

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2017**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at RedTail Golf Club by President Serwatka. Present were Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Public Works Foreman Barry Wickersheim; and a few members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rick Zirk of Taylor Morrison Homes commented that in May 2014 they purchased 46 lots within Woodland Hills Subdivision with a memo of understanding clarifying their building standards and specifications. They are adding new models and two of their proposed plans do not comply with Village Code regarding square footage. They are asking the Board of Trustees to grant an exception to square footage home requirements. President Serwatka will look into this issue and meet with Rick Zirk in the near future.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 9, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS: Accounts Payable Dated April 30, 2017 in the Amount of \$48,743.25 and Accounts Payable Dated May 24, 2017 in the Amount of \$345,061.05

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: None

Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES FROM SECTIONS 7.2B, 7.4A, AND 7.4B OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD RELATIVE TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND MASONRY PRIVACY WALL FOR 8680 BELFIELD ROAD: President Serwatka and Trustee Stephan attended the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing on May 17, 2017 to consider several variances at 8680 Belfield Road. The proposed variances would allow for the construction of a masonry privacy wall to extend up to six feet into the front yard of the primary residence; allow the construction of four accessory structures such as a gazebo, a pump house, an equipment house and a bridge over an existing pond. The roof height of the gazebo would be raised from 15 feet up to 18 feet 6 inches. The property is unique in that it consists of three separate parcels combined into one five acre parcel, which is larger than any of the adjacent lots within the subdivision. The proposed accessories are well distributed across the property and are not considered to have an adverse impact on any neighbors plus they do not infringe on any

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easements or setbacks. All Commissioners expressed their support of the project as presented and moved in favor of granting the proposed variations.

Trustee Stephan commented that the Commission was very thorough and thought the modification from fence to wall was very good.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee McMahon, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-16. Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2017-17 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD: Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that this is a housekeeping ordinance and the items have no value and are not useful to the Village.

Trustee McMahon asked if the hard drives were erased. Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews replied yes and the items will be placed on Obenauf for auction.

Trustee Ritchie, seconded by Trustee Stephan, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-17. Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL SERIES 7400 SBA 4X2 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,428 FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTERS: President Serwatka commented that he was glad that the Board waited to approve this purchase so there could be an open dialogue with Public Works Foreman Barry Wickersheim and to obtain three bids for this truck purchase; Rush at \$89,103; Peterbuilt at \$89,996; and Western Star at \$91,237. In the event of a breakdown during a snow event, Rush Truck Centers is located in Huntley, IL. Their close proximity for parts or service regularly saves on staff time, which can be critical during a snow event when the truck needs to be serviced and back on the street as soon as possible. There were additional recommendations made from one of the group members; purchase a rubber blade instead of carbide, purchase an additional insurance policy that would cover the cost of removing the insert and reinstalling it into the original equipment, and as a preventative maintenance measure, consider full replacement of the hoses on an annual basis. The group has indicated support for the purchase of the truck as recommended.

Public Works Foreman Barry Wickersheim has researched rubber blades versus hard blades for snow removal. There was much discussion regarding this matter and it was the general consensus to purchase the truck as specified in the purchase contract and purchase a rubber blade separately.

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Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee McMahon, moved to approve the purchase of the 2018 International Series 7400 SBA 4X2 truck in the amount of \$177,428 from Rush Truck Centers. Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH EDER, CASELLA & COMPANY TO PERFORM THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD'S AUDIT EXAMINATION AND PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2017: Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that Eder has consistently held their rate flat at \$22,500 for the past three years, until 2016 when the new pension standard (GASB 68) was introduced and billed separately. The current agreement incorporates a 3% increase over the previous contract rate plus the GASB 68 fee, for a total not to exceed \$24,000. The continuity provided by Eder will be particularly beneficial during this period of high activity and management transition in the Village. The audit is scheduled to begin on June 12, 2017.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Ritchie, moved to approve an Agreement with Eder, Casella & Company to perform the Village of Lakewood's audit examination and preparation of the annual financial report for the state of Illinois for fiscal year ending April 30, 2017. Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahon, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews stated that Celebrate Lakewood rentals are in place but there is limited business participation. Trustee Stephan commented that perhaps the festival is a little tired this year. Trustee Ritchie commented with little participation this year it could be difficult to revive the festival next year. Resident Celebrate Lakewood coordinator Don Miller commented that the purpose of the festival is to bring Lakewood businesses together with some outside businesses. President Serwatka feels there is a need to revive Celebrate Lakewood next year; begin planning process in January 2018. It is the general consensus of the Board of Trustees to pass on Celebrate Lakewood this year and revisit the event in June 2018.

Attorney Michael Smoron mentioned to the Board of Trustees to use the Village email for all correspondence.

Trustee McMahon asked when Jetco was going to begin the repaint to Village watertower #2. Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews replied that the Village is waiting to be scheduled. The work will take approximately 30 days and they have until September to complete the project.

Trustee Ritchie and Trustee Stephan asked to receive a copy of the letter that was distributed to the east side of the Village regarding the sump pump inspections. Deputy Village Manager

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Shannon Andrews explained that a hard copy had been handed out to the Board at the last meeting, but agreed to send a copy via email.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee McMahan, seconded by Trustee Ritchie, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: President Serwatka; and Trustees McMahan, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: June 13, 2017