

**Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**  
7:00p.m.Village Chambers

The November 17, 2021 meeting was held in the Village Chamber.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, David Niemeyer, , and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison:
- Absent: Commissioners: Jim Muller, Michele Rons, and George Rohde; Associate Commissioners: AndraeMarak, Julie & Kurt Dekker; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

**Approval of Minutes:** October 20, 2021, Lucas Hawley made the motion to approve the minutes, Dave Niemeyer seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve October 20, 2021 minutes passed.

**Sister City Updates:**

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Roxane will reach out to our counterparts in Büdingen to schedule a Zoom/Video call.
- Burgermeister Erich Spammer will be in Tinley Park December 2 - 5, returning to Germany on the 6th.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing new to report.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing new to report.

**Prospective Sister Cities:**

Jordan, Aqaba:

- The Commission is excited to proceed with next steps to formalize the Sister Cities relationship.
  - There is an open invitation to visit as soon as international travel becomes safe enough.

Palestine, Bir Zeit:

- Nothing to report.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The monthly call with Ghadamis was discussed, this month's topic was emergency services and how each community handles various scenarios.

### Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Queretaro, Mexico
  - Andrae Marak will continue to keep the commission updated on a potential relationship there.
- The possibility of a Russian sister city was discussed, no specific city or village has mentioned but we were in agreement to continue to explore this.

### **Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

### **New and Upcoming Business:**

- Holiday Market 2021 – The market will be held December 2-5 and details for the Commissioners participation was addressed.
- Some items that related to Büdingen were left for the Commission to review, included was a hard cover book on Büdingen and other ephemera items were looked over and discussed.
- Chicago Christkindle Market was discussed.

### **Public comments/Announcements:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Adjourned:**

- Roxane Tyssen motioned to adjourn, Dave Niemeyer seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. There will not be a meeting in December, the next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.