

Minutes of the Executive Session
August 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m.
Special Village Board Meeting – Village Hall of Tinley Park
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL

Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Brady, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC 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 PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED.**
- C. DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THIS ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06.**

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

This meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Pritzker's disaster proclamation and Public Act 101-0640, which amends requirements of the Open Meetings Act due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the same, the Village Board finds that it would be impractical to conduct an in-person meeting with all members present. All Elected officials confirmed were present.

A roll call was taken:

In attendance, responding to roll call: M. Glotz, Village President
K. Thirion, Village Clerk
W. Brady, Village Trustee
W. Brennan, Village Trustee
D. Galante, Village Trustee (Depart 8:33 p.m.-Return 8:39 p.m.)
D. Mahoney, Village Trustee
M. Mueller, Village Trustee
C. Sullivan, Village Trustee

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
P. Carr, Assistant Village Manager (Depart 8:49 p.m.)
H. Lipman, Assistant to the Village Manager (Depart 8:43 p.m.)
A. Brown, Village Treasurer (Depart 8:43 p.m.)
P. Connelly, Village Attorney

Personnel

Ethics Complaint - Village Attorney Connelly stated that on August 2, 2021, the Village received an ethics complaint regarding Trustee Galante from Timothy Janecyk. Per the Municipal Code, an attorney will be appointed from a list of independent counsel provided by the Village Attorney to review the ethics complaint. Mike Marovich is the next attorney on the list.

President Glotz stated that according to 39.21 of the Municipal Code the Official who is the subject of the complaint shall not deliberate or vote on the choice of independent counsel.

At this time Trustee Galante left the meeting.

President Glotz had concerns about appointing Mr. Marovich as independent counsel. He stated that in November of 2019 Trustee Galante emailed a resume for a Mr. Dillner to her Village email account. Mr. Dillner is a neighbor of Trustee Galante. Mr. Dillner practices in the same law firm as Mr. Marovich. President Glotz sees this as a conflict of interest.

Mr. Connelly stated the next attorney on the list after Mr. Marovich would be appointed to review this ethics complaint. Mr. Connelly will let the law firm of Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich & Lapp, Ltd. know of this case and the conflict of interest.

It was the consensus of the Board to appoint the next attorney on the Independent Counsel List after Mr. Marovich to review the Ethics Complaint received by the Village from Timothy Janecyk on August 2, 2021.

Trustee Galante returned to the meeting.

Manager's Office - Mr. Niemeyer updated the Board on the transition plan for his departure from the Village Manager position. He recommended appointing Hannah Lipman to Assistant Village Manager at the August 17, 2021, Village Board meeting. He commented that Ms. Lipman does not have supervisory experience and he would like for her to oversee the Human Resource and Marketing Departments while he was here to guide her.

He stated that Pat Carr should be appointed to the Village Manager position on November 1, 2021.

Mr. Niemeyer will continue to oversee the Finance and Community Development Department. He noted that he has had several items that he has wanted to work on and would like to see these items through.

Trustee Brennan asked when Mr. Niemeyer plans to leave the Village and would he be available on an advisory basis. Mr. Niemeyer stated this has not yet been decided.

Trustee Galante stated her concerns with the transition of Patrick Carr to Village Manager. She stated she will not support this transition.

Mr. Niemeyer spoke to Trustee Galante's concerns.

Review Executive Session Minutes

Review Executive Session Minutes - Village Clerk Thirion presented the bi-annual review of the executive session minutes. She stated that Board members can review these minutes by contacting Laura Godette in the Clerk's Office to set up a time for review. These minutes will be discussed again at the Executive Session on August 17, 2021.

Village Manager Niemeyer stated that quite a few of the executive session minutes were released at the last review on January 26, 2021.

Clerk Thirion explained the Executive Session review process for the new Trustees.

Trustee Galante asked if there is a list of the Executive Session minutes. Clerk Thirion stated that the Clerk's Office keeps a list of all executive session minutes. Village Attorney Connelly stated that he would prepare a memo.

Purchase or Lease

17122-26 Oak Park Avenue - Mr. Niemeyer stated that staff is reviewing the purchase property on Oak Park Avenue. The property is located at 17122-26 Oak Park Avenue. This property is a vacant lot and could be used for parking development. The cost is \$249,900. He noted there is a portion of the property that is not buildable. The engineer will examine the property before staff bringing a recommendation to the Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Mahoney, to adjourn this Executive Session and return to the Special Village Board meeting. Vote on roll call: Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Glotz declared motion carried and this Executive Session was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Mueller, seconded by Trustee Brady, to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting. Vote on roll call: Ayes: Brady, Brennan, Galante, Mahoney, Mueller, Sullivan. Nays: None. Absent: None. President Glotz declared motion carried and the Regular Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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