

MINUTES
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
February 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Council Chambers
16250 S Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Item #1 - At 6:00 p.m. the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order.

Item #2 - Clerk O'Connor called the roll. Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members Present: M. Mueller, President Pro Tem
 N. O'Connor, Village Clerk
 W. Brady, Village Trustee
 W. Brennan, Village Trustee
 D. Galante, Village Trustee
 D. Mahoney, Village Trustee
 C. Sullivan, Village Trustee
 M. Glotz, Village President

Members Absent:

Staff Present: P. Carr, Village Manager
 H. Lipman, Assistant Village Manager
 M. Walsh, Police Chief
 D. Adamski, Assistant Finance Director
 D. Reda, Deputy Fire Chief
 D. Ritter, Community Development Director
 J. Urbanski, Public Works Director
 P. O'Grady, Village Attorney

Others Present:

Item #3 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2023 – Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Mahoney to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 7, 2023. President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #4 – DISCUSS AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE VILLAGE CODE - LICENSING PROVISIONS (VEHICLE STICKERS) – The proposed Ordinance amends Title VII, Chapter 71 of the Tinley Park Village Code Entitled “Licensing Provisions” for vehicles, discontinuing the vehicle sticker program in the Village. Residents would no longer be required to purchase Village stickers for their vehicles.

The revenue generated by the Vehicle Sticker program has been slated historically for the Pavement Management Program (PMP). In the past, the Vehicle Sticker program generated revenues of over \$1 million, however, in recent years, have barely surpassed \$400,000. The increasing senior population in the Village is a contributing factor as there is a net loss with the purchase of “Senior” stickers. In addition, many residents are simply not purchasing the sticker. Because revenues have been so low, the Village portion of the PMP has been largely funded with capital funds. With sales tax revenues/other general fund revenues remaining strong, there is confidence the Village will be able to cover the PMP costs with other revenue sources at this time.

In addition to saving the approximate \$75,000 cost of administering the program, savings have already been realized with the hiring of in-house engineers.

Free stickers will be available for pick up at the Village Hall during business hours, for those residents who would like to continue displaying stickers on their vehicles.

Trustee Galante stated she agrees the Vehicle Sticker program should be discontinued, however, feels a report of potential revenue should be created before the program is ended and there should be enforcement of the program. Matt Walsh, Police Chief stated the Police Department does enforce the program however, there are restrictions on how, why, and where citations may be issued. Trustee Galante does not see the potential savings and feels this is a reallocation of funds.

Clerk O'Connor stressed this is not a reallocation of funds and explained how the savings will leave approximately \$35,000 to be covered by the general fund. She also noted that this is simply the right thing to do. Trustee Brennan concurred.

Trustee Brady asked how often residents will be offered a free sticker. Clerk O'Connor answered every two (2) years. He also feels police officers would be better utilized performing other duties than sticker enforcement.

President Glotz commented on the history, enforcement, cost savings, and funding of the program. He noted to enforce the program, a third party may be needed which he does not support.

Motion was made by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Brady to recommend the amendment of Chapter 71 of the Village code - Licensing Provisions (Vehicle Stickers) be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: Galante. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #5 – DISCUSS REPEALING RESOLUTION 2010-R-011 ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR CERTAIN VILLAGE TRANSACTIONS – Resolution 2010-R-011 was passed in accordance with the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cards Act. In 2010 the Village, under home rule authority also set the permissible credit card payment limit to \$600 and limited the types of transactions accepted. Repealing this limiting Resolution/policy will allow staff to continue to provide a high level of customer service for our community.

Trustee Galante asked who will pay the associated credit card fee and if there will be a cap. Hannah Lipman, Assistant Village Manager, stated the Village will pay the fee and there is no cap.

Trustee Brennan would like the transaction fees to be reviewed next year. President Glotz concurred.

Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Mahoney to recommend the repeal of Resolution 2010-R-011 Acceptance of credit cards for certain Village transactions be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #6 – DISCUSS ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM – VILLAGE ACCOUNTS – The Village participates in a consortium with 140 other municipalities known as the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) to drive down pricing for residential and municipal electricity. The Village has five (5) accounts for various pumping stations that benefit from the collective bid. These accounts are not included in our electric aggregation program and instead bid separately because of the high level of electric consumption used to operate these pumping stations.

Service Address
164th & Harlem (Post 7)

16296 So. 84th (Post 6)
18301 S Ridgeland Ave (Post 2)
6640 W 167th St
171st St & 80th Ave (Post 5)

The current contract with Constellation will be expiring soon, and therefore, NIMEC will be going through the bidding process on March 2nd. Once the bids are received, the Village only has twenty-four (24) hours to respond. Therefore, staff is asking the Board to provide the Village Manager with the authority to execute a contract once the results of the bid are received.

President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Mahoney to recommend the Electrical Aggregation Program – Village Accounts be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #7 – DISCUSS AGREEMENT WITH BETTENHAUSEN & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES – The Village is seeking to enter into an agreement with Brad Bettenhausen from Bettenhausen and Associates, LLC. as a financial and administrative consultant, to work towards the transfer of key institutional knowledge and aid on high-level financial matters.

This contract renewal will focus on the knowledge transfer and training with the Assistant Finance Directors to ensure they have a strong foundational understanding of Village finances,

The rate for this service will be \$150 per hour with a not to exceed amount of \$90,000.

President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Motion was made by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Brady to recommend an agreement with Bettenhausen & Associates, LLC for financial consultant services be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #8 – DISCUSS SIGN GRANT FOR GROUND RULES JIU JITSU, 17200 OAK PARK AVENUE #105 – Ground Rules Jiu Jitsu (PINs 28303010561005 and 28303010561006) owner, Francis de la Vega (Applicant) opened his martial arts studio in November 2022. The Applicant plans to replace the existing exterior signage with a flat single-sided pan sign and a double-sided projecting sign. The proposed signage has been reviewed and approved by James Baxter (Property Owner) and the condominium Homeowners Association (HOA). The Applicant is requesting funds under the Sign Grant Program, not to exceed \$2000.

President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Motion was made by Trustee Mueller, seconded by Trustee Brennan to recommend a sign grant for Ground Rules Jiu Jitsu, 17200 Oak Park Avenue #105 be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #9 – DISCUSS SOUTH SUBURBAN LANDBANK APPOINTMENT – The Village of Tinley Park re-joined The South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority (“SSLBDA”) in May of 2022.

SSLBDA requires the appointment of a Local Government Director to represent the Village of Tinley Park and serve as a member of the SSLBDA Board of Directors to provide insight and direction on property

acquisition and development. Recently the Village Community Development director was replaced with the appointment of Daniel Ritter, AICP. Appointing Mr. Ritter to the position of Local Government Director representing the Village of Tinley Park with the SSLBDA will fill this requirement.

President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Motion was made by Trustee Mueller, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to recommend the South Suburban Landbank Appointment be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #10 – DISCUSS CONTRACT WITH ROADSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING BEACON SIGN ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION – This work consists of the installation of a new solar-powered flashing beacon system to modify the Safe Routes to School signage on 80th Avenue (County Highway W32) which extends the school zone limits to the north side of 167th Street. The Project is in the Safe Routes to School zone located from just south of 169th Street to the north side of the 167th Street intersection.

This project was submitted by the Village of Tinley Park to the Cook County Highway Department due to school crossing issues that have occurred over the years. The proposed sign modifications and extension of the Safe Routes to Schools limits better define the crossing methods/locations and will provide safer means of crossing and directing traffic before and after school hours for the students, parents, and crossing guards.

One (1) bid was received from RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$36,732.70.

Budget Available:	\$50,000.00
Lowest Responsible Bidder:	\$36,732.70
Contingency Amount:	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Difference (Under Budget):	\$ 8,267.30

President Pro Tem Mueller asked if members of the Committee had any questions. There were none. Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Mahoney to recommend a contract with Roadside Traffic Systems for the School Zone Flashing Beacon Sign Assembly Installation be forwarded to the Village Board. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the motion carried.

Item #11 – RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

A resident commented on litter accumulating in the parkways.

Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Sullivan, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. Vote by roll call. Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Pro Tem Mueller declared the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.