

## **Council Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023**

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL AND IN-PERSON

The audio recording for this meeting is available on the [Village website](#).

**Council Members Present:** Andrew Kauders; Jeff Blander; Susan Fattig; Arthur Alexander; Katie Howard

**Other Attendees Include:** Village Manager: Michael Silliman; Village Attorney Ron Bolt; Buildings Administrator Doug Lohmeyer; Marty Langelan; Keith Allen; Yasmina Mudarres; Lorie Mitchell; Hiromi Maruyama; Doug Grob; Matt Gordan; Karen Kuchins; Susan Kahn; Holly Worthington; Joel Kliksberg.

### **7:31 PM Call to Order: Alexander**

#### **Building Permit Public Hearing Regarding Bio-Retention Planter Boxes at 3417 and 3419 Cummings Lane**

After a presentation by the builder and their team, resident comments, and Council discussion, the Village Council voted to approve permits for 3417 and 3419 Cummings Lane. Jeff Blander and Katie Howard voted against approving the permit and Susan Fattig, Arthur Alexander, and Andrew Kauders voted in favor.

### **9:25 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments**

Marty Langelan requested an edit to the minutes from the September meeting and restated that she is against expanding the ethics ordinance.

Susan Kahn commented that we shouldn't bring up the ethics amendment again. She also raised the need to listen to the voices of residents.

Holly Worthington asked why we need an ethics ordinance.

Joel Kliksberg commented that we should focus on important issues like water issues instead of the ethics ordinance again.

Naomi Naierman said we are overreaching with the ethics ordinance.

Jeff Blander shared his screen and presented a PowerPoint (see attached) on ethics and procedural issues.

### **10:07 PM Committee and Task Force Reports**

Community Engagement Committee delivered their report and encouraged everyone to attend the Halloween Event.

Antisemitism Awareness Taskforce delivered their report discussing a possible holiday event and said they would deliver a scope of work for the taskforce.

The Ethics Committee delivered their report. The only discussion of note is when to hold their ethics training.

Water Taskforce delivered their report. The taskforce has met and have discussed.

The Election Committee delivered their report. They requested hiring a short-term contractor to verify the voter roll. (The written Election Committee report is attached to these minutes).

**10:40 PM Manager's Report: Silliman**

Village Manager Michael Silliman delivered his report.

**10:55 PM Approve September 21 Meeting Minutes: Alexander**

The minutes passed with 4 votes in favor. Jeff Blander was not at the meeting and abstained.

**10:56 PM Approve October 5 Meeting Minutes: Alexander**

The minutes passed unanimously.

**10:57 PM Discussion of a forthcoming annual community survey and the creation of an administrative calendar**

Arthur and Jeff both made comments. The survey is forthcoming, and the administrative calendar was included in the meeting packet.

**11:05 PM Treasurer's Report**

Jeff Blander shared his report.

**11:10 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments**

Marty Langelan said it would be useful to have comments from residents made public.

**11:16 PM Closed Session**

While still in open session, Katie moved to close the open meeting and to go into closed session, according to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals. Susan seconded. This was unanimous. Present for the closed session were all Council members and Village Manager Michael Silliman. The Council discussed personnel issues. No action was taken.