



MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Village President Jacob called the January 11, 2022, Village Board Meeting to Order. Village President Jacob started the meeting by reading the following statement:

“Due to the Governor’s statewide disaster declaration relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and current public health guidelines for social distancing, I have determined that it is not prudent for the members of the Village Board or staff to convene in-person for tonight’s meeting. Therefore, the members of the Village Board are attending this meeting by video conference. Those same conditions require barring access to the public for in-person attendance. In light of those limitations, the public is invited to attend and listen to the meeting through Zoom platform or by phone as indicated on the meeting agenda. To comply with the Open Meetings Act requirements for virtual meetings, tonight’s meeting is being recorded.”

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Village President: | Jacob |
| Trustees Present: | Borawski, Kritzmire, Michaud, O’Connor, O’Reilly, Tinucci |
| Trustees Absent: | None |
| Village Manager: | Jackson |
| Village Clerk: | Schmitke |
| Village Attorney: | Filippini |
| Village Engineer: | Perry |
| Director of Operations: | Absent |

Village Clerk Schmitke confirmed that all trustees could hear and be heard.

Item #1: Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2: Homeowner Associations: Homeowner Associations: Oak Island, Gary Lundgren; Sherman’s Pine Valley, Stuart Oserman; Salem on the Lake, Susan Klein

The following homeowner associations were invited to the meeting but did not have a representative in attendance: Oak Island, Sherman’s Pine Valley, Salem on the Lake

Item #3: Public Comment

Michael Dvorak attended and read the following letter he is sending to Omer Osman, IDOT Transportation Secretary:

Mr. Osman:

The intention of this letter is to possibly save a life and hopefully prevent yet another terrible auto accident on westbound Illinois Route 53 approaching Shiloh Drive in Long Grove.

Passing through Long Grove, Route 53 is a two-lane highway with a number of curves. The most hazardous of these curves occurs on westbound Route 53 approaching Shiloh. The speed limit posted directly before this curve is 45 MPH. That speed limit is too fast to be safe. Serious accidents repeatedly occur when westbound cars traveling at that speed (or faster) round the curve and suddenly encounter a stopped vehicle waiting to turn left onto Shiloh. Last fall there were three multiple vehicle accidents at this location resulting in serious injuries. Eventually, someone is going to die.

We'd like to suggest an inexpensive solution that may remedy this glaring safety hazard: Replace the aforementioned 45 MPH sign with one that reads– "Dangerous curve. Reduce speed. 35 MPH" or something similar. Immediately after the curve, the speed limit could (and presently does) post 45 MPH.

Thank you for reading our recommendation. We await your reply.

Michael Dvorak

Carlos Olmos

A related note for comparison. We're puzzled by this glaring paradox: On 4-lane Route 22 west of Interstate 94, where the highway is straight as an arrow for many miles, the posted speed limit is 35 MPH. On 2-lane Route 53, which has multiple curves through Long Grove, the posted speed limit is 45 MPH. We believe this inconsistency warrants an explanation.

The Board discussed the letter and made recommendations including copying the State Senator and State Representative on the letter. President Jacob asked Village Manager Jackson to follow up as well.

Item #4: Public Safety Reports: Lake County Sheriff's Office; Long Grove Fire Protection District, Countryside Fire Protection District

Sergeant Amber of the Lake County Sheriff provided an update for the Lake County Sheriff's office. He reported that there had been home burglaries reported in the Royal Melbourne neighborhood. Sergeant Amber indicated that there had been similar burglaries in neighboring towns. There will be a reminder in the Village Newsletter regarding the House Watch service provided by the Lake County Sheriff's office.

President Jacob introduced the new Long Grove Fire Protection District chief, Chief Paul Segalla. Chief Segalla provided a recap of the 2021 year. He indicated 2021 was the busiest year to date for the fire department including 1840 incidents which was a 12% increase from 2020. Chief Segalla discussed training programs and other events for the upcoming year.

Item #5: Village Engineer's Report

Village Engineer Perry gave an update on the ongoing active village projects. These include the Stempel Parking lot and Robert Parker Coffin path projects. He indicated that work on these projects is still active as weather permits.

Village engineer Perry also indicated that reports will be provided at upcoming Board meetings on the following projects: Lake Michigan water connection, covered bridge overhead detection system, Checker Road traffic calming and the 2022 road maintenance project.

There was discussion regarding the Lake Eleanora Estates Drainage project. Village Manager Jackson will develop a model to explain services that should be provided to the community moving forward.

Village Engineer Perry reported that the Robert Parker Coffin Road Covered Bridge did receive the American Public Works Association Project of the Year Award in the Historical, less than \$5M category.

Village Engineer Perry reported on the Arlington Heights Road reconstruction project. A virtual public information meeting will be held on Thursday January 27, 2022 from 5-7 pm. It is asked that people sign up for the meeting prior to the event.

Village Engineer Perry and Village Manager Jackson gave an update on the berm project at The Grove Country Club. Repeated attempts to contact the management team at The Grove (including emails, phone calls and physical visits) have been unsuccessful. Village Manger Jackson will follow up with Village Attorney Filippini.

Item #6: Report from the Long Grove Park District on the 2021 Teasel Abatement Program and Request for a Community Grant in the Amount of \$10,000

There was discussion regarding the Teasel Abatement Program as well as discussion regarding all invasive species in the village. Village Manager Jackson will work on development of a comprehensive plan to address the abatement of all forms of invasive species (including Phragmites and Buckthorn)

Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve the Long Grove Park District on the 2021 Teasel Abatement Program and Request for a Community Grant in the Amount of \$10,000; seconded by Trustee Michaud.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee O'Reilly– aye; Trustee Michaud - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee O'Connor – nay; Trustee Tinucci - aye
(Motion carried 5-1)**

Item #7: Consideration of Resolution 2022-R-XX Appointing Jeanne Sylvester as the Chair of the Village of Long Grove Architectural Commission

Village President Jacob introduced Jeanne Sylvester as his nominee to be appointed as the Chair of the Village of Long Grove Architectural Commission following the resignation of Lynn Cohen. She has served 5 years on the Architectural Commission.

Trustee Borawski moved to approve Resolution 2022-R-XX Appointing Jeanne Sylvester as the Chair of the Village of Long Grove Architectural Commission; seconded by Trustee Michaud.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski– aye; Trustee Michaud - aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee O’Connor – aye; Trustee O’Reilly – aye; Trustee Tinucci - aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #8: Consideration of Approval of a Raffle Application for Temple Chai and Waiver of the \$25 Application Fee (The Raffle will be conducted online with a drawing date of February 13, 2022)

Trustee Borawski moved to approve a Raffle Application for Temple Chai and Waiver of the \$25 Application Fee (The Raffle will be conducted online with a drawing date of February 13, 2022); seconded by Trustee Michaud.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski– aye; Trustee Michaud - aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee O’Connor – aye; Trustee O’Reilly – aye; Trustee Tinucci - aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #9: Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 2022-O-XX Amending the Long Grove Village Code Regarding Liquor Licenses (Adding a New Class “A” Liquor License for Joanie’s Pizza at 235 Robert Parker Coffin Road)

There was discussion regarding Class “A” liquor licenses versus Class “C” liquor licenses within the village. Village Manager Jackson will provide a list of all licensed restaurants in the village and their status as a Class “A” or Class “C” establishment.

Trustee O’Reilly moved to approve Ordinance 2022-O-XX Amending the Long Grove Village Code Regarding Liquor Licenses (Adding a New Class “A” Liquor License for Joanie’s Pizza at 235 Robert Parker Coffin Road); seconded by Trustee Tinucci.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee O’Reilly– aye; Trustee Tinucci - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud– aye; Trustee O’Connor- aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #10: Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2022-R-XX Waiving the 120-Day Waiting Period for the Demolition of a Residence Located at 4323 Willowbrook Road

There was discussion regarding the purpose of the 120-day waiting period for the demolition of a residence. It was discussed that the purpose is to give an opportunity to review by public safety departments and the historical society. Village Manager Jackson will follow up with the Sheriff’s office, the Historical Society and the Fire Department. It was agreed to waive the 120 day waiting period effective Tuesday, January 18, 2022 pending response by the Sheriff, Fire Department and Historical Society.

Trustee Michaud moved to approve Resolution 2022-R-XX Waiving the 120-Day Waiting Period for the Demolition of a Residence Located at 4323 Willowbrook Road effective Tuesday, January

18, 2022 and pending response from the Lake County Sheriff, Long Grove Fire Protection District and Long Grove Historical Society; seconded by Trustee O'Connor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Michaud– aye; Trustee O'Connor - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee O'Reilly– aye; Trustee Tinucci- aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #11: Village President and Trustee Reports

Village President Jacob presented initial information from the Vernon Township Green Energy Commission.

Village President Jacob reported that the Route 53 task force did have their initial meeting on December 20, 2021. Trustee O'Connor was in attendance. A second meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2022. Village President Jacob will attend. Village President Jacob has been in discussions with various mayors in regard to Route 53. They are planning to meet for further discussion.

Trustee Borawski reported that SWALCO will be meeting Thursday, January 13, 2022 and will provide a report at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Michaud gave an update on the Economic Development Commission (EDC). She indicated that the EDC is asking for direction from the Board on which items to focus their attention for the upcoming year. Village Manager Jackson provided a list of possible projects that the EDC could consider. Trustee Michaud asked the board to review the list and give recommendations to the EDC prior to their meeting in February 2022. Village President Jacob asked that this topic be added as an agenda topic at a future meeting.

Item #12: Review of the November 2021 Treasurer's Report

Trustee Kritzmire moved to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee O'Reilly

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Kritzmire– aye; Trustee O'Reilly - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee O'Connor– aye; Trustee Tinucci- aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #13: Approval of the December 2021 Pay Warrant

Trustee Kritzmire moved to approve the December 2021 Pay Warrant; seconded by Trustee Michaud

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Kritzmire– aye; Trustee Michaud - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee O'Connor – aye; Trustee O'Reilly– aye; Trustee Tinucci- aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #14: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2021

Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2021; seconded by Trustee Michaud

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee O'Reilly– aye; Trustee Michaud - aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee O'Connor– aye; Trustee Tinucci- aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**

Item #15: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not enter executive session

Item #16 OTHER BUSINESS

Village Attorney Filippini reminded the Board of the rules in regard to blind copying on emails.

Village Manager Jackson asked for direction in regard to a property (7107 Rte 83) that has been offered as a donation to the village. The Board approved further discussions with the property owner.

Village Manager Jackson reported that he is working on the RFP for the bid for services for water operations and maintenance.

Village Manager Jackson gave an update on recent rule changes in regard to the usage of ARPA funds. He will work on options for the Board to consider.

Item #17: ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 PM Trustee Tinucci moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Borawski.

ROLL CALL VOTE

**Trustee Tinucci – aye; Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee O'Connor – aye; Trustee O'Reilly - aye
(Motion carried 6-0)**