

VILLAGE OF BERKELEY

Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Village Hall

5819 Electric Avenue

Berkeley, Illinois

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

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Roll Call

Trustees Thomas (Electronic Attendance), Hammar, Perez, Graf-Stone (Electronic Attendance), Matthews, Village President Lee, Village Clerk Nowak

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

3.1 Motion to Approve Electronic Attendance of Trustee Graf-Stone due to Employment Purposes and Trustee Thomas due to a Family Emergency

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			
President Lee			X			

MOTION CARRIED

4 Presentations and Appointment

4.1 2023 Employee Service Awards

4.1.1 Thirty-Five (35) Years – JoAnn Buerger

4.1.2 Fifteen (15) Years – Jeffrey Parker & Brent Hoekstra

4.1.3 Ten (10) Years – Christopher Soda

**4.1.4 Five (5) Years – Nicholas Canby & Anthony Rialmo
Congratulations to ALL!!!**

4.2 Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Memo

Assistant Administrator Miller states budget presentation is estimated for February 20, 2024

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 December 5, 2023

6.2 Executive Session Minutes from December 5, 2023 (**not for public release**)

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

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7 Claims Ordinance

7.1 Motion to Approve Claims Ordinance #1523 in the amount of \$1,744,889.72

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

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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 garden club is on break for winter, planning for spring. Office duties have been realigned due to recent retirements. Staff continuing to work on budget.

8.1.3 Quarter 2 Financial Dashboard

Administrator Espiritu presents balance budget, states report skewed due to the delay in receiving property taxes.

8.1.4 Motion to Approve a Resolution of the Village of Berkeley, Illinois Authorizing the Execution of Illinois Department of Transpiration Documents Approving the Municipal Maintenance Expenditure Statement for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for FY 2022-2023

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

Trustee Salemi informs all about Disney grant through DECO

8.2.2 Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Proposed Amendments to the Village of Berkeley Zoning Code regarding Banquet Halls, Event Spaces, and Initiation of Amendments

Discussion regarding the sale of Dreams and proposed use for new venue. Trustee Salemi amends the motion to make banquet halls and event spaces in the B-1 District an accessory use

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

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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

8.4.2 Monthly Report

Trustee Hammar thanks Public Works regarding the efforts given for holiday display and recent snow removal.

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

Trustee Perez states Neighborhood watch working on event. Reminds all the year of the one hundred anniversary for the Village. Lions club dinner 2//09/24.

9 Village President

9.1 Village President Report

President Lee reminds all about property tax appeal meeting tomorrow. Parade will be held on August 11 celebrating the centennial, looking for grand marshals. Ice rink has been opened.

9.2 1/23/24 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

9.3 2/6/24 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

10 Village Administrator

Administrator Espiritu addresses the migrant issue, states Berkeley has not had any drop offs. They have gotten direction from Cook County to direct bus to drop off at landing zone in Chicago if happens. Village not planning to adopt an ordinance unless necessary.

11 Village Attorney

Attorney Smith advises all the Illinois General Assembly started spring session and will run till May, will keep everyone posted.

12 Public Comments and Questions

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

Bonnie Routen- Informs all on Lions event coming 2/09/24. Questions how residence in Berkeley are being notified of tax event tomorrow. Questions if Dream location will be having a liquor license. Questions also about clearing sidewalks for seniors. Reports on 59 home closings in Berkeley.

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 7:25 p.m.

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

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Exit executive session 7:34 p.m.

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

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14 Action After Executive Session

14.1 Motion to Approve a Resolution of the Village of Berkeley, Cook County, Illinois Regarding the Review of Closed Session Minutes

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

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15 Meeting Adjourned 7:35 p.m.

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

VOICE VOTE-MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Belia Nowak, Village Clerk

Approved this 6th day of February, 2024

Robert E. Lee, Jr., Village President