

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais (via Zoom), Vandenberg and President Sweet McDonnell. Trustee Kerrigan was absent.

Also present were Environmental and Health Commission Member Steve Kahn, Mr. And Mrs. Jeff Harwood, Becky Thompson from Nania Energy Advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Falese, Plan Commission Chairperson Gery Herrmann, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Village Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Harwood.

Public Comment

Mr. Ron Falese of North Barrington addressed the Board about his concerns about inoperable vehicles and numerous violations at 462 Rugby Drive, North Barrington, IL. Mr. Falese cited Chapter 2 and Chapter 9 of the Village Code citing the property is an environmental hazard and dangerous. The property at the southwest corner of Biltmore Drive and Eton Drive was also brought up as being vacant and hazardous. He asked for a timeline for the permitted demolition of the structure. The Village staff will investigate the matter and Village President Sweet McDonnell thanked Mr. Falese for his input.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- A. August Treasure's Report for FYE 2024.

Village Administrator John Lobaito addressed the Board to state that FYE 2024 expenses are on track. There were expenses from the Capital Projects Fund for Eton Park and the Grassmere/Haverton/Duck Pond public infrastructure maintenance/repair.

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Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Horcher to approve the August Treasurer's Report for FYE 2024. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Action Items

- A. **Oath of Office**- Steve Kahn, Environmental & Health Commission.

President Sweet McDonnell administered the Oath of Office to Steve Kahn appointing him as a Member of the Environmental and Health Commission. She thanked Mr. Kahn for his service to the Village.

- B. **Motion** to adopt a Resolution to Appoint Jeff Harwood as a Member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais to appoint Jeff Harwood as a Member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

President Sweet McDonnell administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Harwood as Member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. She thanked Mr. Harwood for his service to the Village.

- C. **Motion** to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Nania Energy Advisors to Solicit Bids from Electrical Suppliers and Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Nania Energy Advisors to Solicit Bids from Electrical Suppliers and Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village Administrator John Lobaito addressed the Board. The current contract with AEP Energy for the purchase of electricity which included a 50% renewable ("Green") Energy component expires in January 2024. If the Village receives favorable bids and chooses to participate in the program, it is necessary that a new contract be signed by October 3, 2023, to provide enough time for the successful electric supply company to provide notice to the North Barrington residents. He introduced Becky Thompson from Nania to the Board.

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Ms. Thompson reviewed a power point presentation of an electric municipal aggregation program review and the role of Nania Energy Advisors. The referendum for electricity was passed March 2012 for the Village of North Barrington. Aggregation allows for combining the buying power of its residents to be more effective in the negotiating rates than an individual customer and avoid volatility in the rates. She reviewed electric supply RFP results as of the close of market on September 13, 2023.

The current contract was negotiated in 2020, during some of the lowest utility rates for electricity. Ms. Thompson stated there are many factors currently affecting today's rates including a global energy market. The Village has the choice of signing a one-, two- or three-year contract. Dynegey and MC2 were shown to be the most competitive supplier companies.

There was discussion about the product type, renewable energy, and continuation of the program. There were questions about the ability of the residents to opt out of the program at any time. Illinois law allows a resident to opt out at any time and return to Commonwealth Edison. The Resolution will authorize the Village Administrator to monitor pricing with Nania Energy and accept the offer when the threshold is met.

- D. **Motion** to Pass an Ordinance Adopting by Reference the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance.

Village Attorney Bryan Winter explained to the Board that in the 1980s, Lake County passed a Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) that established that all municipalities in Lake County were under the same WDO regulations.

North Barrington has designated Robinson Engineering as the Village's enforcement officer and designated erosion control inspector charged with enforcement of the provisions of the WDO.

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Horcher to Pass an Ordinance Adopting by Reference the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Unpaid Warrant List

- A. Approve the August 2023 Unpaid Warrant List.

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Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Vandenberg to approve the August 2023 Unpaid Warrant List. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Checks Written Report

A. Approve Payments from August 14, 2023, to September 19, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve payments from August 14, 2023, to September 19, 2023. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais, and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator John Lobaito reported the Village has filed tax exemptions for all currently owned Village properties. There was some outstanding Village property owned tax bills dating back eight to ten years that had not paid due to the tax-exempt filing being overlooked. All tax payments and tax-exempt filings are now up to date. The Village is researching for stormwater management purposes strategic parcels to purchase from Lake County through their green book notification. The Village currently owns approximately 30 parcels. President Sweet McDonnell and Plan Commission Chairperson Gery Herrmann thanked Mr. Lobaito for his efforts.

Village Administrator John Lobaito reported that in response to Trustee Vandenberg's question about aggregating natural gas for the community at the prior Board Meeting, state legislators have not given local government the authority to aggregate the purchase of natural gas for the community.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Morrow – Trustee Morrow had no report.

Trustee Kelleher – Trustee Kelleher reported the Summer Concerts have concluded for the year and were well attended. The Fall Festival will be held October 1, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Commission is recruiting volunteers.

Trustee Pais – Trustee Pais reported that he had met with Village Administrator Lobaito and the Village Engineer from Robinson Engineering to review the Village Road plan for 2024.

Trustee Vandenberg – Trustee Vandenberg welcomed the new member of the Environmental and Health Commission Steve Kahn. The SWALCO meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 2023.

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Trustee Horcher – Trustee Horcher reported the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Public Hearing for a variation request for 130 Arrowhead Lane in North Barrington. The public hearing was continued to October 10, 2023.

Trustee Kerrigan-Trustee Kerrigan was absent. Village Administrator Lobaito confirmed that the Village of North Barrington is safe.

Village President's Report

President Sweet McDonnell reported that Trustee Horcher will attend the IML Conference with her September 21st.

President Sweet McDonnell complimented Lake Zurich Fire Protection District Commissioner Jack Mumaw and thanked him for representing the Village of North Barrington. She stated her concern that the Village of North Barrington currently has no representation on the Lake Zurich Fire Protection Board and continues to work with Lake County Chairperson Sandy Hart on this issue.

President Sweet McDonnell reported the volunteer link for the upcoming Fall Festival is on the website. She will include this in her e-mail blasts to the residents. There will be a box for the Cuba Township donations at the festival. There will be a food truck and brats offered this year at the event.

President Sweet McDonnell reported the brush pickup for Cuba Township residents in the Village will begin the week of October 23rd.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

New Business

There was no new business.

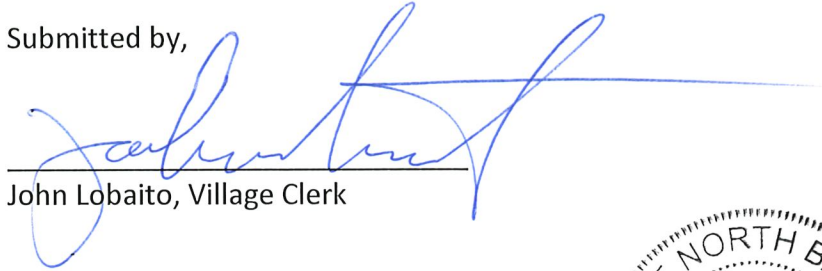
Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Morrow to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Morrow, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

