

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Regular Board Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustees Gorman (via phone), Skillicorn, Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall and President Miller.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Director of Public Works Jim Kelly, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Village Attorney Kathleen Field Orr, Finance Director Zaida Torres, Deputy Village Administrator/Village Clerk Heather Maieritsch, Economic Development Director Doug Bergren, Special Events Manager Erin Weingart and Deputy Village Clerk Katherine Holt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only):**

**Terry Donati - 311 Barrington LLC**

Mr. Donati stated that there is an urgent need for parking downtown. He asked the Board to not approve their purchase of 110 N. River Street unless it will be used for long term parking. He asked that if the Village were to sell the property, that it be replaced with additional parking to match it. He added that there should be a time frame noted in the purchase agreement of when the parking lot will be finished. President Miller commented that the Board has every intention of providing parking on that property immediately and there is no intention of not making it parking any time in the future unless more than adequate parking in the downtown was to become available.

**Gary Swick - Friends of the Fox River, Elgin, IL**

Mr. Swick stated that he sent most trustees a statement and evidence regarding the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge project and said he would be happy to address any questions on that. He said that East Dundee is a river town and the river is a value to the community. He said now is the time to start looking at ways to sustainably interact with the river. He stated that building a road is not necessarily the appropriate measure to address traffic. He said that this road has not demonstrated that it will impact local traffic significantly. He feels there is too much to lose with this bridge and the old way of thinking for it.

**Tom Rickert – Kane County Division of Transportation**

Mr. Rickert distributed a question and answer sheet about Longmeadow Parkway. He said the planned tree lined parkway is about 5.6 miles long through primarily open areas. He advised that construction has already started west of Randall Road with completion of the project to be in late 2019. He said the need was brought about through the request of ten municipalities and support for the project has been in place for several years. He said there is currently a projected toll rate of 75 cents or less. He said with additional revenues coming in, there is a chance that tolls could be eliminated altogether. He advised that berms and vegetation will be added to neighborhood right-of-ways along the corridor to help block traffic noise.

**Drew Frasz – Kane County Board Vice Chairman & Transportation Chairman**

Mr. Frasz stated that he will make himself available after the meeting to answer any questions anyone may have about the Longmeadow project. He advised that over 20 years ago, several villages and agencies saw a problem with cross river traffic and asked the County for help. He said there have been many public hearings, staff meetings and engineering meetings that have gotten to this point. He said the County is now delivering on the request.

**Annelise Menoni – Algonquin Resident**

Ms. Menoni said this is not the same area as it was 25 years ago and a lot has changed since the project was presented and projected back then. She said that this road will divert traffic from shopping in the town. She stated that the Longmeadow noise study projects a sound level of 65 decibels. She said there

will be increased speeds of 50%. She said that tax money should instead go towards fixing current roads and bridges in need.

**Larry Keller – West Dundee Resident**

Mr. Keller stated that he is the former Village President of West Dundee dating back to 1997. He said he has supported this Longmeadow project since 1998. He said this is a very emotional issue but is one that adds to the traffic network in Northern Kane County. He said there have been meetings to try to mitigate as many problems as possible but he would like to see this continue.

**Tom Roeser, Otto Engineering - 2 E. Main Street, Carpentersville**

Mr. Roeser stated that Palumbo was approached and agreed to purchase 110 N. River Street and make it a parking lot. He said he was asked to contribute \$75,000 towards that donation. He said that if he were to make a donation then it should be for a parking lot. He said the Village responded in a letter to Palumbo stating that it cannot accept the donation because it could not commit to the land being turned into a parking lot. Mr. Roeser said that if the Village does purchase the property, it needs to make sure it is not an eyesore. He said to landscape the parking lot and finish the southern end of the area. He asked the Village to not interfere with developers.

**Roz Strapko – Algonquin Resident**

Ms. Strapko asked the Board to consider opposing Longmeadow Parkway. She explained that her home backs up to Longmeadow and she presented a picture of an aerial view of the Longmeadow and Sleep Hollow Road intersection to the Board in relation to her home. She said the new road and semi trucks will be very close to her home and she is concerned for her family's safety. She said there is no plan in the project to put up a retaining wall. She said the beauty of the community will be erased and home values will depreciate. She said there is a better way without going through a residential area with trucks.

Trustee Skillicorn asked a question about the berm on a map he was reviewing. Tom Rickert responded that the pavement goes almost up to the edge of the berm. He said the berm was built into the right-of-way. He added that all existing landscaping will be left on the berms to the best of their ability and any trees being taken out will be replaced.

**Roberta Gifford, Stop Longmeadow – Carpentersville Resident**

Ms. Gifford advised that she moved to this area for the river, wildlife and forest preserves. She said the Longmeadow project will disrupt the wildlife and take away the eagles and the 200-300 year old trees where they nest. She said the Longmeadow semi truck traffic will destroy Huntley as a country town.

**Ray Auger – Algonquin Resident**

Mr. Auger said he is a 29 year resident of Algonquin and asks the Board for Longmeadow support. He said stopping the project will erode transportation improvements and quality of life for the people around who sit in traffic. He said the project will bring needed access to the Brunner Farm property that the County spent millions of dollars on. He asked that concerned citizens get behind the Tiger Grant program which will get more money to allow the project to get paid off without having tolls.

**Maggie Auger, Kane County Board Member – Algonquin Resident**

Mrs. Auger explained that Longmeadow is a much needed corridor and she requested the support of the Board. She wanted to make a couple clarifications on the resolution stating that the project is estimated at \$115 million and the state amount is \$39.4 million. She said many neighboring communities are growing and will bring sales tax dollars and commercialism to East Dundee.

**June Keibler, Dundee area resident**

Ms. Keibler thanked the Board for bringing solar panels into the community. She asked the Board to oppose the Longmeadow project. She said the section of the river that this bridge will cross is an important wildlife corridor and more roads will not solve the traffic problems and will bring more traffic to already congested roads. She is also concerned about the diesel fumes that will be emitted. She added that residents value open space and these roads do not.

**JoAnn Fritz, Stop Long Meadow – West Dundee Resident**

Ms. Fritz said that the Village resolution is an indication that the Board has carefully listened to the concerns expressed by the citizens and want to protect their safety, core values and property values. She said citizens voted in good faith in favor of purchasing the Brunner property which would result in an increase in taxes but moved forward with doing so to preserve open space. She said she later found out at a County Board meeting that there was a plan and partnership already connected to build the Longmeadow Parkway that were never made public. She said the County Board has lost her trust.

**Lindsay O’Connell, Stop Longmeadow – Carpentersville Resident**

Ms. O’Connell stated that she resides near the intersection of Rt. 25 and Bolz Road and asked that the Board oppose the Longmeadow project. As a new resident, she said she took part in a Longmeadow information meeting and then became an active member of the “Stop Longmeadow” group where she manages incoming emails and outgoing newsletters, website updates and monitors the Stop Longmeadow facebook page. She said she has learned how little voters know or understand about the various layers of local politics. She respectfully asked that the Board oppose the project.

**Jarrett Sanchez – Carpentersville Resident**

Mr. Sanchez said he grew up in East Dundee most of his life. He does not want the bridge to interfere with the value and spirit of the river. He said there is a lot of knowledge in the Kane County 2040 plan and recommended that everyone become familiar with it.

**CONSENT AGENDA-CONSIDERATION OF AN “OMNIBUS VOTE”:** NONE

Illinois Municipalities may adopt by a single roll call vote of the Village Board and Village President, a group of assorted ordinances, resolution, motions and orders by an “Omnibus Vote”. The “Omnibus Vote” shall be taken following the unanimous consent by the President and Board as to the items to be included. Any Trustee or the President may request that any item not be included in that vote.

- A. Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated April 4, 2016**
- B. DTPD Annual Dads 5K Run**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Lynam/Wood.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Gorman, Skillicorn, Lynam, Wood, Selep and Hall. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.  
Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Ordinance Approving an Addendum to the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois and River Street, LLC**

Motion to approve an Ordinance Approving an Addendum to the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois and River Street, LLC by Lynam/Wood.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Skillicorn said he reviewed the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes when the Village approved the purchase of this property and he had asked about any fees and communicated that it was the developer's obligation to pay them. He wants to know why the Village is paying the \$26,000. Trustee Wood said she opposes the purchase at this time and feels the Board needs to look at other offers before committing to the purchase. She said at the time of the original vote, the Board was not necessarily aware of other priorities that needed to be put in place. Trustee Skillicorn said that Tom Roeser communicated to him a very attractive idea that a group of investors would pay for and that others should speak to Mr. Roeser to learn more about that. Trustee Lynam said it is important to retain flexibility of the original plan to develop a portion of the property and leave 2/3 or 3/4 of it for parking. Trustee Hall said he would also like to see what other offers are available. President Miller said all the alternatives have been that developers want the Village to eventually buy it.

Roll: Ayes – 3 – Trustees Lynam, Selep and President Miller. Nays – 3 – Trustees Skillicorn, Wood and Hall. Abstain – 1 – Trustee Gorman. Absent – 0. Motion fails.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Motion for Temporary Signage at Complete Bridal 12 E. Main Street**

Motion to approve Temporary Signage at Complete Bridal 12 E. Main Street by Skillicorn/Wood.

**Discussion:**

Clerk Maieritsch advised that Complete Bridal is requesting to have a 12-15 foot balloon on their roof for 30 days to promote their upcoming television show. She said these types of requests are usually allowed for grand openings and special car dealer sales. She said they have never been allowed to be displayed on the roof before because of safety concerns. She advised that the balloon weighs 75 pounds. Trustee Wood said that approving this will not set a good precedence.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustees Skillicorn and Selep. Nays – 4 – Trustees Gorman, Lynam, Wood and Hall. Absent – 0. Motion fails.

**B. Ordinance Adopting the 2016-2017 Annual Budget**

President Miller requested that this item be carried over until next week and asked for a motion to table.

Motion to table an Ordinance Adopting the 2016-2017 Annual Budget by Skillicorn/Wood.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Gorman, Skillicorn, Lynam, Wood, Selep and Hall. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**C. Resolution of the Village of East Dundee, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois Opposing the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Project**

Motion to approve a Resolution of the Village of East Dundee, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois Opposing the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Project by Lynam/Hall.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Lynam said he is concerned about the cost of the project and what, if anything, McHenry County is paying towards it. He stated that traffic will bypass the Dundee area and the western communities will benefit from this. He reiterated several points that were made by the public earlier.

Drew Franz advised that the money for the project is from federal money. He said that the county was asked to take on this task from several area municipalities and that is what is being done. He said there have been 20 years of public meetings on this topic. Tom Rickert added that most of the state and federal funds come through CMAP. He said much of the \$61 million was collected through impact fees or sales tax.

Trustee Skillicorn stated that traffic is an issue. He said there needs to be a solution that works for both the commuters and for the homeowners. He said that he will not be supporting the resolution tonight. Trustee Gorman added that a YES vote for the resolution will mean that you agree with the presuppositions of the "Where As" sections of the resolution. He said many of them have been said not to be true.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustees Lynam and Hall. Nays – 4 – Trustees Gorman, Skillicorn, Selep and Wood.  
Absent – 0. Motion fails.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

##### **A. Warrants List #1 \$135,934.49**

The warrants lists were noted to the Village Board.

#### **Reports: VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

**Gorman: None**

**Lynam: None**

**Selep: None**

**Wood: Reported that she was at the Village shred event last weekend and it was well run and received.**

**Skillicorn: None**

**Hall: None**

#### **Reports: VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR and STAFF**

**Village Administrator:** Skurla advised that he believes he received the final tentative cost for the underground wire work by ComEd and it was \$75,000 less than their estimate was. He added that the 110 N. River item on tonight's agenda that was not approved will most likely not be coming back before the Board again for reconsideration.

**Village Attorney: None**

**Village Engineer: None**

**Police Chief: None**

**Public Works Director:** Kelly reported that there will be hydrant flushing this week and signs are posted around town advising of this.

**Village President: None**

**Finance Director: None**

**Promotion & Marketing Manager: N/A**

**Special Events Manager:** Weingert reported that the shredding event lasted 2 hours and had 151 vehicles drive up.

**Economic Development Consultant:** Bergren reported that Cutlery and More will be hosting their annual warehouse sale this weekend.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on the Agenda):**

**Mike Tennis – Sleep Hollow Resident**

Mr. Tennis said that in regard to the Longmeadow project and the public comments earlier, people are not focusing on economics, employment or public safety. He said there has been a 4 year, 25 percent decline in Dundee Township property values yet there is support for infrastructure. He stated that Kane County has the largest Chicagoland unemployment rate at 7.6 percent and there seems to be no concern for growing jobs. He said the congestion focus seems to be on east/west traffic when he feels Randall Road traffic is the real concern, which runs north/south.

**Brian Proehl – Algonquin Resident**

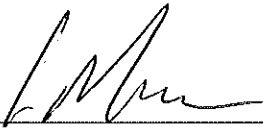
Mr. Proehl said that at his village board meeting, the CMAP studies indicated that two McHenry County municipalities and two Kane County municipalities wanted the bridge. He said McHenry has no bonds and asked why they aren't paying their fair share. He said the answer he was given is that there will be a toll. He feels that McHenry County should be paying for this project also.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: No**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m. by Skillicorn/Wood. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt

By:   
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest:   
Deputy Village Clerk, Katherine Holt