

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Village Hall, 102 South Second Street

May 18, 2015 - 7:30 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Nelson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Village President Christopher Nelson, Trustees Billy Pflanz, Dan Wilbrandt, Michelle Kembitzky, Tom Price, Pat Hanley and Andy Yuscka.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro, Public Works Director Eric Babcock, Village Attorney John Brechin and no audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Kembitzky and seconded by Trustee Pflanz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Nelson announced that the next 10-for-10 event would take place on Wednesday, highlighting Maxwell's Hotdogs and Route 31 Pantry.

He noted that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 24 at 2pm and asked that the line-up information be forwarded to all Board members for participation.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Kembitzky asked that a specific address be reviewed for a potential tall grass violation. An inquiry was made as to the current fee for grass and weed abatement (\$200 minimum, \$200/hour). Manager Cavallaro noted that the fee was raised several years ago to discourage the use of the Public Works Department for regular mowing of private property.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy Clerk Tibbetts advised that the Spring/Summer Village Newsletter is at the printer and should be delivered to West Dundee addresses in about a week.

Manager Cavallaro noted that new Community Development Director Tim Scott will begin his employment with the Village on June 8.

VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were none.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Bill List: April 30, 2015 A
- B. Ratification of Debit Purchases: April, 2015
- C. Approval of Bill List: April 30, 2015 B
- D. Approval of Bill List: May 18, 2015
- E. Approval of Minutes: May 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- F. Video Gaming License Approval - Blue Line Bar & Grill

Trustee Kembitzky asked about the location of video gaming machines at Blue Line Bar & Grill. Manager Cavallaro confirmed that the machines are located around the back side of the bar and access is restricted.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Pflanz and seconded by Trustee Hanley to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Pflanz, Wilbrandt, Kembitzky, Price, Hanley and Yuscka

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2015/2016 Tree Trimming and Removal Program Contract Extension with Homer Tree Care (Trustee Yuscka)

Trustee Yuscka stated that based on discussion at the May 4th Board Meeting regarding waiving competitive bidding for this year's Tree Trimming and Removal Program, additional information has been provided regarding previous bids and contract costs over the last 10 years.

Manager Cavallaro stated that the Village has been very happy with the quality and efficiency of work provided by Homer Tree Care, who has been contracted for this work since 2012 based on a competitive bidding process undertaken at that time.

He also noted that when the work is taken out to bid, there is very little flexibility beyond price in awarding a contract from competitive bidding, in terms of ensuring the quality of the contractor. President Nelson added that the risk exists for the lowest bid to come in above the cost offered by the current contractor. It was noted that the proposed contract cost for this year is just slightly above the 2010 costs.

Manager Cavallaro noted that a quick survey of surrounding communities revealed that West Dundee is the only municipality that contracts this work as an annual tree trimming, removal and stump grinding program. Other municipalities either complete the work in house or contract out on a tree-by-tree basis.

President Nelson expressed support for continuing the contract with Homer and suggested that the question of competitive bidding could be revisited next year.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Yuscka and seconded by Trustee Pflanz to waive competitive bidding and execute a contract with Homer Tree Care of Wauconda, Illinois, to perform the 2015/2016 Tree Trimming and Removal Program at the rates specified within their April 22, 2015 proposal. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Yusecka, Pflanz, Kembitzky, Price and Hanley
NAYES: Trustee Wilbrandt

XI. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Kembitzky asked for clarification regarding an item on the Bill List for surveying of the Samata holdings located on the SE corner of First and Main. President Nelson advised that this survey work was completed to facilitate the potential sale and redevelopment of the parcel.

Trustee Wilbrandt stated that the Fire Consolidation Study is expected to be available within the next 3-4 weeks.

President Nelson suggested that discussions with the Village of Sleepy Hollow regarding Police consolidation may be reinvigorated as a result of Sleepy Hollow's reported budget constraints.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Wilbrandt to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion was unanimous.

The Regular Board meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Christopher Nelson
Village President