

VILLAGE OF BERKELEY
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Village Hall
5819 Electric Avenue
Berkeley, Illinois

1 Trustee Diane Salemi called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Salemi asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Mrs. Mary Ann Lee, longtime Berkeley resident and the mother of Mayor Lee.

3 Roll Call

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

Also present: Village Administrator Espiritu, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Public Safety Director Larem, Assistant Village Administrator Miller, Public Works Director Wagner

4 Presentations and Appointment

4.1 ComEd Annual Report – Cory Foster

ComEd representative Cory Foster presented the annual report.

4.2 Motion to Give Advice and Consent to the Village President’s Appointment of Thomas J. Brescia as Village Prosecutor

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

5 Public Hearings

6 Consent Agenda

6.1 Village Board Minutes from May 7, 2024

6.2 Executive Session Minutes from May 7, 2024 (not for public release)

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			

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7 Claims Ordinance

7.1 Motion to Approve Claims Ordinance #1531 in the amount of \$447,475.16

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

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 provided a couple of updates. HVAC project is now complete. Fiscal year now ended, team working on upcoming audit.

8.1.3 Motion to Approve an Ordinance of the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing Execution of an Extension of a Power Supply Agreement to Provide Full Requirements Electricity Supply and Related Service for the Village of Berkeley’s Electric Aggregation Program

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			

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

8.2.1 Trustee Liaison Report-no report

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

8.3.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Mathews reports metrics have been updated for the Fire Department. Also the Police Department has seen a drop in the number of citations. Safety Director Larem reports the Police Department raised about \$3400.00 for Special Olympics conducting a cop on roof event.

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

8.4.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Hammar informs all resealing of Village and Park District parking lot is scheduled to take place June 5.

8.4.2 Monthly Report

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

8.5.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Thomas reports library back to normal after time capsule event, which was a huge success.

8.5.2 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Berkeley and the Berkeley Public Library Regarding Insurance Coverage

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			

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

8.6.1 Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Perez recaps the time capsule event that was a huge success although the capsule was compromised and items were wet. Library is attempting to restore items. Thank you to Library Director Ryan Cox and library team in attempting to restore the numerous items. They will eventually be on display and scanned. Trustee Perez also would like to

thank Public Safety Director Larem for attending the Neighborhood Watch meeting, there was good interaction with the residents. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be June 20 under the gazebo with the Cook County Canine Unit.

8.6.2 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving a Public Mural Easement Agreement for the 2024 Centennial Mural at 1750 N. Taft Avenue

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

MOTION CARRIED

8.6.3 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for the 2024 Centennial Mural

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

9 Village President

- 9.1 Village President Report-Trustee Salemi reports in Mayor Lee's absence, the events taking place in May and June.
- 9.2 5/27/24 Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00 am
- 9.3 6/8/24 Centennial Opening of Historical Walk & Geocaching
- 9.4 6/18/24 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

10 Village Administrator-Administrator Espiritu wants to thank everyone especially library for hosting and on behalf of Mayor Lee for all the efforts put forth on time capsule event.

11 Village Attorney-Attorney Willits reports session in Springfield is schedule to end this week. No bills have been passed as of this time.

12 Public Comments and Questions

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

Natalie-1436 Speechley resident wants to bring attention to a neighboring resident disturbance and how it can be addressed. Safety Director Larem responds issue is being address personally, violator has been put on notice.

Gail Meyers 5902 W Elm Ave resident-how is burning in neighborhood being addressed wants to know if burn ordinance is being addressed. Safety Director Larem states is and will be addressed.

Brian Rakiewicz 1440 Speechley resident-wants to address the late parties, blocking of driveways and street being done by a neighbor

Ann Marie Soflarski 5600 St Charles resident- states lives directly across the street from the food park. Concern about the upkeep of food park, weeds are not being addressed along with parking. Would like regular maintenance of the food park.

Andre Whitt 1413 Atwood-suggested kids' menu be served at the food park

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 7:06 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			

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Exit executive session 7:24 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			

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14 Action After Executive Session

Discussion from Village Board and Public Works Director Wagner on food court parking and maintenance.

15 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

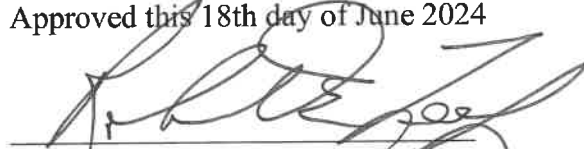
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Roger Thomas			X			
Larry Hammar			X			
Diane Salemi			X			
Jerry Perez		X	X			
Sherry Graf-Stone	X		X			
Jason Mathews			X			

VOICE VOTE-MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


 Belia Nowak, Village Clerk

Approved this 18th day of June 2024


 Robert E. Lee, Jr., Village President