



**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Village President Jacob called the February 28, 2023 Village Board Meeting to Order.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Assistant Village Manager:	Wiak

Item #2. Homeowner Associations: Bobbie O'Reilly (Creekside HOA); Richard Eterno (Eleanora Estates HOA)

Bobbie O'Reilly was present but did not have anything to report for Creekside HOA.

Eleanora Estates HOA was invited but did not have a representative in attendance.

Item #3. Public Comment

Village President Jacob reported that written comments have been received from the following residents:

*Phil Goldberg
Chiqui Johnson
Allison Locasio
Mark Locasio
April Johnson
Arlene Caitung
Norbert Krupa*

These comments are posted on the Transparency page on the Village of Long Grove website.

Trustee O'Reilly asked if the village is keeping track of shots being fired within the village. Village Manager Jackson responded yes.

Kildeer Police Chief Bolinski was in attendance and provided background on the proposed annual Cigars and More Car Show. The event helps raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics.

Item #4. Public Safety Reports – Lake County Sheriff’s Office; Long Grove Fire Protection District; Countryside Fire Protection District

Sargent Kaiser and Sheriff Idleburg were in attendance and provided a report. Sgt. Kaiser reported that it has been a relatively quiet month with one burglary occurring on Monday, February 13, 2023. Proceeds from that burglary were located in Rosemont. Sgt. Kaiser reminded everyone to continue with home security measures and if they see something report it.

Marah Altenberg, Lake County Board, asked about recent car burglaries in the area. Sgt. Kaiser indicated that you should always be aware of your surroundings, call the police if you see something and don’t leave your car running in your driveway. He indicated that these incidences are increasing in the county, however, that is not the case in the Village of Long Grove. Sheriff Idleburg also stated that residents should not leave their key fobs in the car.

Item #5-#7: Consent Agenda

Trustee Tinucci indicated that he had provided an edit for Item #6 Board Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023. He suggested modifying the wording in the Village Engineer’s Report to clarify that the boiler/compressor system used in the Aptakasic Rd sanitary sewer lining project would not run over the weekends.

Trustee Tinucci also stated that in regard to Item #7 Consideration of Approval of Special Event and Raffle Application for Cigars and More Car Show the certificate of insurance has expired Worker’s Compensation and by the date of the event the general liability will be expired. He asked that approval be contingent on those items being up to date by the time of the event.

Trustee O’Reilly moved to approve the Consent Agenda items with the correction to the Village Engineer’s report in Item #6 as well as the inclusion that Item #7 is contingent on receipt of updated insurance coverage:

- 5. Consideration of Approval of the January 2023 Treasurer’s Report**
- 6. Consideration of Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from the February 14, 2023, Village Board Meeting Subject to Non-Substantive Revisions**
- 7. Consideration of Approval of Special Event and Raffle Application for Cigars and More Car Show**

; seconded by Trustee Michaud

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: O’Reilly, Michaud, Borawski, Kritzmire, O’Connor, Tinucci

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item #8. Village Planner's Report

No report

Item #9. Village Engineer's Report

Village Engineer Perry provided the Village Engineer's report. He provided the following updates:

- *The Robert Parker Coffin Bridge was struck again. Carmichael Construction will be out to assess the damage*
- *Carmichael Construction will also be looking at the Ruth Barn and the possibility of disassembling and reassembling it in regard to a potential village hall expansion. He has also been reviewing the possibility of moving the barn. He plans to have a couple of options to present to the Board. Trustee O'Reilly questioned who will pay for the foundation at the new location and Village Engineer Perry indicated that that has not yet been discussed.*
- *The 2023 Road Maintenance program is moving forward as discussed at the February 14, 2023 Board meeting*
- *Lake County DOT has provided updates in regard to the bid for the Arlington Heights Road reconstruction project (between Lake Cook Rd and Route 83) as well as the Aptakisic Road widening project. The Arlington Heights Rd project will be bid in September with work starting either Fall 2023 or Spring 2024. The Aptakisic Road widening project will be bid in April with construction starting in June/July 2023. The county will organize neighborhood meetings with those possibly impacted by the project. Lake County DOT anticipates both projects will have an 18 month construction duration.*
- *Aptakisic Road sanitary sewer project work has been delayed due to weather. The work is scheduled to start in Long Grove on February 15, 2023 (weather permitting) with an anticipated end date of March 14, 2023. There is no work over the weekends.*
- *Village Manager Jackson indicated that he was contacted by Lake County DOT and tree removal along Aptakisic Road is delayed and will most likely start in mid-March. There is a finite window to perform this tree removal in order to protect the Northern Long-eared bat (an endangered bat species population).*

Item #10. Discussion of Traffic Calming Beta Test and Data Analysis

Village Engineer Perry provided a presentation of the initial results of the Checker Road traffic calming beta testing and data analysis. The study was approved by the Board in Fall 2022 and consisted of a four-month study of different traffic calming devices on Checker Road between Schaeffer and Arlington Heights Rd. Traffic counting was done by plate counters placed on the pavement. Three different traffic calming devices were tested and included:

- *Electronic speed display signs (on loan from the Village of Kildeer) were placed halfway between Arlington Heights Road and Schaeffer. These signs were installed for East bound traffic for one week and for West bound traffic the next week.*
- *A temporary choker was installed east of Schaeffer*
- *Two speed tables were installed east of Schaeffer.*

Village Engineer Perry stated that results from the study indicated that the electronic speed display signs resulted in a small change in driver speed while they are in place. The traffic choker and speed tables were effective with controlling vehicle speeds and volumes but did not have a lasting impact once they were removed.

Potential recommendations discussed based on the current data include:

- If the village decides on installing a permanent traffic calming device it should consider installing 3-4 of these devices to control the whole corridor and not just one location.
- Lowering the speed limit to 25 combined with electronic speed display signs.
- Increased enforcement of the speed limit at peak times.

Village Engineer Perry indicated that speed and volume are both factors that should be considered. Village Engineer Perry stressed that data collected from the Buffalo Grove Lake Cook Road improvement project will have the number of vehicles using Schaeffer and Checker as a cut through. That data is expected in the Spring 2023. This data is needed to confirm the volume of cut through traffic, compare it to the drop of 8% in traffic volume during the beta testing and round out the recommendations.

Village Engineer Perry stated that there may be grants available to use towards the purchase of electronic speed display signs. There is the potential to move these speed signs throughout the village and use them on other roads with speed issues. The cost for 2 of these signs is estimated at \$10,000 plus an annual package to access data.

There is a possibility to work with Vernon Township for their section of Schaeffer Road.

There will be follow up with Vernon Township and Buffalo Grove.

Item #11. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Approving a Reappointment Proposal from Sikich LLP for Auditing Service

Trustee Kritzmire reported that Sikich has been working with the Village for 3 years and working with them has been very good. Village Manager Jackson agreed. Trustee Kritzmire feels that the annual increase of 5% is reasonable.

Trustee Kritzmire moved to approve the proposal from Sikich LLP for Auditing Services; seconded by Trustee Tinucci

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Kritzmire, Tinucci, Borawski, Michaud, O'Connor, O'Reilly

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item #13. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Resolution for a Grant Program for Invasive Species Remediation

Trustee Michaud indicated that there were some changes made to the grant program based on feedback from the initial presentation to the board at the January 31, 2023 meeting. There was clarification that this is only for invasive plant species. Trustee Borawski suggested clarification that individuals cannot apply for multiple projects. He also suggested a mechanism for residents to sign up for scheduled group burns. Village Attorney Filippini suggested that the village look into organizations (such as the Forest Preserve District) that may already have training and facilitation of such projects.

Per the grant program, board members are excluded from a grant award since it is a conflict of interest. Trustee O'Reilly asked whether other commissioners in the village are also excluded. Village Attorney Filippini indicated only Board members are excluded since they approve the grant award. The Board agreed that a modification should be made stating that appointed officials can apply for the grant and a limit of one award every other year per applicant.

Trustee Tinucci moved to approve a resolution for a grant program for invasive species remediation with modifications indicating that appointed officials can apply and a limit of one award every other year per applicant; seconded by Trustee Michaud

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Tinucci, Michaud, Borawski, Kritzmire, O'Connor, O'Reilly

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item #14. Village President and Trustee Reports

- **President Jacob**

No report

- **Trustee Borawski**

No report

- **Trustee Kritzmire**

No report

- **Trustee Michaud**

No report

- **Trustee O'Connor**

No report

- **Trustee O'Reilly**

No report

- **Trustee Tinucci**

Trustee Tinucci provided follow up on the work he has been doing to revise the Community Grant Program. With this proposal he is looking to define the program and set up guardrails to live within that program. Trustee Kritzmire suggested removing the restrictions on individual applicants. She also asked if a deadline was necessary or if a request for a 60-day lead time to consider the application is sufficient. There was also discussion regarding clarifying the release of grant funds by stating that "the means of reimbursement is based on itemized receipts submitted after the event". There was also discussion regarding removing the restriction that grant awards cannot be used toward travel. Trustee Tinucci will make the revisions suggested by Trustees and will present for discussion and approval at the March 14, 2023 meeting.

Item #15. Village Manager's Report (Village Manager Jackson)

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Village Board Meeting March 14, 2023

At 8:36PM Trustee O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Michaud

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: O'Connor, Michaud, Borawski, Kritzmire, O'Reilly, Tinucci

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried