

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING
BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

The Special Meeting Before the Board of Trustees was called to order by at Turnberry Country Club at 6:34 p.m. Present were President Serwatka; Trustees Davis, McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Also present were Chief Administrative Officer Jeannine Smith; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; and many members of the public.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATION OF A POLICY/RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRUSTEES TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ITEMS PLACED ON MEETING AGENDAS: President Serwatka commented that he supports this agenda item.

Trustee Ritchie stated Trustees would like input on certain agenda items presented during a Board Meeting. There would be a majority consensus to place these items on a particular agenda.

President Serwatka indicated he would like Trustees to take ownership for their suggested agenda items. All Trustees agreed.

Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee Rexroat, moved to pass the creation of a policy/resolution providing Trustees to have a discussion for items placed on a meeting agenda. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahan, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE CENSURE OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT: Trustee Ritchie read to the public a lengthy statement regarding the reasons for this censure. He set ground rules and format concerning discussion of the agenda item. After Trustee Ritchie finished his rendition, he opened discussion to Trustees.

Trustee Stephan commented that all Trustees are entitled to their opinions. When President Serwatka and Trustee Stephan walked door to door campaigning for the Tax Fighter election, they were warmly welcomed. Since then he and President Serwatka have only worked to achieve the goals they promised to the residents. He would like the board to agree to disagree; all Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to the residents and should look out for their best interests.

Trustee Davis read a prepared statement concerning this censure. Trustee Davis commented on the failure to include agenda items requested by Trustees, failure to inform Trustees of personnel issues, failure to include Trustees in selection process of the hiring of a Chief Administrative Officer, and providing insufficient time or information to Trustees prior to key votes. The Trustees are not an individual team; they are one team as a whole.

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Trustee McMahon made comments regarding his censure which involved his incurred attorney expenses. After a lengthy discussion, the Trustees decided to vote on this agenda item.

Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Davis, moved to approve the censure of the Village President. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, and Ritchie. Voting Nay: Trustee Stephan. None. Motion declared carried.

President Serwatka rebutted that he never broke any rule, violated any code, committed any impropriety, or followed any uncustomary procedures in any of his actions as Village President. He encouraged anyone with any concerns to confirm this with the Village Attorney, Chief Administrative Officer, or Village staff.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stephan, seconded by Trustee McMahon, moved to close the Special Meeting Before the Board of Trustees. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, McMahon, Odom, Rexroat, Ritchie, and Stephan. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: January 9, 2018