VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 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 Charm Fournier, Gordon Renfert and Kristin Paulson were present along with Clerk Shanna Behrend, Bill Dunham attended by phone. Residents Jim LaMar, Barbara Friedrich, and Shawn Paulson were in attendance. The meeting was also attended via Zoom by Fire Chief Brian Lepper, Assistant Fire Chief John Kraft, AJ Hawley, Dan Holloway, Matt Chitwood, and Carol Colby.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY AGENDA - Menzel asked the Board members if there were any questions regarding the February agenda. Fournier 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 non-agenda item. No comments from the public. The public comment period was closed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2022 – Paulson noted the misspelling of Fire Chief Lepper's name. Renfert made a motion to approve the minutes. Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND APPROVE CAUCUS MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2022 – Fournier made the motion to approve the caucus minutes. Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT JANUARY 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. Roll call was taken, Fournier – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Dunham – yes, Menzel – yes.

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

AGENDA ITEM #7 – INTRODUCTION FROM LOUIS MOLEPSKE – This item was placed on the agenda in error. This item will be moved to the March agenda

AGENDA ITEM #8 – DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEXT STEPS – Menzel thanked Brian Lepper, John Kraft, and the fire department for their services over the past years. Menzel noted that with the upcoming resignation of the Fire Chief and Asst Fire Chief on June 13, 2022, the Village needed to act quickly in their information gathering for the Village residents to make informed decisions about the future of the fire department. Several groups and individuals will and have been contacted. They are as follows:

1. Paul Stroik from the Village of Whiting regarding their merger with Plover in 2012.
2. Mayor Mike Wiza, Fire Chief J.B. Moody, City Public Utilities Director Joel Lemke and Corey Ladick, City Comptroller/ Treasurer to discuss options from the Stevens Point Fire Department on February 23, 2022.
3. Dave McFadden, retired Department Chair in Fire Protection Technology from Fox Valley Tech.
4. Clarke Crandell, Training Officer for the Stevens Point Fire Department (retired)
5. Consulting Companies, RW Managing Group, recommended by the Villages of Whiting and Plover, and Public Administration Associates.

Matt Chitwood and Dan Holloway, both from the Strategic Planning Task Force, agreed that outside expertise in fire protection and safety is needed to complete the committee work.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – REVIEW AND APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES - Fournier made the motion to approve two operator licenses for The Store. Renfert seconded. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #10 Review and Approve Iverson Park Memorandum of Agreement – The Village will pledge $5.50/person to the Parks Department and in return, the Village has access to the All-Purpose Building, Monday-Thursday, 12 times throughout the year. Fournier made a motion to approve the agreement. Seconded by Dunham. Roll call was taken, Dunham – yes, Fournier – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) – Menzel provided information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its possible impact on the Village and future projects. The Federal Government will do a potential 80/20 split for any projects approved. The village would only be responsible for 20% of the cost. Menzel suggested forming an ad-hoc committee to further investigate what is required and if the Village qualifies.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLACEMENT OF SNOW PILE BY ODC – The concern of snow being plowed into the neighbor's yard by ODC was addressed. The Board made the motion for the zoning committee to address the issue. Fournier made the motion to accept. Seconded by Paulson. Roll call was taken, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Dunham – yes, Fournier – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING – BOR training must be completed every year by a Board member per Wis.Stats. 70.46(4). Renfert and Paulson agreed to take the training. Fournier made the motion to accept the decision. Seconded by Dunham. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #14 – 2022 SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS –

- 130 In-person voters
- 32 absentee voters
- 4 election day registrations
- 162 (42%) residents voted
- Results posted on Park Ridge website under Government

AGENDA ITEM #15 – VILLAGE UPDATES –

- Garbage container swap was successful
- A big thank you to Thom Patton for stepping up to sub for the crossing guard

AGENDA ITEM #16 – SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING – The date for the next Board meeting is March 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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SHANNA BEHREND
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT