

# ***Village of Holiday Hills Board Meeting Minutes for March 16, 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, Tammy Gillcrist, Lisa Maier, Cheryl Thompson, Rich Young

Board Members absent: none

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Lou French)**

Motion to appoint Eric Pratt as Village Building Inspector

Before the motion and vote, President French spoke and said that Ryan Gaudio has stepped back. He has a new baby. Work was not being accomplished and the Village needed to have permits issued and inspected. No bridges have been burned and Ryan is welcome to come back.

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Gillcrist

Second: Beaudoin

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Oath of Office for Eric Pratt

President French administered the Oath of Office to Eric Pratt

Approve Ordinance No. 366-22 (meetings)

Clerk's Aide Maura Kirchner explained that this ordinance was in process in 2021. It was sidelined and now needs to be processed. The delay was due to an error on her part. It is about having meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Previous meetings ordinance was for Mondays.

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

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Motion carried

Discuss increase Clerk wage from \$150 to \$200 per month with possible vote  
President French brought up the issue that the Clerk wage has been at \$150 per month for at least the last 15 years.

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Giles

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Discuss playground

President French asked Trustee Young to handle negotiations on the property with the Village Attorney. President French asked Trustee Giles to lookup rules and standards for fencing and safety according to State Standards. The playground will be positioned back from the water's edge. The fence should enclose the entire playground. The Village will need to have professionals do the installation of the fencing and playground equipment. Trustee Giles will look into companies. His employer does playground installs, so he will start there. Also, Trustee Giles will look into having a bench honoring the memory of Ken Olsen, who was the Village Community Service Officer when he suddenly passed away. President French has many pictures taken at the dismantling from all angles showing placement and spacing. President French spoke about a late April timeframe for completion. He also mentioned some possibility of wifi, but it was mentioned that wifi could be a distraction and children should be watched while using equipment.

Discuss LED street lights

President French is working with ComEd to replace the current street lights in Village with LED bulbs. Possibly more lights around Village at less cost than to run the current lights.

President French also stated that the playground will be closing at dusk.

President French then spoke about speeding and stop signs. There will be tickets issued and no warning given to speeders. Appealed to everyone to obey the stop signs and speed limits. There are no sidewalks here and lots of kids and people who walk.

Discuss Village Garage Sale

President French asked for volunteers to help coordinate a Community Garage Sale. There are a few people on a related Village Facebook page that are interested in helping set up.

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Discuss extra trash pickup day

President French wants the extra trash pickup day to be after the Community Garage Sale. The sale date and trash pickup date will be announced soon.

Discuss trash company

President French asked Trustee Gillcrist to reach out to Waste Management and other trash pickup companies to get bids on creating a more economically equitable service for single person/senior homes without huge amounts of weekly trash versus homes with several residents and fill a big container.

Discuss Easter Parade

President French asked the residents to join in the Easter Parade. Decorate your golf carts. Participate with your families and and friends.

Discuss police squad cars

President French spoke on the repairs to the black squad car. The problem was long going but not handled. The car was leaking antifreeze for a while. Our garage that usually handles repairs could not handle and the car was then brought to Victor Ford. An emergency warrant item for \$2700.00 was issued

Address Residents

President French asked all the residents to join committees and work with trustees. Join in Easter Parade and to participate in Community activities.

President French spoke on the topic of a Facebook post and accusations of criminal activity at the Village Hall. Please alert the State's Attorney General with issues. There's a faction within the Village that is just creating hate. This must stop.

President French began to ask Mr Korstanje a question and was interrupted by Ms Andrews. Chief Caldwell removed her from the meeting. President French then continued and asked Mr Korstanje to please come in or just to email his requests and to stop wasting the taxpayers' dollars with multiple FOIA requests.

President French offered an apology to Ms Doreen Dzialo. He misspoke at the previous meeting that Ms Dzialo was coming back as consultant for the Roads here in Village. That is not true. President French thanked Ms. Dzialo for all her hard work and friendship.

### **Clerk's Report (Lesley Tennessen)**

Approve minutes for 02/16/2022 Board Meeting

Clerk Tennessen asked for a motion

Motion: Thompson

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: Young

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Motion carried

### Statement of Economic Interest

Clerk Tennesen then asked Trustees to return the completed form. Trustee Giles wanted to know when to return. Clerk Tennesen would like them in by 3/22/2022 so she can be sure to take the to County Administration by April 1.

### **Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Haisma)**

Approve financial report

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Gillcrist

Second: Young

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Approve warrant

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Thompson

Second: Gillcrist

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson

Nays: none

Absent: Young

Abstain: none

Motion carried

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

### **Building Inspector's Report (Erik Pratt)**

No report

Absent

### **Village Maintenance Report (vacant)**

President French said that hopefully there will be no more snow. He is looking into pothole repair. Trustee Gillcrist said there will be a boil order next week. All the other flushing last month was for the valve repairs.

### **Police Department Report (Chief Jeff Caldwell)**

No report

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## **Standing Committees**

### **Buildings and Grounds (Jeffrey Giles)**

No report

### **Community Relations (Teresa Beaudoin)**

Request approval for budget not to exceed \$250 for Easter Parade

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

### **Environmental (Lisa Maier)**

Discuss water testing results (from Dec 2021)

Trustee Maier said that the results from the 2 locations (spillway and by roundabout) are pretty much same. There has been some increase in the lead level than what was previously reported. The spillway shows chloride increase. There is a beaver dam in place at spillway. Trustee Young asked what does Trustee Maier do with these numbers. Trustee Maier replied that they are kept as just on file incase someone gets sick or something happens. This can help people with reporting. Trustee Maier can help people with private testing if desired.

Discuss upcoming mosquito season

Trustee Maier discussed the moderate to severe drought that the area is experiencing. This has affected the population of mosquitoes. Unfortunately, one or two of the large rains last summer brought out the hatch. Trustee Maier will be meeting with Clarke Mosquito Services to discuss the spraying schedule. Clarke usually uses 6 sprays to control and mitigate.

Discuss wildlife monitoring updates

Trustee Maier has found and documented a new to the area red-belted bumblebee. Trustee Maier also talked about Avian Flu down in Will Co, Illinois. If people see a few together dead geese, ducks, birds, etc to notify IDNR. There seems to be an huge increase in the population of osprey locally. They are still considered endangered. Trustee Maier assists in the local monitoring.

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### **Finance (Cheryl Thompson)**

No report

### **Planning and Development (Rich Young)**

No report

### **Village Codes (Tammy Gillcrist)**

Request approval to purchase new vacuum cleaner not to exceed \$75.00

Trustee Gillcrist presented findings for purchase of new vacuum cleaner.

President French requested motion

Motion: Young

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Request approval to purchase new Swiffer Wet Jet system not to exceed \$30.00

Trustee Gillcrist presented findings for purchase of new SwifferJet system

President French requested motion

Motion: Thompson

Second: Giles

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Trustee Giles has had ChicagoLand Remodel out to inspect the roof on Village Hall, Garage and Shed for hail and wind damage. There is some damage visible with missing shingles. This will probably be covered by insurance. What is not known, until work is started and roof(s) removed, will be sheathing and deck damage. Trustee Giles will be obtaining estimates from other companies and consulting the adjuster.

Consensus to go ahead with roofing work

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Thompson, Young

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Abstain: none  
Absent: none

### **Executive Session**(if needed)

None

### **Public Comment**

Ms Penny Treptow commented on the new playground. She expressed safety and that should not have wifi access. Adults should be paying attention to the children, not the electronic device. Ms Treptow also stated that she doesn't think that a 3ft fence is tall enough. Ms Treptow also mentioned the bench dedicated to Ken Olsen and how she would like to add another bench in memory of Mr Treptow, who was a former Village President.

Chief Caldwell reiterated that there is too much distracted driving. April is Distracted Driving month. He is working on cutting down the speeding and distracted driving.

### **Adjournment**

President French asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Thompson

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Maier, Gillcrist Thompson, Young

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 20, 2022

Submitted by Lesley Tennessen, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_