

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS**

April 3, 2018

7:00 P.M.

CAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
5N082 OLD LAFOX ROAD  
Campton Hills, IL

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - President Blecker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** - Clerk Quail called the Roll:

<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Also Present</i>
Trustee George	Trustee Andersen	Administrator Searl
Trustee Girka	Trustee Tyrrell	Clerk Quail
Trustee Millette		
Trustee O'Dwyer		
President Blecker		

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - President Blecker led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION** - President Blecker offered appreciation and recognition of all Village volunteers since its inception. He introduced each committee and its current appointed members. President Blecker also announced other volunteers who currently are not appointed to committees, but have been dedicated to the Village's vitality.

Silvana King of the Community Relations Committee recognized volunteers present who have been instrumental in the success of the Citizens Police Academy.

President Blecker called a 30-minute recess at 7:14 p.m. for all those present to enjoy refreshments and hospitality in honor of the volunteers. He reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Dave Phillips - Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District (CTSWDD)
  - Provided an update and distributed supporting documents.
  - Trustee George inquired about organic waste disposal
    - Mr. Phillips indicated that although they would be looking at organic food waste in the next contract, industrial/commercial waste is not part of their authority.
  - Trustee George emphasized that she would like to see restaurants participate and noted the benefits of their collaboration.
  - Trustee O'Dwyer added that organic matter helps speed the breakdown of landfills and would therefore be beneficial.
  - Mr. Phillips announced that the CTSWDD will be conducting a community survey and open house, looking for suggestions. The Board thanked him for his update.

## 6. PRELIMINARY 2018-2019 BUDGET

### a. *Presentation and Discussion of Budget*

- Administrator Searl provided background of the budget process, namely that four budget workshops were held, which produced a balanced budget now presented for discussion and review. He noted that the Administration's budget preparation was guided by conservative budgeting principles, for the most part aligned with Illinois Municipal League (IML) projections, where appropriate. He explained further that the Village is a member of the IML and not only uses IML's projections for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), but also their conservative estimates based on the uncertainty of the Illinois State Budget. Overall, he noted, whereas IML reduces their own estimates by 10%, the Village further reduces those same estimates by another 5%.
- Trustee O'Dwyer led discussion on the electrical aggregation and recalled a news story he read about the Citizens Utility Board's advocacy for transparency based on the concern that utility customers have been grossly overcharged. President Blecker indicated that he also was aware that there could be potential legislation which would prohibit future utility aggregation agreements. Trustee Millette indicated that he would find out more information from Metro West; and the Board agreed not to adjust the budgeted amount, until they have additional information.
- Administrator Searl explained that the benefits numbers include the renewal with the current carrier through June, as well as the change in rates effective July 1st, with the IPBC. He explained for the benefit of the public, that the IPBC has an historical track record of minimal increases each year and would therefore be a cost savings in the long term.
- Throughout the discussion, Administrator Searl noted several cost saving measures in this budget, including:
  - The separate line item for contracted employees, for whom the Village does not pay IMRF or other direct employee benefits.
  - A new contract with the IML Risk Management Fund, which saves \$20,000.
  - The Village's commitment to the practice of hiring part-time, experienced police officers who already have various training and certifications, which is of no expense to the Village.
- Trustee George led discussion about several outstanding matters, including:
  - A keyless entry system, which the Board agreed is properly categorized as a capital project for later discussion;
  - A suggestion that the \$172 budgeted amount for the Building and Zoning vehicle maintenance be raised to \$1,500, to which the Board agreed;
  - A suggestion that the printing expenses for Building and Zoning be increased in anticipation of the new zoning ordinance and the subsequent need for new maps, to which the Board agreed; and
  - Plans for conducting more Water Resources-related workshops, specifically on the topic of septic field maintenance.
- The Board discussed budgeted funds for training requested by Building and Zoning Officer Matt Fitzgibbon, and they agreed that training would be beneficial if it eliminates the need to use B&F Construction & Code Services for plan review and inspection consulting. The Board members present agreed that, although it is not

typical for the Village to pay for a contract employee's training, the Village stands to benefit and is willing to tolerate the risk vs. reward.

- Trustee Millette led discussion about proper use of MFT funds and explained that these funds can be audited, so compliance is important. He noted that MFT funds can be used for projects relating to road safety, such as tree trimming; but only if it has to do with obstruction of signs or sight distance. He further clarified that sometimes MFT expenses can exceed revenues in any given year; but that excess MFT funds in prior years can help offset those expenses. Discussion continued on proposed road resurfacing priorities; and Administrator Searl recommended doing a street study to help make those decisions. Trustee Millette concurred, further noting that any future federal funding would be contingent upon such a needs assessment; and that the Public Works committee is aware and discussing/planning for that.
- Administrator Searl explained that the Finance Committee will be evaluating a strategy for the Capital Projects 10-year plan based on the Board's concern over the financial projections, which Trustee O'Dwyer had said will become negative in 2026, without proactive planning.
- Trustee O'Dwyer led discussion on concerns over the poor performance of the Police Pension Fund. He explained that he spoke with Police Chief Hoffman about the fact that the Village consistently makes its requisite contributions; but that the fund's performance continues to be poor. Chief Hoffman explained that the poor performance was attributable to the fact that the value of the fund does not meet the threshold which would allow for more favorable investment vehicles other than treasury bonds. Trustee O'Dwyer suggested a two-pronged solution: (1) to take half of the surplus from the current fiscal year, which he estimated at approximately \$300,000, and to move it into the Police Pension Fund - thus meeting the threshold and enabling a more diverse investment allocation, which would be more likely to yield greater return than the current portfolio; and (2) to then suggest that, as a good faith gesture in return, the Police Pension Board commit to putting out an RFP for investment services to ensure optimal handling of the funds. Trustee O'Dwyer concluded by saying that this should take place for the next budget period, which Administrator Searl identified as surplus funds to transfer, which appears as item 6b of the current agenda.
  - The Board agreed upon the timing insofar as the movement of the surplus would happen in the current fiscal year; and that the amount would be determined at a later time. The Board also agreed that it would seek a commitment from the Police Pension Board in the next fiscal year, to issue an RFP for financial services.

**MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 9:30 P.M.**, made by Trustee Millette; and seconded by Trustee George.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 4] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 2] Motion **CARRIED**

- Trustee Girka expressed concern over two topics:
  - The proposed expenditures in the coming year, citing the financial software, health benefits and police pension. While he acknowledged the merits of each, he suggested that a statement to the public be prepared so that residents understand the rationale behind the spending. Administrator Searl added that Campton Hills is one of the few communities which can meet the statutory requirement to fund the pension and noted that the Board would be providing a route to maintaining the pension fund at a healthy level. The Board concurred with Trustee Girka's idea.
  - The Village's lack of presence on social media. Trustee Girka reiterated his long-standing position that the Village needs to have a presence on social media, and suggested funding it through new monies collected for business licenses. The

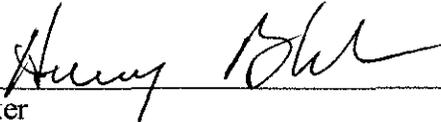


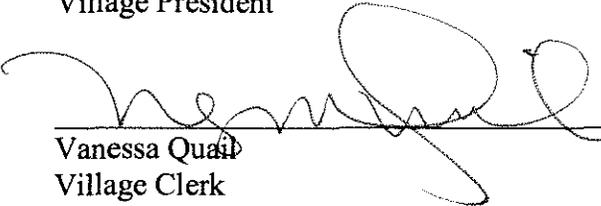


13. **ADJOURNMENT - MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 10:10pm**, made  
by Trustee Girka; and seconded by Trustee George.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 4] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

Approved this 7th day of April, 2018

  
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Harry Blecker  
Village President

  
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Vanessa Quaid  
Village Clerk