

VILLAGE OF BERKELEY

Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Village Hall

5819 Electric Avenue

Berkeley, Illinois

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

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Roll Call

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

Also present: Village Administrator Espiritu, Village Attorney Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Miller, Public Safety Director Larem

4 Presentations and Appointment

4.1 Partner Agency Annual Reports

4.1.1 Berkeley Community Garden Club

Kathleen Chmura, who leads the Garden Club, presents 2024 goals. Garden cleanup is happening April 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. till noon. The Garden club has existed at current site for 10 years. There are plans to upgrade garden beds and fencing. Garden club has participated in many community events including tulip planting on Sunnyside. President Lee comments on what a positive impact Garden Club has had on the community.

4.1.2 Berkeley Neighborhood Watch

President Tim Carpenter of Neighborhood Watch states at next meeting March 21, 2024 there will be a presentation regarding Proviso Township services. Always looking for new block captains to join. He thanks Police Department for their partnership. Neighborhood Watch participates in many community events. Neighborhood Watch is working on improving the community, they hope to address speeding in the neighborhood. President Lee thanks Neighborhood Watch for their efforts and appreciates them.

4.1.3 Berk-Hill Baseball-no presentation

5 Public Hearings

5.1.1 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Hearing

Motion to open public hearing:

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

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Assistant Administrator Miller presents balanced budget.

Motion made to close public hearing:

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			

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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 March 5, 2024

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

7 **Claims Ordinance**

7.1 Motion to Approve Claims Ordinance #1527 in the amount of \$220,518.72

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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

Trustee Graf-Stone shares Admin team working on a grant applications and collection of unused medications through a drop box in the Village Hall lobby.

8.1.2 Monthly Report

8.1.3 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving a Public Mural Easement Agreement for the 2024 Centennial Mural at 1750 N. Taft Avenue
Consensus from board to move to next meeting

8.1.4 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for the 2024 Centennial Mural
Consensus from board to move to next meeting

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

8.2.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Salemi reports Hillside/Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Board has met.

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

8.3.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Mathews ask everyone to take note of the metrics, increase in citations due to the new technology tools being used.

8.3.2 Monthly Reports

8.3.3 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Berkeley and the Cook County Sheriff's Office regarding Non-Employee Deputization

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

MOTION CARRIED

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 a Resolution of the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois Approving a 2024 Community Development Block Grant Application for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

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

MOTION CARRIED

8.4.4 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois and Performance Pipelining for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00

Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas		X	X			
Larry Hammar	X		X			
Diane Salemi			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

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

8.6.1 Trustee Liaison Report-no report

9 Village President

- 9.1 Village President Report
- 9.2 3/29/24 Spring Holiday (Village Offices Closed)
- 9.3 4/2/24 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

President Lee thanks civic partners and trustees for their liaison work.

10 Village Administrator

Assistant Administrator Miller reports Village Hall building façade being worked on.

11 Village Attorney

Attorney Smith reports general assembly in spring session there are three pending bills that may have impact. One being no municipal zoning can apply to state owned property. Two is a bill on the table that non-citizens who have work permits could become fire fighters and lastly a bill to do away with crime-free housing.

12 Public Comments and Questions

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

Bonnie Routen thanks all for donations to West Cook County Youth Club fundraiser.

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)

14 Action After Executive Session

15 Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

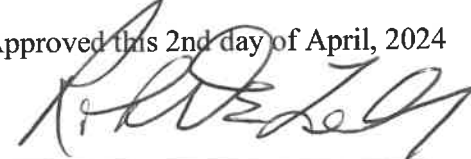
Trustee	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi	X		X			
Jerry Perez			X			
Sherry Graf-Stone		X	X			
Jason Mathews			X			

VOICE VOTE-MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Belia Nowak, Village Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of April, 2024


Robert E. Lee, Jr., Village President