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Village Manager
Juliana A. Maller

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

**VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
2121 Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

As the Village of Hanover Park continues to follow social distancing requirements and guidelines established in Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan; the Governor has issued a disaster declaration related to a public health disaster throughout all of the State of Illinois as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act; and the Village President has determined that an in-person meeting conducted under the Open Meetings act is not practical or prudent because of the disaster, accordingly the Village Board public meeting will be held by audio and video conference (in-person attendance is also available) without the requirement of a quorum being present.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge

ABSENT: Trustee(s): Kemper

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bernie Paul, Village Manager Maller and Department Heads.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Porter and seconded by Trustee Prigge to accept the agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kemper

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation – COVID-19 Data

Deputy Village Manager Webb provided a COVID-19 update. He noted that the vaccine is in short supply due to high demand. He spoke to an emergency message, warning everyone of an uptick in vaccine related scams. He stressed that people should be diligent and not give out personal information or agree to pay for getting registered for the vaccine.

Deputy Village Manager Webb spoke to the current COVID-19 data. He noted that the percentage of people who have received the vaccine is 4.05% in DuPage County and 3.46% in Cook County and that the death rate is 17 for DuPage County and 28 in Cook County.

No questions.

b. Proclamation – Black History Month

Village President Craig read the proclamation aloud.

5. TOWNHALL SESSION

Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes

None.

6. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – RODNEY S. CRAIG

President Craig spoke to the challenges with the vaccine distribution and to the recent support for housing and utility needs in Cook County. He noted that there is now \$73 million dollars available in Cook County for those in need of assistance.

President Craig congratulated Trustee Porter on his contributions to the community.

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to approve Consent Agenda by Omnibus vote.

Roll Call:

- AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: Kemper
- ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no further discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

6-A.1 (C.A.) Motion to approve the hardware and software maintenance agreement for the Disaster Recovery System with Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$24,370 and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

6-A.2 (C.A.) Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hanover Park and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

6-A.3 (C.A.) Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing a Letter of Understanding concerning improving part of Illinois Route 19 with traffic signal modernization, turn lane and other improvements at Wise Road and Georgetown Drive between the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation.

6-A.4 Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to amend the minutes for the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2020.

Trustee Roberts removed his motion to amend the minutes for the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2020.

Trustee Prigge removed his second to amend the minutes for the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2020.

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Shahjahan to remove agenda item 6-A.4 from the agenda.

Trustee Shahjahan noted that the item on the agenda to amend already approved minutes did not follow the Rules of Order of the Village Board. The Rules of Order were discussed in relation to the Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2020.

Trustee Porter called the question.

Discussion as to whether the October 15, 2020 minutes were published or not and Village Manager Maller confirmed that they were published and released on our website.

Point of Order was called by Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda regarding the motion to amend and clarified that what is on the table is the motion to remove agenda item 6-A.4 from the agenda as the motion to amend does not comply with The Rules of Order. Attorney Paul noted that a vote needs to be taken to remove item 6-A.4 from the agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Shahjahan
NAYS: Gutierrez, Porter, Prigge
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion to remove agenda item 6-A.4 from the agenda fails.

Attorney Paul noted that to amend the minutes there needs to be a motion as to what the change would be to the minutes of October 15, 2020 and then they could be amended.

Motion by Trustee Porter and seconded by Trustee Gutierrez to delete the entire second sentence in the third paragraph of number 8, on page 6 of 8 on the minutes of October 15, 2020.

Discussion regarding the motion violating the Village of Hanover Park Rules of Order and the repercussions for not following the Rules of Order. Trustee Shahjahan read aloud the Village of Hanover Park rule which states the following: "If any errors or omissions are discovered in minutes previously approved, such minutes may be corrected by a written correction thereto adopted by a majority of at least four affirmative votes with at least one week prior of distribution of the proposed correction."

Attorney Paul noted that either one of two things needs to occur: one, you could wait until the next meeting and have the corrections given to you in writing and then take a vote or two, you could take a vote tonight during this Board meeting, and if the vote passes, then the minutes will be amended notwithstanding what Trustee Shahjahan just read, because as a legal matter, if the Village Board, should choose not to follow their own rules that they are within their purview to do so. That the Village Board need not follow their own rules and that it is up to the Village Board should they choose to proceed, notwithstanding that rule, that the Village Board is able to do so.

President Craig asked Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda to call the role.

Roll Call:

AYES: Gutierrez, Porter, Prigge, Craig
NAYS: Roberts, Shahjahan
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion to amend is carried.

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to amend the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2020.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried as amended.

6-A.5 Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to approve Warrant 02/18/2021 in the amount of \$412,680.02.

No questions.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

6-A.6 Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to approve Warrant Paid in Advance (1/30/2021-2/10/2021) in the amount of \$256,435.96.

No questions.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

7. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT – JULIANA MALLER

a. Treasurer's Report – January 2021

Village Manager Maller noted that Finance Director Navarrete is available for questions.

No questions.

b. Water Billing

Village Manager Maller provided water billing update noting that currently fifty residents have past due balances. Due to weather conditions, no shut offs were conducted on February 11, 2021. However, she noted that that residents were contacted via telephone to remind them of their past due balance and to discuss payment options.

Trustee Gutierrez noted that non-profits providing assistance are burdened with paying late fees for residents and that it hinders them from helping additional residents. She requested for non-profits to not have to pay penalty fees and reconnection fees.

Village Manager Maller noted that in accordance with our neighboring communities we will provide deference of fees to the next water billing cycle. It was noted by President Craig that Cook County has made available \$72.3 million dollars to address these types of assistance services for municipalities and residents along with rental payment assistance.

Consensus for Village Manager Maller to provide cost data for disconnection and reconnection of water, investigate the Cook County assistance program and report back her findings at a future Board meeting for further discussion allowing the Board to decide as to whether our ordinance should be amended.

8. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT – EIRA L. CORRAL SEPÚLVEDA

Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda spoke to the article regarding the Continuum Becoming an Anti-racist Multicultural Organization that was shared at the last CIDC Leaders Reception. She described the difference between the passive change and the symbolic change as it applies to social justice.

Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda spoke to the lack of observance of the Village of Hanover Park, Rules of Order and the discriminatory application of the rules. She also spoke to instances of lack of decorum and censorship by the Village Board.

9. CORPORATION COUNSEL'S REPORT – BERNARD Z. PAUL

Attorney Paul spoke to the resident who spoke during public comment about standing water. He noted that both the Village and the State have statutes that address this issue and noted that if the problem is chronic, and not being caused by current rain fall, then the problem needs to be abated.

10. VILLAGE TRUSTEES REPORTS

10-A. RICK ROBERTS

No report.

10-B. LIZA GUTIERREZ

Trustee Gutierrez provided an update of the Hanover Park Welcoming Center.

10-C. HERB PORTER

Trustee Porter noted that he received his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and highlighted the importance in promoting trust within the Black community to be vaccinated. He spoke to the generalization and lack of standards in connection with the Board meetings, the recognition of the role of the Village Clerk and parliamentary rules, the lack of decorum during the meetings, and the personal attacks that deter the Board from their purpose. He encourages all to adhere to the conduct befitting to their role.

10-D. JAMES KEMPER

Absent

10-E. SHARMIN SHAHJAHAN

Trustee Shahjahan noted that it is difficult for her, as Trustee, to acknowledge that there are no set rules as they can be easily ignored. She expressed her concern as to how the Board may pick and choose which rules to follow. She noted the need for more cohesive and structured proceedings that adhere to the rules already set forth by the Board.

Trustee Shahjahan spoke to the DuPage County event attended by Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda and noted that she was the moderator of the panel discussion titled "Governing Through Systemic Bias". She spoke to Board's censorship of views, lack of discussion and lack of commitment to equity and inclusion.

Trustee Shahjahan spoke to the next steps from the last meeting in connection with the Equity Ordinance and our police department procedures involving Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It was agreed for Police Chief Menough, Attorney Paul and Village Manager Maller to meet with Trustee Shahjahan to discuss the language, as it applies to the procedure of police staff, and how they will conduct assistance when requested by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

10-F. BOB PRIGGE

No report.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Executive Session Minutes

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Prigge to go into Executive Session and not return to open meeting.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Shahjahan to adjourn.

Roll Call:

AYES: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kemper
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Recorded and Transcribed by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this 18th day of March 2021.