

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The March 16, 2022 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:13 p.m.

### Roll Call:

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the February 16, 2022 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rohde made the motion to approve the minutes, David Niemeyer seconded; All in favor.

### Sister City Updates:

#### Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Zoom call is scheduled for March 19 at 9:30 a.m.
- We have been getting some information from Büdingen, most of what we are hearing is that Poland has been taking in the bulk of the refugees who are leaving the Ukraine.

#### Mallow, Ireland Update:

- The commissioners who attended the parade gave a recap of the parade.
- Roxane gave a recap of the County Cork event in Chicago which was attended by Jim Muller, Michele Rons, Patrick Carr – Village Manager and his wife attended from Tinley Park.

#### Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- The commission had a Zoom call with Jan Pilewski who is a contact that we have in Poland and lives near Nowy Sącz.
- An in-depth talk with Jan that covered the current state of the refugees in Poland and what the needs of those families are. Educational opportunities for the children was at the top of the list.

### Prospective Sister Cities:

#### Jordan, Aqaba:

- Nothing to report.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The monthly call with Ghadamis was recapped. The topic of discussion was the role of City Council members in each municipality.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Queretaro, Mexico
  - Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New and Upcoming Business:**

- Reminder was given for the call with Büdingen on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Public comments/Announcements:**

- No public comment.

**Adjourned:**

- Lucas Hawley made a motion to adjourn, Sarah Krause seconded. The meeting was adjourned 8:42 p.m.