

Village of Holiday Hills Board Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President French called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: President Lou French, Trustees Terri Beaudoin, Jeff Giles, Lisa Maier, Cheryl Thompson (electronically), Rich Young

Board Members absent: Tammy Gillcrist

Staff Present: Interim Chief of Police Peter Goldman, Commander Jeff Caldwell, Clerk Maura Kirchner, Clerk's Aide Lesley Tennessen

Also in attendance: Village Attorney Jim Kelly

President French addressed the Board and Public in attendance that there would be no disruptions to the meeting. If a disruption occurs, that person(s) would be asked to leave the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION (personnel)

Motion to enter Closed Session for personnel matters pursuant to 5 IICS 120/2 (C)(1):

Motion: Young

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

All public was asked to clear the building. All personnel being discussed were dismissed to the adjoining area behind closed doors.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:19pm

Motion: Young

Second: Giles

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Return to regular session at 7:19pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Lou French)

Ratify consensus to appoint Trustee Young as President Pro Tem for Special Board Meeting, December 21, 2021

Motion: Thompson

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: Young

Motion carried

Accept resignation of Pete Goldman as interim Police Chief

President French accepted the resignation of interim Police Chief Goldman.

Announce Jeff Caldwell as interim Police Chief

President French announced that Jeff Caldwell will now be interim Police Chief.

Oath of Office for Jeff Caldwell

President French administered the Oath of Office for Jeff Caldwell

Request emergency approval to hire Michael Suspenzi as Police Officer

Motion: Young

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Oath of Office for Michael Suspenzi

Officer Suspenzi was absent. The Oath will be administered at a later date.

Request approval to hire Rich Svedjar as Police Officer

Motion: Young

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Oath of Office for Rich Svedjar

President French administered the Oath of Office for Rich Svedjar.

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Request approval to hire William Copp as Police Officer
William Copp was not present. This was tabled.

Oath of Office for William Copp
This was tabled.

Request approval to hire Roger Valdez as Police Officer
Motion: Beaudoin
Second: Giles
Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young
Nays: none
Absent: Gillcrist
Abstain: none
Motion carried

Oath of Office for Roger Valdez
President French administered the Oath of Office for Roger Valdez

Request approval to hire Jennifer Haisma as Village Treasurer
Motion: Young
Second: Beaudoin
Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young
Nays: none
Absent: Gillcrist
Abstain: none
Motion carried

Oath of Office for Jennifer Haisma
President French administered the Oath of Office for Jennifer Haisma

Discuss Sewer Project

President French has made calls and no one will have to pay more. The project will be done in phases as additional funds become available. The 15 year sundown clause starts when sewers are available. Phases are done according to size of roads.

Discuss Snowplowing

There is a rumor that the Village did not have enough salt. President French talked about the scientific method as to when the snowplow company uses the salt and how they plow. President French said that the company is doing a fine job.

Discuss Village Maintenance position

President French is going to assume responsibility for this position.

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Christmas Decoration winner announcement

There was a tie between two houses, Dawn Hervey and Lori Wilson.

Address Residents

President French also discussed the rumor that someone has a 3 inch folder of some supposed illegal acts that he has committed. President French is asking that person to submit the folder to the State's Attorney. He reiterated that he has committed no crimes.

President French also requested that there is no need to argue amongst the residents. Try to come together as a community.

Clerk's Report

Approve minutes for 12/15/2021 Board Meeting

Clerk Kirchner asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Approve minutes for 12/21/2021 Special Board Meeting

Clerk Kirchner asked for a motion

Motion: Maier

Second: Giles

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report (vacant)

Note: due to vacancy, President French gave report.

Approve financial report

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Young

Nays: none

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Abstain: Thompson
Absent: Gillcrist
Motion carried

Approve warrant
President French asked for a motion

Trustee Thompson brought up the issuance of a check to Chris Carlson, prior Building Inspector. This check was issued in error and will be voided. This check was supposed to be issued to Chris Johnson.

Motion: Young
Second: Beaudoin
Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Young
Nays: none
Abstain: Thompson
Absent: Gillcrist
Motion carried

The approved warrants and financial reports will be posted on the Village website.

Building Inspector's Report (Ryan Gaudio)

No report
Absent

Village Maintenance Report (vacant)

No report

Police Department Report (Interim Chief Peter Goldman)

No report

Standing Committees

Buildings and Grounds (Jeffrey Giles)

Trustee Giles reported that the quotes presented at the 12/15/2021 Board meeting would be honored for at least 60 days.

Community Relations (Teresa Beaudoin)

Discuss Easter 2022

After discussion, it was decided that the Easter 2022 festivities will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2022 here in Village. There will be a parade with Golf Carts and Easter Bunny, starting at Noon. All streets will be covered and goodies will be passed out.

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Environmental (Lisa Maier)

No report

Finance (Cheryl Thompson)

No report

Planning and Development (Rich Young)

No report

Village Codes (Tammy Gillcrist)

No report

Absent

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Public Comment

A resident read a statement that reminded President French and Board that they took an oath to be transparent. This resident also complained that President French had blocked several of residents from his Facebook page and that was limiting their ability to read any posts from him. This was about the unofficial Residents of Holiday Hills page. Lesley Tennessen will repost items at President French's request.

A resident spoke about the nature of President French's tone when addressing the residents. This resident said that it was demeaning and childish. This resident did not appreciate the lectures from President French.

A resident spoke and said he didn't appreciate being called out in public.

A resident asked about the sewer project and monies that NMWRD is actively seeking. The NMWRD is actively looking for money on the Village's behalf. The resident wanted confirmation that the sewers will not cost more. There is no guarantee that costs will be kept the same as present. Residents asked about which grants and how money is being sought. IEPA grant is \$3.5 million and NMWRD is picking up difference between that and \$6.7 million original cost.

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Also discussed was the tiny map provided by NMWRD in the letter that was sent to residents. President French will be posting a much larger map on the wall at the Village Hall to show phase detail.

A resident wants to know if cost to homeowners for sewers is going up. President French replied that there are no guarantees. This resident says that dollars are available to help homeowners and Holiday Hills didn't apply. Again, President French replied that the NMWRD is applying for dollars and grants on the Village's behalf. This resident implored that the Village must apply for every grant possible. President French said we are actively looking for every dollar.

A resident inquired about trash disposal contract. President French replied that the contract ends in July, 2022.

County Representative Wegner was in attendance. She and President French will meet and discuss various issues, among them sewer grants. Representative Wegner reported that the IEPA \$3.5 million and \$6.7 million American Reserve act are actively accepting grant applications.

Residents asked for a monthly update on sewer project.

Another resident asked about the phases of the sewer project. This resident is part of phase 1. He reported that the plumbing code covers water reclamation standards and supercedes code.

Adjournment

President French asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Giles

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Gillcrist

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2022

Submitted by Lesley Tennessen, Clerk's Aide _____