

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Village Hall, 102 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**October 31, 2021 – 7:00 pm**  
**Village of West Dundee**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Nelson called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present were Village President Christopher Nelson, Trustees Cathy Haley, Cheryl Alopogianis, Cheryl Anderley, Dan Wilbrandt, Tom Price, and Andrew Yuscka.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro.

There were ten (10) people in the audience.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:**

Trustee Yuscka led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Trustee Anderley and seconded by Trustee Alopogianis to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved by acclamation.

**AYES:** Trustee Haley, Alopogianis, Anderly, Wildbrandt, Pricce and Yuscka.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**V. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Nelson acknowledged the receipt of two pieces of information. One was a letter from support Mainstreet on behalf of Travis Aiken, and the second was a flyer regarding the Push Tax. President Nelson acknowledge that both would be entered into the record per Mr. Aikens request.

President Nelson indicated that the opportunity to address the board regarding the push tax would be covered later in the agenda under questions from the audience.

**VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:** None.

**VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:** None.

**VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Patrick Dunlop addressed the Board on behalf of the VFW indicating that he did not support the villages adoption of the push tax and felt it was taxation without representation.

Mike Morrison addressed the village board indicating his support for the community is through various sponsorships and participation over the last nine years. These have been some very difficult times over the last 18 months due to Covid related matters and expressed his nonsupport for the push tax and asked the village not to adopt said ordinance.

Dan Pearson, representing as the official of the VFW, he felt this tax would be detrimental to the VFW, as they were finally getting on their feet financially. That the tax will put them at a further disadvantage as West Dundee only allows five gaming machines versus the states authorized six. He also echoed the sentiments in opposition to approval of the push tax.

Marc Jacobs, representing Bamboozles also acknowledges his business interests and felt that this tax was going to be detrimental to his financials at his establishment and asked the village board not to adopt the ordinance.

**X. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**A. Ordinance Imposing Push Tax on Operation of Video Gaming Terminals: Trustee (Haley)**

Trustee Haley introduced the draft ordinance for West Dundee to consider imposing a push tax on the operation of video gaming terminals. Communities such as Schaumburg, Joliet, Hanover Park, Waukegan and Oak Lawn have already considered or adopted proposals for a push tax. Gaming legislation was adopted at 1am on Friday the 29th preempting Home Rule authority for adopting a video gaming push tax after October 31, 2021.

It was pointed out that a special meeting was necessary in order to pass the ordinance by October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline as established by the state.

Both President Nelson and Village Manager Cavallaro indicated that the current draft ordinance is written in a way that provides for an effective date of May 2022. The adoption of the ordinance this evening facilitates the opportunity to consider the implementation of this push tax, and that the Village would have the opportunity to further review and discuss the additional details and financial implications during the upcoming budgetary process with both the businesses and community.

**MOTION:** Moved by Trustee Haley and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to adopt an ordinance to impose a push tax on the operation of video gaming terminals within the within the Village of West Dundee with an effective date of May 2022.

**AYES:** Trustees Haley, Alogogianis, Anderley, Price and Yuscka  
**NAYS:** Trustees Wilbrandt  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION:** Moved by Trustee Yuscka and seconded by Trustee Anderly to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Motion was approved by acclamation.

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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Joseph Cavallaro  
Village Manager

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Christopher Nelson  
Village President