VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2022

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 and Gordon Renfert were present along with Clerk Shanna Behrend. Joel Anderson, Christine Almanza, Tony Almanza, and Becky Woodward attended in person. Trustees Kristin Paulson and Barb Friedrich attended via zoom. The meeting was also attended via Zoom by Fire Chief Brian Lepper, Bill Dunham, Carol Colby, Dan O'Neil, AJ Hawley, Brian Kozlowski, and Brandi Makuski.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE JUNE AGENDA - Menzel asked the Board members if there were any questions regarding the March agenda. Holloway made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Renfert. 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. Business owner Christine Almanza brought her concern about the renewal of liquor licenses not being on this agenda for Board Approval. She was informed that issue would be addressed in a special meeting held on June 27, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - The public comment section was opened to anyone who wished to speak on any non-agenda item. Resident Joel Anderson had concerns about the level of noise from Fiternal starting at 5:30 am. He asked that Fiternal respect their neighbors. Resident Carol Colby enquired about the light pole on the corner of Sunset Ave and Hazelwood Ave. Clerk Behrend informed her that there has been no update recently and that she would contact Bushman Electric the next day.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2022 – With a couple of edits, Renfert made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITE #5 – REVIEW & APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2022 – Paulson and Menzel noted a few edits and additions. Holloway made the motion to accept the minutes with changes recommended. Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer provided a spreadsheet comparing the cash (bank accounts) equal to the total reserve accounts. Renfert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Paulson. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – APPROVAL OF JUNE & JULY 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 #8 – UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEXT STEPS – Menzel gave an update of the agreement with the City of Stevens for temporary fire protection. The draft of the agreement is being worked on by the city attorney in coordination with the Village attorney Brian Formella. The Board will hold a special meeting on July 27, 2022, to discuss and possibly accept the agreement. If all options for permanent fire protection are available, they will be discussed in the July Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON COMPENSATION FOR PARK RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Lepper suggested a pro-rated payment for the fire department starting December 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Menzel and Behrend agreed that this would be the fairest method of payment. Menzel stated this would be discussed and finalized at the special session of the Board on July 27, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES – The Board approved two operator licenses for The Store. Renfert made the motion to approve the licenses. Holloway seconded. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes

AGENDA ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Menzel explained the process for adopting the Comprehensive Plan. There would be a public hearing on July 19, 2022, after the hearing was publicly noticed for 30 days. Then the Board could vote to adopt the plan.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – VILLAGE PLANNING -CPC AND STRATEGIC PLANNING – Menzel commended the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Strategic Planning Task Force for all the hard work over the last year. Some members were on both committees and were doing double duty.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – VILLAGE UPDATES:

- Newsletter will be published in July with all the FD updates. Menzel stated that as much information as possible will be in the newsletter regarding future fire protection for the Village.
- Tabulator Machine has been delivered and there will be a training for poll workers and anyone else that is interested in learning about the new machine. Date is pending.
- There is some question about whether we need the snow removal ordinance due to an existing state statute.
- Menzel proposed the discussion of the building located at 32 Park Ridge Dr. as a potential new village hall.

AGENDA ITEM #21 – SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – The date for the next Board meeting is set for July 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

SHANNA BEHREND
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT