title since April 30, 2017 is "Deputy Village Manager".

President Serwatka commented about written public statements made by Trustee McMahan regarding tax implications with discontinuing the TIF District. Trustee McMahan issued a Press Release entitled "*Political Promise to Cost Lakewood Taxpayers 12%*" which was posted on online blogs and social media that dissolving the TIF District would increase the resident's real estate taxes by 12%. Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that the \$220,000 TIF expenses have already been spent and the TIF District, comprised of Village residents, will not pay back any expenditures spent. She added that there will be no property tax increase due to the discontinuance of the TIF District.

President Serwatka asked that Trustee McMahan publicly correct/retract his statements.

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President Serwatka commented that Trustee McMahan also made public, written statements saying that President Serwatka was usurping municipal code and ordinance and that as President he did not have the authority to accept the Police Chief's resignation nor to appoint a new Police Chief with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees.

President asked for clarification from Village Attorney Michael Smoron; was Chief Rawson's resignation inappropriate, was the approval of Michael Roth's appointment to Police Chief inappropriate, was the approval of an Ordinance to have the Village Chief of Police appointed and/or terminated by the Village President and Board of Trustees in anyway inappropriate? Attorney Smoron confirmed that all of these issues were approved and administered properly.

President Serwatka requested that Trustee McMahan publicly correct/retract these statements.

President Serwatka commented that Trustee McMahan inappropriately incurred \$800 of legal expenses in an effort to confirm his managerial form of government concerns.

President Serwatka requested that Trustee McMahan reimburse the Village for the \$800 legal expenses he incurred.

Trustee McMahan declined all requests.

Trustee Ritchie commented that there is a very beneficial web site discussing Managerial Forms of Government. ILCMA web site is extremely informative at no cost and gives a list of managerial towns within Illinois. The Village of Lakewood is not listed as a Managerial Municipality.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Ritchie, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen  
Village Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: July 24, 2017