

Community Development Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **RECORDING OF MEETING AND MEETING GUIDELINES:** The meeting was recorded to be made available for public viewing as per Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders by Trustee Ackerman.
3. **ROLL CALL: ACKERMAN – MCKINNON – present; PEARSON – absent.**
Guests: Attorney Gaziano, Paul Happach, and Deputy Clerk Kellie Symonds
Trustee Ackerman and Trustee McKinnon were present in person.
4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST-**There was no conflict of interest noted.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT-**There was no public comment requested.
6. **APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES: February 20, 2023**
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee McKinnon, seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote of those present.
7. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Chicken Ordinance-Oppose or support Chickens in Village**
Trustee Ackerman reviewed the previous unanimous stance of disallowing chickens in the Village. Deputy Clerk Symonds noted that the prior ordinances only restricted nuisance odors, with mention specifically of cows and pigs. Trustee McKinnon stated that there would likely need to be an amendment or an ordinance disallowing chickens in the Village. Attorney Gaziano recommended making a clear statement as to whether chickens were allowed or disallowed within the Village. Trustee McKinnon made the motion to either write an ordinance or amend an existing ordinance, whichever is most appropriate, to disallow chickens in the residential district of the Village, seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Attorney Gaziano stated that the Village does not currently have an ordinance regarding chickens, but referenced a legal opinion given by her 13 years ago stating that raising chickens within District 1 of the Village was not a permitted use. In this legal opinion, Attorney Gaziano had recommended that an ordinance be written and passed to give clarity on the subject. Trustee McKinnon amended his motion to include the recommendation of the authorization of the Village attorney to draft said ordinance. Seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Motion carried on the unanimous roll call vote of those present.
 - b. **Burkhart Bench placed in temporary location for removal during Memorial Park Upgrade**
Trustee McKinnon stated that once the bench arrives, Public Works will be tracking the progress, so no further action is needed by the Community Development Committee.
 - c. **Subcommittee development for park upgrades**
Trustee Ackerman stated that he has assembled a subcommittee consisting of Sally Bennett, Michelle Cunningham, Will Hartje, Jason Ackerman, and Jonathan Meyer. Trustee Ackerman noted that he left a message with the preschool

adjacent to the park but has not heard back from them at this time. Trustee McKinnon suggested also contacting the Winnebago Park Hills Church for collaborations, since they had expressed interest last year in a park project, specifically mentioning Gary Brown and/or Pastor Graham Boll as points of contact. Trustee Ackerman states he will contact Pastor Graham Boll and/or Gary Brown. Trustee Ackerman states that he would like to get started as soon as possible on meeting with the subcommittee. Deputy Clerk Symonds verified with Attorney Gaziano that subcommittees need to follow the same procedure and postings as regular committees.

d. **Approval of Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Medication Collection request of \$1,400.**

Trustee Ackerman stated that Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful sent a letter to President Fubank to request \$1,400.00 for their 2023 medication collection event that will occur on Saturday June 10th. Trustee McKinnon questioned if this was the same amount as donated in previous years. General consensus noted that it was \$1,200.00 last year. Trustee McKinnon made the motion to recommend to the Village Board to make the donation to Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful in support of the medication collection drive in June 2023 in the amount of \$1,400.00, seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Trustee McKinnon questioned if how the drive participation rates metrics are still being kept, and if the Village knows how involved the community has gotten in the past couple of years. Trustee Ackerman noted that there are currently 15 stores that do allow medication drop-offs to occur to which Trustee McKinnon noted that when this event started years ago, there was not a program like this. Trustee McKinnon would like to receive metrics on how the program does to help the Village make decisions in years to come. Attorney Gaziano clarified that Trustee McKinnon wanted to bring this motion before the board, rather than using the Committee's discretionary funds, to which Trustee McKinnon concurred. Motion carried on the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

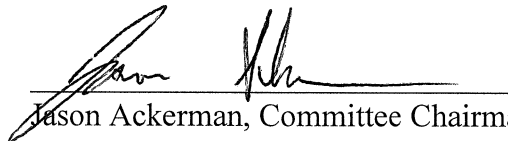
Paul Happach presented to the Community Development committee the need for P.P.E. to be used when inspecting solar projects due to the likelihood that if an incident were to occur, it would likely be a severe incident. The needed items are for personal protection from potential hazards when inspecting the connections to the electric meter boxes. Trustee McKinnon verified that as the inspector, Mr. Happach had to open up the box, but that ComEd was responsible for doing the work. Mr. Happach presented a quote of the items needed, in the approximate amount of \$500.00, but is also trying to get additional quotes. He noted that there may be a recurring cost for the bi-annual inspection of the gloves. Mr. Happach is also looking at a service that would exchange the gloves on a regular basis, to ensure they are safe. Trustee McKinnon recommended signing a document that stated that this PPE is the property of the Village but voiced his agreement with Mr. Happach's request for protection.

9. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-

There are no items to be included on the next Board meeting.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-** The Committee did not go into Executive Session.
11. **NEXT MEETING-** The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
12. **ADJOURN-** Trustee McKinnon made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Trustee Ackerman Motion carried on the roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.



Jason Ackerman, Committee Chairman

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