VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2022

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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. Butch Pomeroy and Grant Krogwold, from the International Bank of Amherst, were present. The following persons attended via Zoom: Brian Kozlowski, Jim LaMar, and Arden Lange.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER AGENDA - Menzel asked the Board members if there were any questions regarding the December agenda. Renfert made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Holloway. 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 NOVEMBER 14, 2022 & PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING – Friedrich moved to approve the November minutes with no changes. Renfert seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer provided a spreadsheet comparing the cash (bank accounts) equal to the total reserve accounts. – Renfert inquired about bills being received for the fire department. Clerk Behrend explained that the bills were not turned into the clerk at the time they were mailed and were overdue. The bills were for equipment purchased earlier in the year for and by the fire department. Holloway made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Friedrich. Roll call was taken, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson– yes, Holloway – yes, Menzel – yes.

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

AGENDA ITEM #7 – MONTHLY STEVENS POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – There were no incidents to report, and the reports will be changing to a quarterly report beginning in 2023.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – LOAN RESOLUTION – Menzel reviewed the reasons requiring the Village to take out a General Obligation Loan for $200,000: cost of living increases, fire protection and hiring a consultant for future road projects in the Village. Butch Pomeroy, president of the International Bank of Amherst, and Grant Krogwold, loan officer, spoke about the terms of the loan. Pomeroy read the legal resolution. Friedrich made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Paulson. Roll call was taken, Paulson – yes, Holloway – yes, Friedrich– yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Village Right-Of-Way Ordinance Proposal – Holloway explained his preliminary proposal for an ordinance regarding the Village Right-of-Way. The Board discussed his proposal and agreed to have suggestions and edits for the January Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – RENEWAL OF CITY PARKS AGREEMENT – As a good will gesture, the Village pays the City Parks Department $5.50 per resident. In exchange, the Village is allowed use of the All-Purpose Building, in Iverson Park, 12 times per year. Friedrich made the motion to renew the agreement. Seconded by Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – SET DATE FOR CAUCUS – The Board agreed to hold the Caucus on January 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the All-Purpose Building in Iverson Park.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – REFERENDUM DISCUSSION – The Board discussed what to include in the upcoming referendum and whether the Village wanted to have one this year to address the increased budget expenses, and then have another referendum in 2024 to address street and hydrant projects as more information about cost is obtained. The Board agreed to have two referenda per the needs of the Village. The language for the initial referendum will be presented at the January Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSES – Friedrich made the motion to approve the operator license for The Store. Seconded by Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #14 – SUMMARY OF SANTA VISIT – Paulson gave an update on the Santa visit on December 14, 2022. 49 children were visited by Santa with the help of several Village residents and the Stevens Point Fire Department. All involved were very pleased with the event.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – TRAINING UPDATE – Friedrich shared the information that she learned from an online training regarding the BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). She learned more about the timeline, and everything required to be eligible for any grants.

SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – The date for the next meeting is set for January 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

SHANNA BEHREND
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT