



MINUTES
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:07 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Craig B. Johnson, Trustees Patton L. Feichter, Sam L. Lissner, Christine K. Prochno and Stephen F. Schmidt

ABSENT: Trustees Nancy J. Czarnik, Jeffrey C. Franke

A Quorum was present.

Also Present: Village Manager Raymond R. Rummel, Village Attorney George B. Knickerbocker, and Village Clerk Loretta M. Murphy

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION (PASTOR LEANDRO NOGUERIA, VILLAGE POINT CHURCH)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on September 10, 2019 as submitted and dispense with the reading.

Moved by Trustee Lissner **Seconded by** Trustee Feichter

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

4. MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

Mayor Johnson – Attended the following meetings:

- September 11, met with Rocky, Director of PACE Suburban Bus, to discuss future services and ways to better serve the community.

- September 12, met with the new CEOs of Amita Health (St. Alexius and Alexian Brothers Medical Center) to get updated information on the facilities that are moving around and which operations are being consolidated to better serve the community.

Mayor had a discussion about several items that are on social media:

Robo Calls and Mailings – The Robo Calls are not going to stop. This group of people is looking to undermine the community and trick the residents to think that the Robo Calls are initiated from the Village. It is important to know that the Robo Call from last Sunday was not sponsored by the Village. The Haymarket Center is looking to move into Itasca, not Elk Grove Village, and they have never talked to the Village. These are scare tactics to make people think that something bad is going to happen. The residents know what is going on in the Village and if anyone has questions to please call the Mayor at 847-437-8226.

Elk Grove Cares Program – The event at the Kenneth Young Center was well attended including Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi and State Representative Michelle Mussman present. It was nice to see so many people working together to help fight the disease of addiction. Since the last meeting, Elk Grove Village, through a partnership with the Kenneth Young Center, received a \$1,540,000 Federal grant to help with this program. It is a \$385,000 grant for four years to assist in serving the needs of people dealing with addictions. We are proud to announce that Walmart will be presenting a \$2,000 grant to the Elk Grove Cares Program at their Grand Reopening on October 4th. The Associated Press did a 1½-hour telephone interview with Mayor Johnson and came out to the Village for a televised interview with representatives of the program. This is going to be an international story that should be out soon. Elk Grove Cares is setting the standard on how the disease of addiction is addressed and we are working together to get this issue resolved.

Facebook Posts – Mayor Johnson apologized to the Police Chief for the comments that Jeff Snyder posted on Facebook about racism and profiling. Mayor provided a detailed history that Jeff Snyder has with the Village and the fact that Mr. Snyder has frequently made false statements in person and on social media. Mayor clarified several of these items as follows:

Vacancy Rate – Jeff Snyder stated that the business park is 15% vacant but does not provide a resource for accuracy of those numbers. The Village gets a quarterly report from a company called Colliers that shows a 3% vacancy rate for Elk Grove Village. Colliers is one of the nation's largest commercial

industrial realtors and is well respected and very reputable across the country. Colliers tracks vacancy rates for the O'Hare region and our numbers come from their quarterly report.

Detention Pond – Years ago we bought a detention pond. Jeff Snyder posted on Facebook that the Village spent hundreds of thousands of dollars buying that pond. The Village actually paid \$35,000 for that land and it was for detention purposes. Jeff stated, "Now we abandoned maintenance of it. This is disgraceful. Typical Elk Grove Village half [blank] crap." The Village sold that property years ago to the Tollway and the Tollway now maintains the property.

Police Department - Jeff Snyder is known for his lies but he has now crossed the line by accusing our Police Department of being racist and profiling. These are very serious charges and we take them very seriously. Mayor read a statement that Jeff Snyder made on Facebook about the seat belt enforcement checks and provided data to prove that the information Jeff Snyder posted was incorrect.

1) *Many of these older vehicles were not originally built with shoulder seat belts so their seat belts are not visible.* Mayor Johnson stated that shoulder seat belts have been required since 1968 and anyone that is pulled over and has a lap belt on is still meeting the state law. If you are wearing a seat belt, you will not be ticketed.

2) *...they are cited for ... burned out side marker lights and excessive rust ...* There is no law anywhere that if you have excessive rust you will get a ticket and a burned out side market light is not a violation.

3) *... warrant on their record for past due child support and overdue parking tickets.* If an officer arrests someone and discovers that they have a warrant on their record for past due child support, we thank the Police Department for protecting the children. That is not considered harassment – they are doing their job.

4) *90% or more of the traffic related arrests in Elk Grove Village are Hispanic names for traffic related arrests. It is extremely disheartening that Elk Grove Village targets these vulnerable citizens the way they do.* Here are the real numbers that are all public records and documented by law. Looking at arrests in Elk Grove Village there were 47% White, 34% Hispanic, 10% African American. The numbers for traffic tickets were 48% Hispanic, 36% White, and 10% African American. The Mayor explained how the government requires us to keep track of arrests based on ethnicity and to keep track of a ratio. The goal is to have a 1.0 ratio. Over the last five years, Elk Grove Village has averaged between .8 and 1.1 ratio which indicates that we are almost exactly 1.0 over the last 5 years. Mr. Snyder also stated that we give white people more warnings than Hispanic people. We checked those numbers and whites and Hispanics are both at 43%.

The Elk Grove Police Department has been CALEA certified since 1993. Less than 3% of the Police Departments in the country meet this standard as it is one of the most difficult ratings for a Police Department to receive. This Police Department works above and beyond the standard and meets all criteria on any issue with race, arrest, equipment used, training, etc. Elk Grove Village recently received the recognition for being the 3rd safest town in the State of Illinois. To have Jeff Snyder accuse this Police Department of racism and profiling is wrong and could be defamation and slander. The Village is proud of the numbers and we should thank the men and woman that work so hard to serve this community. They put their lives on the line for us every day. Jeff Snyder should apologize verbally and in writing to every single police officer, that serves this community. Our police officers are professional and they would be the first in line to protect Jeff Snyder if he needed help. On behalf of the community, Mayor Johnson thanked Chief Walsh and the officers of the Police Department who are willing to risk their lives every day on our behalf. We are proud of the way you do your job.

Trustee Feichter – Officer Sloan from the Police Department has done a wonderful job providing information to residents that signed up for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Emails go out to members with useful information regarding opioid addiction rates and the cost to Americans; another email recently went out to inform parents of possible websites that their children may viewing. Trustee Feichter traveled with his wife to Bulgaria to visit Pernik and tour the country. Pernik representatives invited everyone to Bulgaria for their annual Surva Festival in January.

Trustee Lissner – Collected donations for the Knights of Columbus fundraiser outside of Jewel during their annual Tootsie Roll Drive last Friday.

Trustee Prochno – Reminded everyone that the Farmers Market is every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through mid-October. Last week the main event was Build a Scarecrow sponsored by the Master Gardeners.

Trustee Schmidt – Participated in a panel discussion at the opioid event at the Kenneth Young Center on September 14. It is very impressive the amount of people and organizations that are out there willing to help people struggling with addictions. If you know someone that has an addiction to either drugs or alcohol, please encourage them to seek help. You can get help through our program or through the Kenneth Young Center to get the help that is needed.

The Sister Cities met last Monday and finalized the list of this year's student exchange program. The Italian students will be here the week of Thanksgiving and will have the opportunity to experience a traditional American Thanksgiving Holiday. The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans is running the 2019 Columbus Day Parade and they have invited the Italian Bersaglieri Corps of the Italian Army to

walk in the parade. They are a brass band noted for their marching style and are used during special celebrations involving Italian national holidays, prestigious ceremonies for world dignitaries and international military events. This is the first time they are visiting the United States and will be staying here in Elk Grove Village.

Trustee Prochno reminded residents that the Kenneth Young Center offers much more services than just the Elk Grove Cares Program. They deal with many mental health issues, senior issues, Meals on Wheels, etc. and are the hidden jewel in the community. Everyone is encouraged to go to their website to see all of the services and volunteer opportunities that are available.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Motion to authorize payment of invoices as shown on the September 24, 2019 Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$2,586,812.35.

Moved by Trustee Lissner **Seconded by** Trustee Feichter

AYES: Trustees Feichter, Lissner, Prochno, Schmidt

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to award a professional service contract to S.B. Friedman of Chicago, IL to complete an I-490 land use and analysis study in the total contract amount of \$39,860 funded through the Busse Elmhurst TIF.
- b. Authorization to award a professional service contract to HR Green, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, IA to complete a telecommunications enhancement study for the Elk Grove Village Business Park in the total contract amount of \$72,500 funded through the Busse Elmhurst TIF.
- c. Authorization to grant a variation from the Municipal Code, Section 8-12B-1-1D, Easements, to permit the installation of a screen wall within the ten-foot (10') rear yard public utility easement at 500 E Devon Avenue.
- d. Authorization to award a contract to TNT Landscape Construction, of Elgin, IL, for the 2019 Parkway Restoration - Sod contract in the amount of \$43,175 from the Public Works Land & Forestry and Water & Sewer budgets.
- e. Authorization to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Signature Demolition Services, Inc. of Bridgeview, IL for demolition and site restoration at the former Motel 6, 1601 Oakton Street, in an amount not to exceed \$235,900 from the Busse-Elmhurst TIF.
- f. Authorization to award a professional service contract to Engineering Resource Associates of Warrenville, IL for Phase II Engineering Services for water main replacement project on Ridgewood Road and Crest Avenue in the amount of \$43,521 from the Water and Sewer Fund.
- g. Authorization to adopt Ordinance No. 3628 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION OF SECTION 3-7:D(4) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO MINIMUM SETBACKS TO PERMIT THE EXISTENCE OF AN ABOVE GROUND POOL TO ENCROACH APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FEET (19') INTO THE REQUIRED FRONT YARD ALONG THE NORTH OF THE PROPERTY AND A VARIATION OF SECTION 7A-1:B(2) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX FOOT (6') PRIVACY FENCE THREE FEET (3') FROM THE NORTH SIDE PROPERTY LINE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 LEICESTER ROAD, ELK GROVE VILLAGE (REDMON)."
- h. Authorization to adopt Ordinance No. 3629 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE (CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT-FIRE DEPARTMENT; EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR-VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE; EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR-VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE; ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST-VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE; AND ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST-VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE)."
- i. Authorization to adopt Ordinance No. 3630 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL DRIVE-THRU LANE AT AN EXISTING RESTAURANT FACILITY LOCATED AT 630 MEACHAM ROAD (TRI CITY FOODS - BURGER KING)."
- j. Authorization to adopt Resolution No. 58-19 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF RECEIPT STIPULATING THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT FOR AN APPLICATION SEEKING A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION STATUS PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE AS AMENDED JULY 27, 2018 FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1000 ESTES AVE."
- k. Authorization to adopt Resolution No. 59-19 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE AND THE COUNTY OF COOK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BIKE PATH ALONG BIESTERFIELD ROAD."

- l. Authorization to adopt Ordinance No. 3631 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 25, SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS."

Mayor asked if any Trustees, staff or audience members had any questions on the Consent Agenda items.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a. through l.

Moved by Trustee Lissner **Seconded by** Trustee Feichter

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

7. REGULAR AGENDA –

- a. Authorization to approve a sign variation for Windfall Cabinetry Group at 2500 Touhy Avenue.

The Village Board received a copy of a sign variation that exceeds 90 square feet in area. The Director of Community Development has recommended approval of the sign variation as submitted to the Village. Petitioner was present to answer questions.

Motion to approve the sign variation at 2500 Touhy Avenue.

Moved by Trustee Feichter **Seconded by** Trustee Lissner

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Authorization to approve a sign variation for the Kenneth Young Center at 1001 Rohlwing Road.

The Village Board received a copy of a sign variation from the Kenneth Young Center and the Director of Community Development recommends approval of the sign variation as submitted to the Village. Petitioner was present to answer questions.

Motion to approve the sign variation at 1001 Rohlwing Road.

Moved by Trustee Lissner **Seconded by** Trustee Feichter

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

8. PLAN COMMISSION - Village Manager Rummel – The Village Board received a Finding of Fact pertaining to Jimmy John’s constructing a 9,300 square foot building with a drive-thru on Busse between Estes and Greenleaf. This item is not on the agenda this evening but the Plan Commission met on September 16, 2019 and their recommendation was a unanimous approval. Mayor Johnson asked if there are no objections by the Village Board, he would like to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary documents and have this item appear on the next Village Board agenda for a vote.

9. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Village Manager Rummel – There are no items under the Zoning Board of Appeals this evening.

10. YOUTH COMMITTEE – Trustee Prochno – The Youth Committee is sponsoring a Teen Bon Fire on Saturday, October 5th at Lions Park from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for students in the 6th Grade through high school. This is a free event for the students.

11. BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM – Trustee Lissner – Since the last board meeting, the BLF had the following Ambassador visits: September 11 – D/C Group, 1300 E. Devon Avenue; September 13 - GRNE Solar, 1215 Howard Street; and September 20 - Nordson Sonoscan, 249 E. Pratt Boulevard. Upcoming visits have been scheduled for September 27 - Perfection Machinery, 2550 Arthur Avenue; October 2 – EGM Automotive, 1195 Rohlwing Road; October 4 – Walmart Ribbon Cutting, 801 Meacham Road; October 10 – Kenneth Young Center, 1001 Rohlwing Road; October 14 – Made in Elk Grove Manufacturing Expo; October 15 - Wittek Golf Supply, 300 Bond Street; October 18 - Edlong, 225 Scott Street; October 21 – National Material, 1965 Pratt Boulevard; October 30 – PinMart, 180 Martin Lane; and November 12 - Carroll Seating, 2105 Lunt Avenue.

12. CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE - Trustee Lissner – The Regional Cable Group is working on the Regional Franchise Agreement. Some recent rulings made by the Federal Communications Commission has made this process somewhat complicated but a small group will meet on October 2 and the entire Committee will meet on October 15. We hope to meet with Comcast on October 28 to finalize the agreement.

13. HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES - Trustee Czarnik – No Report.

14. INFORMATION COMMITTEE - Trustee Lissner – Elk Grove Village is analyzing stormwater impacts throughout the Village. As part of this analysis, there is a resident survey link on the website to gain information on stormwater issues. The deadline to submit information is October 7, 2019.

There will be a Fire Department Open House at Station 7 on Saturday, October 12, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

On Monday, October 1, the Cook County Assessor’s Office will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at our

Village Hall in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Nicor sent out letters stating that they were adding a device to existing meters to allow them to read gas meters remotely. If your meter is inside the house they will need to schedule an appointment but if it is outside, you will not need to be home.

15. RECYCLING & WASTE COMMITTEE – Trustee Feichter – The Recycling Committee is reviewing a Textile Recycling Program that will be no added cost to the residents. More information to follow.

16. PARADE COMMITTEE - Trustee Prochno – The Hometown Parade was Saturday, September 21st, in conjunction with Elk Grove’s Oktoberfest. The rain held off long enough for the Parade to take place. The theme was *Music Through the Ages* and the Grand Marshal was Kitty Weiner. The Float winners were as follows: Most Creative – Cub Scout Pack 190 (Musicals thru the Ages); Best Theme – Elk Grove Village Library (1990’s Dance Party); Spirit Award – Elk Grove Park District Pavilion Fitness (Rock Band). The Honorable Mentions were Elk Grove Girl Scouts #406; Elk Grove Girls Softball and Youth Baseball; BISI Chicago Dance Studio. A Special thank you to the sponsors that helped to make this parade a success.

17. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Trustee Franke – No Report.

18. JUDICIARY, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Trustee Prochno – No Report.

19. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Trustee Czarnik – No Report.

20. AIRPORT UPDATE – Mayor Johnson – We are working with the Chicago Department of Aviation on the Rotation Plan and providing input to make sure that the noise is distributed evenly to the surrounding communities.

21. MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES UPDATE - Mayor Johnson – No Report.

22. SPECIAL EVENTS – Mayor Johnson – The next special event is the Tree Lighting Ceremony with the concert beginning at 4:30 p.m., the tree lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m.

23. LIQUOR COMMISSION - Mayor Johnson – No Report.

24. REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER – No Report.

25. REPORT FROM VILLAGE CLERK – No Report.

26. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There were no items under Unfinished Business.

27. NEW BUSINESS – No Report.

28. PUBLIC COMMENT – 7:55 P.M. – Helen Leski thanked the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department for speaking at the Senior Center. Mayor confirmed that he will meet with the Seniors on October 22nd.

29. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Lissner **Seconded by** Trustee Feichter

AYES: Trustee Lissner, Prochno, Schmidt, Feichter

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Loretta M. Murphy, Village Clerk

Mayor Craig B. Johnson