

Village of Holiday Hills Board Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2021

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: Interim Chief of Police Peter Goldman, Clerk Maura Kirchner, Clerk's Aide Lesley Tennesen

Also in attendance: village Attorney Jim Kelly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Lou French)

Prior to addressing agenda items, President French spoke to the public attending the meeting. The agenda items presented are not about public comment and will not be debated with public. Public comment will be held at the end of this agenda. President French also re-iterated that we all live here and we need to be civil to each other. Any outspoken comments from public will not be tolerated and could end up with being ejected from the meeting.

Ratify consensus to purchase side by side ATV (not to exceed \$2000)

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Ratify consensus to award the resident with best decorated house (not to exceed \$100)

Motion: Thompson

Second: Maier

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

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Approve emergency hiring of Pete Goldman as interim Police Chief
President French requested a motion to approve emergency hiring

Motion: Young

Second: Giles

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Approve hiring of Jeff Caldwell as Police Officer

President French requested a motion to approve hiring

Motion: Young

Second: Beaudoin

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Oath of Office for Jeff Caldwell

Mr. Caldwell was unable to attend this meeting. He will be sworn in at a later date by President French and another member of the Board.

Request approval to hire 3 police officers

President French requested a motion to approve hiring

Motion: Young

Second: Giles

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Clerk's Report

Approve minutes for 11/17/2021 Board Meeting

Clerk Kirchner asked for a motion

Motion: Gillcrist

Second: Maier

Ayes: Beaudoin, Giles, Gillcrist, Maier, Young

Nays: none

Abstain: Thompson

Absent: none

Motion carried

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Approve 2022 meeting schedule

There was a request by Trustee Maier to change the December 21, 2022 date to week prior, since December 21 is so close to Christmas. The board agreed to the change and this change will show as December 14, 2022.

Motion: Young

Second: Maier

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report (vacant)

Note: due to vacancy, President French gave report.

Approve financial report

President French said that the financial report was prepared by Mr. Joe Landers who is an accountant.

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Thompson

Second: Beaudoin

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Approve warrant

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Thompson

Second: Giles

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Building Inspector's Report (Ryan Gaudio)

No report

Absent

President French announced that Chris Johnson has stepped back from Building Inspector duties as a Leave of Absence.

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President French also said that the phone system is being repaired. There is no estimate on completion.

Village Maintenance Report (vacant)

President French announced that the former Director Dzialo resigned and that he and all the Village officials are very sorry to lose her.

Police Department Report (Interim Chief Peter Goldman)

Interim Chief Goldman introduced himself to Board and public. Interim Chief Goldman spoke of his experience and what he wants to do in terms of police work and the Police Department.

President French then said Interim Chief Goldman is here on a temporary basis, as he has accepted another offer in the private sector. Interim Chief Goldman will be staying until a new chief is hired. He can be reached at hhchief@villageofholidayhills.com
Call 911 in an emergency.

Standing Committees

Buildings and Grounds (Jeffrey Giles)

Discuss quotes for new HVAC system with possible vote (not to exceed \$12,500)
Trustee Giles has 2 bids in hand. One from Grace and one from Jetts. There are differences in what each quote specifies, and the quotes are for approximately same dollar amount. The Grace quote will cover better materials, a 95% efficient furnace, more ducting, and overall a better end product. The Jett quote was for ductwork, but only an 80% efficient furnace.

The quotes covered heating (furnace) and air conditioning on both sides of the Village Hall building. The budget is being looked at to see if state dollars can be applied to the project.

Trustee Thompson asked how long the quotes were good for. At this point, businesses are using 30 days, but Trustee Giles believes that the companies will honor this quote for up to 60 days.

President French asked for a motion

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Note: Attorney Kelly will look into funding

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Discuss and approve bathroom remodel (not to exceed \$2000)

Trustee Giles will be doing the project to include new toilet, vanity, cabinet over toilet, on demand hot water heater, flooring and door. Trustee Giles will purchase the materials and invoice the village. Trustee Giles will donate all labor for the project.

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Community Relations (Teresa Beaudoin)

Discuss North Pole Christmas event - Saturday 12/18/2021 from 2-5 p.m.

North Pole activities and visit with Santa Claus will take place at Village Hall, Dec 18 from 2pm to 5pm. Mr. Rick Beaudoin will play Santa and Trustee Thompson will be Elf.

Environmental (Lisa Maier)

Trustee Maier thanked the residents who participated in the leaf drop off. There were approximately 70 paper bags that did not go to burning. Trustee Maier hopes that more residents will participate next year.

Finance (Cheryl Thompson)

No report

Planning and Development (Rich Young)

No report

Village Codes (Tammy Gillcrist)

No report

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Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Trustee Thompson recommended securing outdoor items because the weather report has high winds predicted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (personnel)

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

Motion: Young

Second: Giles

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried

Discussed personnel

Motion to return to Regular Session

Motion: Gillcrist

Second: Maier

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Return to Regular Session at 7:33 p.m

President's Report (Lou French) -cont.

Approve candidate for Village Treasurer position (if indicated)

Item tabled at this time

Oath of Office for Village Treasurer position (if indicated)

Item tabled at this time

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Address Residents

President French addressed the residents on a need to be kind to neighbors. We all live here. He is asking for each one of us, as residents, to not accuse, to not attack people, no name calling. President French wants to hear each of our better ideas, better ways to do things. We need to work together, not against each other. President French shared personal stories of several of the trustees, so that the public and residents in attendance could see that the trustees are normal, everyday people with everyday problems and struggles. This is to show that each of us is human. We need to find good ways to communicate with each other.

Public Comment

A resident asked about the HVAC quotes as to who had provided the quotes that Trustee Giles spoke of.

A resident agreed with President French that we, as a village, need to be kind to each other.

A resident brought information to Board's attention on the upcoming Tax Levy due at the end of December. President French thanked the resident for this reminder.

A resident spoke to squash rumors on the resignation of former Director Dzialo. The Director is not ill but resigned due to personal reasons.

A resident asked about Village Hall use on Friday mornings. President French replied that these are homeschoolers.

Adjournment

President French asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Young

Second: Thompson

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: January 19, 2022

Submitted by Lesley Tennessen, Clerk's Aide _____