

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Pais and President Sweet McDonnell. Absent; Rogus and Weiner.

Also present were Village Administrator John Lobaito, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Deputy Village Clerk Sue Murdy, Village Treasurer Mike Sands, Plan Commission Chairman Gery Herrmann, Krysia Ressler, Anoosh Varda and Ammunnouel Varda.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Plan Commission Chairman Gery Herrmann.

President Sweet McDonnell stated she would like to move Action Item 8.A. Oath of Office for immediate Board attention.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais to move up on the agenda Action Item 8.A. Oath of Office for the appointment of Vanessa G. Kerrigan as Village Trustee. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

President Sweet McDonnell explained that at the December 15, 2021 Village Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2021-11 confirming the appointment of Vanessa G. Kerrigan, Trustee.

President Sweet McDonnell administered the Oath of Office to Vanessa G. Kerrigan. She stated that the Village of North Barrington is truly blessed to have residents such as Trustee Kerrigan serve the community.

President Sweet McDonnell thanked Trustee Kerrigan and invited her to assume her official place at the dais as a Village Trustee.

Public Comment

President Sweet McDonnell reviewed Chapter 11 section 1-11-3 of the Village Code which provides time limits for individual speakers who may wish to address the Board and asked if there was any public comment.

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Trustee Kerrigan's husband, Dennis and daughter Katie congratulated her on the new appointment and thanked the Village Trustees.

Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2021

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2021. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Trustee Kerrigan abstained. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Sands addressed the Village Board and reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May through December 2021. Revenue from Building Permit fees continue to be higher from an income perspective. There will also be a third payment this fiscal year from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Due to recent vacancies, salaries and benefits are lower than budgeted amounts. Snow removal expenses have begun to be reflected with the onset of winter. There were some questions and discussion, mainly relating to recent recategorization of certain expenses from prior years. Covid had an effect as well. Mike Sands reminded the Board that the fiscal year ends April 30, 2022. The Finance Committee will target to meet this March and April, then submit a budget for Board approval in May 2022. Administrator Lobaito mentioned that the Board should hold a meeting prior to the budget preparation to develop priorities for the upcoming budget. Mike Sands suggested the Board come to the meeting with ideas that can be presented to the Finance Committee. In response to Trustee Horcher's question regarding the snow removal contractor costs, Village Administrator Lobaito explained that the contract is a fixed cost.

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais to approve the December Treasurer's Report for FYE 2022. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

Action Items

Presentation: Vertical Farming, 25815 W. Scott Road

Krysia Ressler, Wysocki and Smith, Attorneys at Law in Waukegan, IL, addressed the Board on behalf of her clients, Aummunouel Varda and Anoosh Varda. The Vardas own the property at 25815 W. Scott Road and are requesting an amendment to the Special Use Category for R-1 Zoning. The Varda's

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business is in vertical farming, which consists of microgreens. Vertical farming is a new way of growing plants on shelves rather than in the ground.

Ms. Ressler explained her clients currently maintain their vertical farm in the house at 25815 W. Scott Road (unincorporated property) but want to expand their agricultural business into the 3 existing large buildings on the property that is in North Barrington. They wish to use the buildings to grow their vertical farm and incorporate vermiculture, which is worm casting resulting in a sustainable organic form of fertilizer for soil. She explained that their amendment is broad in anticipation of future expansion and opportunities of their business.

Aummunouel Varda addressed the Board and showed samples of the proposed microgreens. He stated that vertical farming is environmentally progressive, utilizes recycled water, LED lighting and omits herbicides and pesticides. Mr. Varda reviewed the process for growing, harvesting, and transporting the leafy microgreens to the market. Vertical farming eliminates the need for large pieces of land, instead growing microgreens in a controlled vertical arrangement of burlap on grow shelves. President Sweet McDonnell clarified with Mr. Varda that retail sales tax would be generated by selling the microgreens directly to consumers, as well as cooperatives called Customer Supported Agriculture (CSA). Aummunouel explained that a well would need to be added to the property. He maintained that their business would not result in a substantial increase of traffic congestion or on-street parking. The Vardas would employ a maximum of eleven employees between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. They hope to grow the business and supply microgreens to local retail stores.

There were questions and concerns from the Board regarding water usage and the requirement for an additional well on the property. The Trustees agreed that water was a sensitive topic in the Village and would like to see a written report of the Varda's expectations as well as a formal business plan. Trustee Pais referred to the Village Comprehensive Plan open space environment as well as Land Coverage Ratio regarding water usage. He stated the North Barrington residents' interest in operating within the Village Comprehensive Plan. He stated that an industrial setting within the Village is not desired. Trustee Kelleher agreed that water usage within the Village is an important topic and would like to see more explanation of the Varda's water requirements. Trustee Horcher voiced his concern about the use and disposal of fertilizer and manure, as well as the disposal of the soil with the worms. He also inquired about the required lighting, and the power draw, along with the need for additional transformers. Trustee Kerrigan asked about the remaining materials following product harvesting, and the disposal of those materials. Mr. Varda confirmed that the burlap on the back of the flats will be discarded in a dumpster on site. President Sweet McDonnell voiced her concern about the primary entrance to the property, as well as the size and amount of the vehicles entering and exiting. Ms. Ressler explained the deliveries would be by "sprinter" trucks and there would be two truck deliveries per day. The purpose of this presentation is to provide a summary to the Board of Trustees prior to the Varda's approaching the

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Plan Commission. President Sweet McDonnell emphasized the need for a written business plan and a direct explanation of their water usage requirements.

Village Attorney Bryan Winter stated that from a legal perspective, the only option is to incorporate the parcels into the North Barrington jurisdiction, noting that by looking at the annexation plat and the method in which the property was annexed, not all the buildings are located within the Village. The Village cannot respond to the Varda's request for a Special Use Permit unless all the parcels are located within the corporate boundaries of the Village. President McDonnell stated the importance to work as a partnership. The Vardas and Ms. Ressler thanked the Board as well as President Sweet McDonnell for their time.

Motion to Authorize President Sweet McDonnell to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of North Barrington and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between North Barrington and IDOT

Administrator John Lobaito explained the Village recently received an Intergovernmental Agreement from IDOT regarding the maintenance of traffic signals on State highways within the corporate boundaries of North Barrington. He provided a brief history of the maintenance of two (2) IDOT traffic signals in North Barrington, one located at the intersection of IL Route 22/Old Barrington Road, and the second signal being located at the intersection of IL Route 59/Miller Road. This Agreement replaces an existing agreement that is due to expire. Village Attorney Bryan Winter stated he does not see any significant exposure for the Village of North Barrington in the content of the agreement. Administrator Lobaito clarified for the Board annual cost of the signals, and the percentage reimbursed by IDOT. Moving forward, IDOT will now bill the Village on a quarterly basis

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais authorizing President Sweet McDonnell to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of North Barrington and Illinois Department of Transportation. On roll call Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Driveway Culvert Cost Share Program

Administrator Lobaito has done some research into the history of this program in the Village. In March 2019 the Village Board adopted a Resolution No.2873 that provided private property owners 50% reimbursement of the cost to replace driveway culverts located in the Village right-of-way ("ROW"). The reimbursement was limited to no more than \$2,500 or 50% of the cost whichever is less. On January 15, 2020 the Village Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-02 repealing Resolution No. 2873 that established the program. The program was repealed due to financial stress on the Village.

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Administrator Lobaito stated that he likes the program since it incentivizes private property owners to repair/replace culverts, which are an essential component in conveying storm water from public streets to regional drainage facilities such as other regional culverts and streams.

Administrator Lobaito referenced a redline copy of Resolution No. 2873 that has been edited for the Village Board's review and consideration. If the Village Board desires to restart the program, a new Ordinance would be drafted for the Board's consideration at its February 16, 2022 meeting.

After some discussion, the Board agreed the program would be a positive program for the Village.

Unpaid Warrant List

Motion by Trustee Pais and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to approve the January 2022 Unpaid Warrant List. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Checks Written Report

Motion by Trustee Kerrigan and seconded by Trustee Horcher to ratify the paid Checks Written Report. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried.

Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator John Lobaito had no report.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Horcher –No report.

Trustee Kelleher – No report.

Trustee Kerrigan – Trustee Kerrigan reviewed the 2022 scope of work approved for the roads program.

Trustee Martin Pais – Trustee Pais reported that SWALCO was working on a program to recycle unused medication and establish drop off locations. SWALCO is also working on a food scraps program involving larger local establishments. Electronic disposal programs are being evaluated too.

Trustee Greg Rogus – Trustee Rogus was absent.

Trustee Lawrence Weiner – Trustee Weiner was absent.

Village President's Report

Village Updates

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President Sweet McDonnell thanked the Lake County Board and the Lake County Clerk for their work on the precinct map. Voters will be receiving new voter registration cards shortly as certain precinct numbers have changed. She stated that the Lake County Board has restricted burning in unincorporated areas of Lake County. President Sweet McDonnell said that the Village of North Barrington's burning policy will remain intact. She will be attending a Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Economic Summit and will report to the Board in February. The President will also attend a security health safety seminar at the Barrington White House Town Warming Event.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

New Business

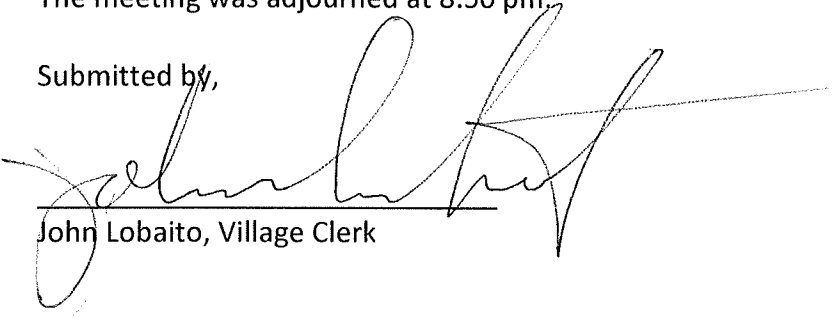
There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Horcher and seconded by Trustee Pais to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote Trustees Horcher, Kelleher, Kerrigan, and Pais voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk