

**VILLAGE OF BERKELEY**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Village Hall**  
**5819 Electric Avenue**  
**Berkeley, Illinois**

**1 President Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 Roll Call**

Trustees Thomas, Hammar, Salemi, Perez, Graf-Stone, Village President Lee, Village Clerk Nowak

Also present: Village Administrator Espiritu, Village Attorney Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Miller, Deputy Chief Bresnahan, Public Works Director Wagner

**4 Presentations and Appointment**

**4.1** Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar  
**WELCOME** Commissioner Aguilar! Informs all of a new satellite office in Leyden township open first Wednesday of every month. Presents on current Cook County business.

**5 Public Hearings**

**6 Consent Agenda**

The matters listed for consideration on the Consent Agenda are routine in nature or have all been discussed by the Board of Trustees previously and are matters on which there was unanimity for placement on the Consent Agenda at this meeting.

**6.1** Village Board Minutes from February 6, 2024

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi	X		X			
Jerry Perez			X			
Sherry Graf-Stone		X	X			
Jason Mathews					X	

**MOTION CARRIED**

7 **Claims Ordinance**

7.1 Motion to Approve Claims Ordinance #1525 in the amount of \$491,816.38

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi	X		X			
Jerry Perez		X	X			
Sherry Graf-Stone			X			
Jason Mathews					X	

**MOTION CARRIED**

8 **Committee Reports**

8.1 **Administration, Finance and Technology (Chair – Trustee Graf-Stone; Co-Chair – Trustee Mathews)**

8.1.1 Trustee Liaison Report

8.1.2 Monthly Report

Trustee Graf-Stone states that the Garden Club is currently on winter break. Admin team has been focusing on preparing budget. Team has filled a part-time position with a temporary employee.

8.1.3 Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget Workshop

Assistant Administrator Miller reviews budget, highlights current and upcoming projects. Budget starts on May 1, 2024. Trustee Graf-Stone brings attention to the Police and Fire Departments. Current space needs appear to need expansion, wants to incorporate space needs analysis into budget. Trustees and President Lee commend work done on budget. Administrator Espiritu points out Assistant Administrator Miller took the lead on budget and thanks for all the hard work. Board and Team commend on success on receiving grants.

8.2 **Community and Economic Development (Chair – Trustee Salemi; Co-Chair – Trustee Thomas)**

8.2.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Salemi informs all there is grant available to grocery stores from DCEO.

8.3 **Public Safety (Chair – Trustee Mathews; Co-Chair – Trustee Hammar)**

8.3.1 Trustee Liaison Report-no report

8.3.2 Monthly Reports

8.4 **Public Works and Utilities (Chair – Trustee Hammar; Co-Chair – Trustee Salemi)**

8.4.1 Trustee Liaison Report-no report

8.4.2 Monthly Report

**8.4.3** Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Northern Illinois Gas Company (D/B/A Nicor Gas Company) Its Successor Assigns, to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Gas Distributing System in and through the Village of Berkeley, Illinois

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar	X		X			
Diane Salemi		X	X			
Jerry Perez			X			
Sherry Graf-Stone			X			
Jason Mathews					X	

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.5 Intergovernmental Relations (Chair – Trustee Thomas; Co-Chair – Trustee Perez)**

**8.5.1** Trustee Liaison Report-no report

**8.5.2** Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois and the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Accepting a Grant Award from the EPA Lead Service Line Inventory Program for an Amount not to Exceed \$40,000.00

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas	X		X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi			X			
Jerry Perez			X			
Sherry Graf-Stone		X	X			
Jason Mathews					X	

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.6 Community Events (Chair – Trustee Perez; Co-Chair – Trustee Graf-Stone)**

**8.6.1** Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Perez reports Lions Club met February 9 for fundraiser dinner. Neighborhood watch is looking for more members, meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Library.

**9 Village President**

**9.1** Village President Report

President Lee thanks staff for budget and all the hard work on day to day operations. Reminds all Centennial time capsule will be revealed Saturday May 18, 2024 and that there are many more events planned for the year.

- 9.2 2/21/24 PML Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 2/27/24 PZC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 3/5/24 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

10 **Village Administrator**-Administrator Espiritu states executive session will be held this evening also states there is new application for food truck which will be featuring polish food.

11 **Village Attorney**-no report

12 **Public Comments and Questions**

Please limit comments to three (3) minutes in length, unless further granted by the Board

13 **Executive Session**

13.1 Motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the:

- a. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employee(s) and/or Legal Counsel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)
- b. Collective Bargaining, Salary Schedules; categorically 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)
- c. Appointment/Removal for Public Office or Attorney 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3)
- d. Consideration to Purchase, Lease (Buy), or Acquire Specific Real Estate Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)
- e. Setting Price for Sale/Lease Specific Real Estate Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6)
- f. Security Procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(8)
- g. **Probable or Imminent and Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)**
- h. Establish Reserves or Settle Claims (Tort) 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(12)
- i. Consideration of Release of Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

Enter executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi	X		X			
Jerry Perez			X			
Sherry Graf-Stone		X	X			
Jason Mathews					X	

**MOTION CARRIED**

Exit executive session 7:57 p.m.

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi			X			
Jerry Perez		X	X			
Sherry Graf-Stone	X		X			
Jason Mathews			X			

**MOTION CARRIED**

**14 Action After Executive Session**

**15 Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**

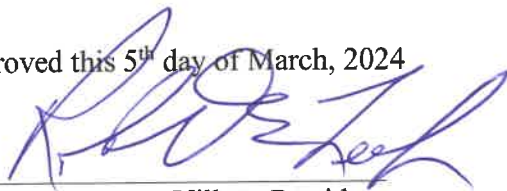
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Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi			X			
Jerry Perez		X	X			
Sherry Graf-Stone	X		X			
Jason Mathews			X			

**VOICE VOTE-MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Belia Nowak, Village Clerk

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

  
Robert E. Lee, Jr., Village President