

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2021**

The Zoom Village Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Stephan. Present via Zoom were Trustees Alexander, Augustine, Berman, Eddy, Odom, and Ulrich. Also present via Zoom were Chief Administrative Officer Jeannine Smith; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Deputy Clerk Karen Crowe; and many members of the public.

President Stephan commented that The Village is conducting this meeting insofar as the last meeting was not recorded by the Village. We have no official recording. And we wish to eliminate any issue or question regarding this matter. Or any action that was taken at the last meeting. The only difference in this meeting, we will not have the budget discussion as we already had that. And also, the budget numbers all remained the same. They're all in the pack. Nothing has changed.

VILLAGE PRESENT'S APPOINTMENT OF JANET BARRON AS VILLAGE TRUSSTEE FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF OFFICE OF FORMER TRUSTEE DOUG ULRICH:

APPROVAL OF, AND TO PROVIDE AND GRANT ADVICE AND CONSENT TO, PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF JANET BARRON AS TRUSTEE FOR FORMER TRUSTEE ULRICH'S REMAINING TERM OF OFFICE:

Trustee Alexander, seconded by Trustee Berman, to approve the appointment of Janet Barron as Trustee. Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Berman, Eddy. Voting Nay: Trustee Odom. Motion declared carried.

ATTORNEY MICHAEL SMORON SWORE JANET BARRON INTO THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE.

President Stephan asked Deputy Clerk Crowe for another roll call for Trustee Barron to participate at this meeting.

Voting Aye: Trustees Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy, and Odom. Voting Nay: None Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jason McMahon wanted an explanation as to why the board continues to blatantly violate the Open Meetings Act. Audio recordings are required to be posted within 24 hours. There are at least four meetings worth of audio recordings missing from the website since March 23. Written meeting minutes have not been posted or approved since February 23. They're required by OMA to be approved and posted within 30 days. Now an entire meeting recording from April 20 was supposedly blocked. The public should know this board was offered a full screen audio video recording of the meeting. CEO Smith ignored the offer. Clearly there's another reason to attempt the meeting redo the massive OMA violation that occurred at the last

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Meeting. The board is trying to sweep under the rug by removing the budget workshop from the agenda and not allow the residents of voice meetings don't just be avoided out because of recordings lost their actual process that needs to be followed. But again, here we are with made up rules. A good clerk was disparaged by this board removed from office for way less than all these violations. Well, this board looked the other way from Phil Stephan's removal of official documents on the Village Hall. Then you replace a good clerk with an illegal deputy clerk that can't seem to get it together. Thankfully, this disgraceful mess is almost over. Now do the lawful thing and swear the new board in as required by state statute at the April 27 meeting, not after. How have you not heard the voices of over 700? residents? Thank you.

APPROVAL OF FY 21 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1: There was one comment that this amendment is for the current fiscal year 21. Where there's a change to the FICA expenditure page. It was page 24 under Lakewood utilities. And there was an error posted back in May of 2020 that we just noticed. So the amendment was at 14, 042. It will now be 25,000.

Trustee Berman, seconded by Trustee Alexander, moved to approve FY 21 Budget Amendment No. 1. Voting Aye: Trustees Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Barron, and Berman. Voting Nay: Trustee Eddy and Odom. Motion did not pass..

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REDTAIL LOT #16 FOR \$18,100 AND TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT:

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Eddy, moved to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a contract for the purchase of RedTail Lot #16 for \$18,100 and to take such other actions as are necessary to complete the sale in accordance with the terms of the contract. Trustees Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman,. Voting Nay: Trustee Odom. Motion declared carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE REDTAIL LOT #16 FOR \$18,100:
President Stephan commented that this is 80% of the appraisal price plus \$100

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Alexander, moved to accept an offer to purchase RedTail Lot #16 for \$18,100. Trustees Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy. Voting Nay: Trustee Odom. Motion declared carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REDTAIL LOT #17 FOR \$18, 100 AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT:

Trustee Barron, seconded by Trustee Berman, moved to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a contract for the purchase of RedTail Lot #17 for \$18,100 and to take such other actions as are necessary to complete the sale in accordance with the terms of the contract. Trustees Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy. Voting Nay: Trustee Odom. Motion declared carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE REDTAIL LOT #17 FOR \$18,100:

President Stephan commented that this is 80% of the appraisal price plus \$100

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Alexander, moved to accept an offer to purchase RedTail Lot #17 for \$18,100. Trustees Voting Aye: Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy. Voting Nay: Trustee Odom. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION AND PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR KENNY GOODWIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Eddy, moved to approve a commendation and performance bonus for Kenny Goodwin in the amount of \$15,000. Voting Aye: Trustees Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy, and Odom, Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION AND PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR JIM RAFFERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Eddy, moved to approve a commendation and performance bonus for Jim Rafferty in the amount of \$10,000. Voting Aye: Trustees Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy, and Odom, Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

Trustee Augustine, seconded by Trustee Berman, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Alexander, Augustine, Barron, Berman, Eddy, and Odom, Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Karen Crowe

Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____ Date: _____