VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2023

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Steve Menzel called the Park Ridge Village Board to order at 5:30 pm. The Village Board meeting was held in person at the Village Hall and via Zoom. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by members present, a roll call was taken. Trustees Dan Holloway, Gordon Renfert and Barb Friedrich and Kristin Paulson were present. Clerk Shanna Behrend was also present. Resident Jim LaMar was present. The following persons attended via Zoom: Thom Patton.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY AGENDA - Menzel asked the Board members if there were any questions regarding the December agenda. Holloway made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Friedrich. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - The public comment section was opened to anyone who wished to speak on any agenda item. No comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - The public comment section was opened to anyone who wished to speak on any non-agenda item. No comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2022 – Renfert moved to approve the December minutes with minor changes. Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer provided a spreadsheet comparing the cash (bank accounts) equal to the total reserve accounts. – Friedrich made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Renfert. Roll call was taken, Renfert – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson– yes, Holloway – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – APPROVAL OF DECEMBER & JANUARY BILLS/PAYMENTS – Holloway made a motion to approve the bills/payments. Seconded by Paulson. Roll call was taken, Paulson – yes, Holloway – yes, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORTS – After some discussion, the Board moved to approve the quarterly reports. Renfert made the motion to accept, seconded by Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – DISCUSS VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PARKING ORDINANCE – The Zoning Committee recommended that any parking information and restrictions should be included in the Right-of-way ordinance instead of in a separate ordinance. The Zoning Committee also approved the work that has been done, up to this point, on the ordinance. The Board agreed that information about the alleyways, recommendations about snow removal around the hydrant, snow plowing, parking of campers and trailers (referencing the existing ordinance), and parking for special events should be included in a revised draft for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APRIL ELECTION LEVY LIMIT REFERENDUM – Menzel explained that due to inflation and a revenue cap put in place by the State years ago, many municipalities are having to exceed their levy limit. Park Ridge is also considering this option to maintain the services provided to residents. After much discussion the Board agreed to adopt the resolution, pending approval from the Department of Revenue on proper wording, stating as follows:
"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Park Ridge for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2024, is limited to 1.387%, which results in a levy of $233,098. Shall the Village of Park Ridge be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2024, for the purpose of supporting the increasing costs of contracted services, Village operations, enhanced fire protection, and capital improvement debt service by a total of 55.77%, which results in a levy of $363,098, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $130,000 for each fiscal year going forward?" Friedrich made a motion to accept the resolution, pending compliance from the Department of Revenue. Seconded by Holloway. Roll call was taken, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Holloway – yes, Friedrich – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – UPCOMING ELECTION – The upcoming Village Caucus on January 18, 2023, was discussed. Trustee Friedrich will oversee the procedure as President Menzel is up for re-election. Two trustee

positions are also being considered. There is also a Spring Primary on February 21, 2023, and the Spring Election on April 4, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSES – Friedrich made the motion to approve the operator licenses for The Store. Seconded by Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #12 - DISCUSS HIRING CONSULTANT FOR STREET PLANNING PROJECTS – Holloway discussed that he will be drafting a request for proposal for hiring a consultant for the planning of future road improvement projects within the Village. He would have the proposal for the February meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – CLERK/TREASURER POSITION – the Village is looking for a new Clerk/Treasurer for the immediate future. If interested, please contact President Menzel at smenzel@vi.parkridge.wi.gov.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – ZONING BOARD COMMITTEE POSITIONS – The current chair of the Zoning committee and Zoning Board of Appeals is stepping down when their term is up in April along with another member from both committees. The Village is looking to fill these positions. The committee is also in need of two alternative positions. Holloway is joining the Zoning Committee in a non-voting capacity.

SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – The date for the next meeting is set for February 20, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

SHANNA BEHREND
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT