

VILLAGE OF BERKELEY

Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Village Hall

5819 Electric Avenue

Berkeley, Illinois

1 President Lee calls meeting to order at 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, Assistant Village Administrator Miller, Village Attorney Smith, Public Safety Director Larem, Public Works Director Wagner

4 Presentations and Appointment

5 Public Hearings

6 Consent Agenda

6.1 Village Board Minutes from May 21, 2024

6.2 Executive Session Minutes from May 21, 2024 (not for public release)

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 #1532 in the amount of \$380,253.17

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

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 reports Village reviewed 136 applicants for finance coordinator. Offer has been extended and start date is slated for the first week of July for our new employee. Village interviewed engineering firms and will be voting on hiring Burke Engineering for the Taft Ave Corridor Improvements. Team is also working with TIF consultants along with new audit process. Garden Club is currently working on a couple new raised beds.

8.1.2 Monthly Report

8.1.3 Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Berkeley (Assorted Computer Hardware & Accessories)

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

8.1.4 Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 3-1-4 of the Village Code of the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois Adopting the Annual Fee Schedule

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

8.1.5 Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Quarter 4 Financial Dashboard

Administrator Espiritu presents dashboard. Village anticipated to have a surplus in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

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

- 8.2.1 Trustee Liaison Report-no report
- 8.2.2 Monthly Report-Trustee Salemi reports she is trying to set up a meeting for the Hillside/Berkeley Chamber of Commerce

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
Trustee Hammar reports Mayor Lee along with himself took a tour of Berkeley Park with Interim Park District Director. Trustee Hammar also wants to advise all additional openings have been made at Old Settler’s Cemetery allowing access to visit.
- 8.4.2 Monthly Report
- 8.4.3 Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for Phase I Professional Engineering Services for Taft Avenue Corridor Improvements

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-Trustee Thomas reports the library updated all staff pcs and servers. Library is starting there summer reading program. Library is also working on their 2024-2025 strategic plan.

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

- 8.6.1 Trustee Liaison Report-Trustee Perez reports Neighborhood Watch will be holding next meeting at the gazebo there will be a demonstration with the cook county police and their canine unit. Lions Club will be holding a BBQ fundraiser at Eisenhower Park. The first music in the park will be June 27 with the Jersey Girls, next music in the park will be July 11, 2024.

9 Village President

9.1 Village President Report

President Lee goes through the calendar of events. Thanks Trustee Thomas for all his hard work going on for Centennial Celebration events. Mayor Lee explains the parade that will take place on July 4 and informs all children and adults are welcome to join. The Kody family will be leading the parade. President Lee thanks everyone for their support for his family in the passing of his mother. Also clarifies with board on process to reclude themselves from voting or adding a short explanation on non-agreement when voting.

- 9.2 6/19/24 Juneteenth Holiday (Village Office's closed)
- 9.3 6/20/24 Berkeley Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- 9.4 6/21/24 A Walk Through the History of Berkeley-Trustee Thomas explains QR code and items being displayed through park
- 9.5 6/27/24 Electric Nights Music in the Park: Jersey Girls
- 9.6 7/4/24 Military Sign Dedication & 4th of July Kiddie Parade
- 9.7 7/4/24 Independence Day Holiday (Village Office's closed)
- 9.8 7/11/24 Electric Nights Music in the Park: Horizon
- 9.9 7/16/24 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

10 Village Administrator-Administrator Espiritu advises all regarding audit and response needed from all.

11 Village Attorney-Attorney Smith states the Illinois general assembly session ended in May two items resolved. Crime free housing bill failed and still stands. Grocery tax has been repealed doesn't take effect till 2026.

12 Public Comments and Questions

Please limit comments to three (3) minutes in length, unless further granted by the Board
Brian Carmichael- wants to bring to attention to the recent sealcoating project states the job was done very poorly

Joe Saflarski- presents board with food court concerns and solutions wants food court to succeed and be safe.

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 7:07pm

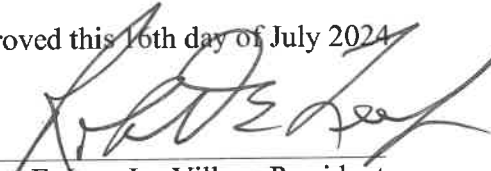
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Diane Salemi	X		X			
Jerry Perez		X	X			
Sherry Graf-Stone			X			
Jason Mathews			X			

VOICE VOTE-MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


 Belia Nowak, Village Clerk

Approved this 16th day of July 2024


 Robert E. Lee, Jr., Village President