

Minutes of the Executive Session
February 16, 2016
Vogt Room

Motion was made by Trustee Maher, seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss:

The purpose of this Executive Session was to discuss:

- a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- b) the litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting;

Vote on roll call: Ayes: Maher, Grady, Pannitto, Vandenberg, Younker and Brady. Nays: None. Absent: None. Mayor Seaman declared the motion carried and this meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

The Village Clerk announced that this Executive Session is now being recorded.

A roll call was taken:

In attendance and
responding to roll call:

D. Seaman, Mayor
P. Rea, Village Clerk
B. Maher, Village Trustee
T. J. Grady, Village Trustee
M. Pannitto, Village Trustee
J. Vandenberg, Village Trustee
B. Younker, Village Trustee
B. Brady, Village Trustee

Absent: None

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
T. Melody, Village Attorney

Others Present: None

Reason for Executive Session is that there is the public body finds that and an action is probable or imminent being that the developer for Buckeye Hope Community Foundation (Buckeye) contacted Village Attorney Melody stating that they are planning the file litigation against the Village. He stated that the attorney from Holland and Knight who represents Buckeye asked if the Village Board has some way to resolve the issue with the development and would the Board be willing to meet with them to hear Buckeye's position. No action was taken.

At this point the Village Board discussed a personnel issue concerning Amy Connolly, Planning Director. After discussion by the Board it was recommended that Planning Director Connolly be put on paid administrative leave until an independent investigation into the development process for the Buckeye Development project is completed.

At this time Village Attorney Tom Melody left the meeting.

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The Village Board then interviewed two law firms to conduct the independent investigation into the Buckeye Hope Community Foundation (Buckeye) Development project. The two firms considered were Winston & Strawn LLP and Del Galdo Law Group LLC. It was determined that the Cook County Sheriff's Office was not interested in being part of this process. Concerns about when the firms were notified that they needed to attend this meeting occurred and concerns about the number of law firms being interviewed. Trustee Pannitto stated that he spoke with both law firms being interviewed and felt that Del Galdo Law Group LLC firm could handle this investigation and do it more economically. Trustee Pannitto feels confident in the Del Galdo Law Group LLC and that Winston & Strawn would be expensive and take much longer to complete the investigation. Village Manager Niemeyer noted that the law firm hired needs to have the ability that the firm can look at the Zoning aspect of this case.

It was the recommendation of the majority of the Board to hire Winston & Strawn LLP the law firm to conduct an independent investigate the Buckeye Development project. It was also that they will report to the Village Board.

At this time the Board discussed the appointment of the Public Works Director. Village Manager Niemeyer presented an overview of the psychological exams of Kevin Workowski and Jerry Walters. Upon discussion, the majority of the Board recommended appointing Kevin Workowski to the position of Public Works Director. Trustee Pannitto stated that he preferred Jerry Walters who could provide a new prospective to the Public Works Department.

Motion was made by Trustee Grady, seconded by Trustee Brady, to adjourn this Executive Session. Vote on roll call: Ayes: Maher, Grady, Pannitto, Vandenberg, Younker and Brady. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried and this Executive Session was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Maher, seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn the regular Village Board meeting. Vote by voice call. Mayor Seaman declared the motion carried and adjourned the regular Village Board meeting at 11:42 p.m.

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