

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2017**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. at Turnberry Country Club by President Smith. Present were Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Trustee Iden was absent. Also present were Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Village Treasurer George Roach; Village Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; and many members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Mannix of 7375 Longmoor Drive commented on the new ownership of Turnberry Country Club. He also stated that he did not want the Village to allow a marijuana dispensary or any adult establishments. Trustee Davis commented that the Village Code establishes allowable Village businesses.

Mark Finn of 8700 Shade Tree Circle asked for clarification for allowable placement and number of political signs within the Village along roadways. The Village does not dictate political sign usage during elections. Mr. Finn thanked the Trustees who are not running for re-election for their services.

Cheryl Lockwood of 9517 Lenox Lane commented that she was happy to see digital audio recording on the agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 14, 2017 Budget Workshop #1 Minutes and March 14, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:** Accounts Payable Dated March 29, 2017 in the Amount of \$63,807.95

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** None

Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Iden. Motion declared carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FROM THE CRYSTAL LAKE ROWING CLUB FOR THE ANNUAL GREATER CHICAGO ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 6, 2017 FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.:** This year's event will occur on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. As this event takes place annually before Memorial Day, there is no Lake Patrol. No Lakewood police or Village resources are requested and all volunteers will be provided by the event organizer.

Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve a special event permit from the Crystal Lake Rowing Club for the Annual Greater Chicago Rowing Championship on May 6, 2017 from 8 am to 5 pm. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustees Iden. Motion declared carried.

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**APPROVAL OF DIGITAL RECORDING OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS WITH A RETENTION PERIOD FOR AUDIO RECORDINGS OF SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that the Village Board discussed the possibility of recording Village meetings at the March 14, 2017 meeting. During the discussion, staff was asked to research answers to a number of questions that would identify the viability of implementing audio recording in the Village. 17 of 22 communities record their meetings. 4 place these recordings on their website. Retention period for recordings is suggested to be 60 days, with written minutes remaining the official record. Public Access Counselor says that the Village must provide reasonable access to the information requested within a FOIA. Staff will request from the State a retention of the recordings of 60 day disposal.

Trustee Serwatka commented that he had brought this topic up two years ago with no acknowledgement. President Smith replied that there have been requests for video recordings of the meeting for years; this agenda item is for audio recording only.

Trustee Serwatka, seconded by Trustee McMahon, moved to approve the digital recording of Village Board Meetings with a retention period of audio recordings of sixty (60) days after adoption of the minutes, with no transcription of recordings, and the recording will be placed on the Village website. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustees Iden. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 LIST OF ELIGIBLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REIMBURSE COSTS FROM TIF FUNDS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE:** Illinois law allows units of local governments to designate areas within their jurisdiction as TIF districts. These districts dedicate property tax revenues generated within the TIF for improvements within the district to encourage new economic development and job creations. Funds may be used for costs associated with the development or redevelopment of property. January 2015 the Board approved the TIF Eligibility Study and Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Illinois Route 47/176 Redevelopment Project Area. All expenditures must be reviewed by the Board to determine whether the expenditures meet the State's eligibility requirements. At the March 14, 2017 Budget Workshop it was reported that the Village incurred a total of \$220,997.56 in expenses. Since the last meeting, additional expenses have been added; \$1,012 for engineering and \$40 for legal services, for a total of \$5,754 to repay the loan to Lakewood Utilities. This will leave a total remaining balance of \$204,570 in TIF eligible expenses to be distributed back across funds as increment is earned and funds are available.

Trustee McMahon asked if the Board can control what particular expenses are charged to the TIF district. Attorney Smoron replied that the Board would vote on selected approved expenses.

Trustee Serwatka asked what would happen to the expenditures incurred to date if the TIF was dissolved. It was confirmed that existing TIF eligible expenditures, should the TIF District be dissolved, will be reallocated to the General Fund. Attorney Smoron remarked that any developer agreement within the TIF district would be approved by the Board including all stipulations which would limit expenses to the Village.

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Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Furey, moved to approve the March 14, 2017 list of eligible Redevelopment Project Costs and authorize staff to reimburse costs from the TIF Funds as they become available. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustees Iden. Motion declared carried.

**REPORTS:** Village Treasurer George Roach commented that his tenure with the Village will end at the end of April 2017 and would like to begin the transition by the next meeting.

Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that the 2017 Road Project will begin on April 3, 2017 on Lake Avenue.

Trustee Furey commented that Celebrate Lakewood, a family day, will be on June 11, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee McMahon, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, McMahon, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustees Iden. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen  
Village Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: April 11, 2017