

## **Council Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023**

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL AND IN-PERSON

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

**Other Attendees:** Village Manager: Michael Silliman; Village Attorney Ron Bolt; Marty Langelan; Keith Allen; Lorie Mitchell; Rajul Pandya-Lorch; John Sharrow; Sally Maran; Hiromi Maruyama; Doug Grob; Peter Kahn; Susan Kahn.

**7:30 PM Call to Order: Alexander**

### **Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments**

Peter Kahn commented on the ethics related agenda item.

Susan Kahn commented on the Charter Amendment to clarify a qualified voter and the definition of "permanent abode." Susan also commented on the ethics agenda item for this meeting.

Marty Langelan made several comments.

Doug Grob commented on the development at 3417 and 3419 Cummings and asked if the plans will be shared prior to a future public hearing on the bio retention boxes. The answer was yes, the plans will be made available. Doug further asked for clarification related to the building lot coverage and the back decks. Ron Bolt provided an explanation.

### **7:51 PM Manager's Report: Silliman**

Village Manager Michael Silliman delivered his report.

Keith Allen delivered a weather report.

### **8:02 PM Approve August 17 Meeting Minutes**

Susan moved to approve the minutes. Arthur seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

### **Approve August 31 Meeting Minutes**

Arthur moved to approve the minutes. Susan seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

### **8:03 PM Discussion of FY24 Committees**

Arthur provided an update. All committee appointments have been made.

### **8:07 PM Discussion of Annual Survey**

Arthur has shared a draft with the Council and is asking for edits administrative. The goal is to get this survey out in mid-October.

**8:09 PM Public forum and possible adoption of Charter Amendment 2023-1 to amend section 301 of the Village of Martin's Additions Charter to amend the definition of a "Qualified Voter."**

Ron Bolt explained that the language of this Charter Amendment includes common legal terms based on case law but suggested that further explanation, in ordinary terms, can be in the election rules and policy.

Susan moved to adopt Charter Amendment 2023-1. Arthur seconded. This passed unanimously.

**8:17 PM Discussion and Possible Introduction of Ordinance 2023-9-1. Ordinance to Amend the Ethics Ordinance to Expand the Definition of "Official" to Include Members of All Committees and Ad Hoc Committees Appointed by the Council.**

Andrew Kauders moved to introduce ordinance 2023-9-1. Susan seconded. This was introduced by a three to one vote, with Katie Howard opposed.

**8:24 PM Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jeff Blander is out, so Arthur Alexander delivered the treasurer's report.

**8:24PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments**

Keith Allen commented that the weather might cancel soccer games and the like this weekend.

Hiromi Maruyama commented about the 3419 Cummings construction project and the rear decks.

Doug Grob also commented on the rear decks at 3419 Cummings and the interpretation of the building code and the intention of that code.

Marty Langelan commented that the Council should consider closing this building code loophole that allows a two-story deck but not a one-story deck with a roof.

Susan Kahn commented that maybe these building related issues would be something that new storm water committee could investigate.

Katie Howard brought a question to the Council about if we could provide an ice cream truck for the first day of school or share an ice cream truck with Section 3.

**Susan moved to close the open meeting and to go into closed session. Andrew seconded. This was unanimous.**