

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE
VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS
JULY 18, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

CAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
5N082 OLD LAFOX ROAD
CAMPTON HILLS, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Blecker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Clerk Quail called the Roll:

Present

President Blecker
Trustee Andersen
Trustee George
Trustee Girka
Trustee Millette
Trustee Tyrrell

Absent

Trustee O'Dwyer

Also Present

Administrator Searl
Treasurer Fischer
Police Chief Hoffman
Attorney Tappendorf
Dave Eshoo
Joe Carpenter

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Blecker led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Adams, of 3N374 Limber Lane, expressed serious concern about the condition of a property on Ponderosa, and noted specific research she had done on the Village Ordinance – specifically concerning nuisance violations such as tall grass, abandoned vehicles and other junk and debris which are all highly visible at the entrance of the subdivision. She reiterated her concerns previously presented in the July 5, 2017, Regular Meeting, and requested swift action be taken to bring the homeowner into compliance. President Blecker and Administrator Searl explained that notices had been sent; but had been returned and that the issue of inoperable vehicles would be discussed later in the meeting. Administrator Searl noted that he is in the process of assembling a history of violations relating to the ongoing problems with the Ponderosa property.

Linda Moran, of 3N463 Balkan Drive, described her observations of the same property on Ponderosa, as described by Gail Adams. She expressed serious concern about the adverse effect that the condition of the Ponderosa property has on home values in the neighborhood. She further noted safety concerns for any potential first-responders who could be endangered by entering an extremely cluttered property in an emergency situation. President Blecker acknowledged that the Village is aware of the problems, and urged Ms. Moran and others in the neighborhood to be patient, as the Village must follow proper legal procedures in handling problems with private property.

Silvana King, of 4N947 West Mary Drive, representing the Community Relations Committee, stated the need for volunteers to help with the setting up of tables and other tasks for the National Night Out on August 1, 2017.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Joint Meeting with PC/ZBA
- b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting
- c. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Special Meeting
- d. Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting
- e. Motion to approve payment of bills per Warrant List #18-06
- f. Motion to re-appoint John Boveri to the Public Works Committee for a term to expire June 15, 2018
- g. Motion to re-appoint Sue Windland to the Community Relations Committee for a term to expire August 30, 2020
- h. Motion to re-appoint Sue Windland as co-chair of the Community Relations Committee for a term to expire July 18, 2018
- i. Motion to re-appoint Jayne Holly as co-chair of the Community Relations Committee for a term to expire July 18, 2018
- j. Motion to re-appoint Joe Carpenter as Chairman of the Plan Commission for a term to expire May 24, 2018
- k. Motion to accept the resignation from Dave Newkirk from the Public Works Committee
- l. Motion to appoint Patrick McMahon to the Fire and Police Commission for a term to expire July 18, 2020

President Blecker pulled Item e.

Trustee Tyrrell pulled Items d, f, g, j, and l.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, C, H, I & K, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee George.

Roll Call Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**
 Andersen
 George
 Girka
 Millette
 Tyrrell

Item d: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2017, REGULAR MEETING, AS AMENDED, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee Girka.

Trustee Tyrrell made a technical correction to a resident’s street address, in the Public Comments section.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

Item e: MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS PER WARRANT LIST #18-06, AS AMENDED, PER CORRECTIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY TREASURER FISCHER IN AN EMAIL DATED JULY 17, 2017 TO THE BOARD, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee George.

Roll Call Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**
 Andersen
 George
 Girka
 Millette
 Tyrrell

Item f: MOTION TO RE-APPOINT JOHN BOVERI TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 15, 2018, made by Trustee Millette; and seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.

Trustee noted that, Mr. Boveri did not attend committee meetings in the past 12 months because Mr. Boveri was unaware of meeting dates; and Trustee Millette concurred that Mr. Boveri had not been receiving communications regarding the meetings. Trustees Millette and Tyrrell recognized Mr. Boveri as a valuable member of the committee.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

Item g: MOTION TO RE-APPOINT SUE WINDLAND TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 18, 2018, AS AMENDED, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee Andersen.

Trustee Tyrrell noted that the expiration of the term of office should coincide with that of the co-chair, namely July 18, 2018.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

Item j: MOTION TO TABLE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOE CARPENTER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 24, 2018, made by Trustee Girka; and seconded by Trustee Millette.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **TABLED**

Item l: MOTION TO APPOINT PATRICK MCMAHON TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 18, 2018, AS AMENDED, made by Trustee Millette; and seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

Attorney Tappendorf advised that the amended motion and subsequent vote related to Item l conflicts with the Village Code, which specifies a three-year term of office for the Fire and Police Commission.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MCMAHON TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 18, 2018, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustees Tyrrell.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPOINT PATRICK MCMAHON TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 18, 2020, made by Trustee Millette; and seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] Motion **CARRIED**

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Police Report for June 2017 – Chief Hoffman noted that the deposit for the new camera system had been paid, and confirmed that the new system will not utilize Bluetooth technology. He further summarized highlights from the monthly report, namely that accidents were down from last month; and that citations were up 35% year over year, noting specifically the increase in speeding tickets for 20-30 miles over the speed limit.

- Trustee George shared her observations that the July 4th fireworks seemed more robust than in years past. Chief Hoffman stated that residents generally do not complain about fireworks displays, but do so for the more random and loud-exploding types.
 - Chief Hoffman noted that 17 solicitor permit applications were accepted by the Village within the first week of July, for which permits were granted after the appropriate background checks were completed. Chief Hoffman reported that he received at least 40 complaints by phone from residents who were upset by the individuals knocking on their doors. Trustee Andersen noted that residents can place “no solicitors” tags on their doors; and suggested the practice be noted in Community Counts.
 - Trustee Andersen recommended that the Fox River flood stage emergency notifications be shared via Community Counts.
- b. Treasurers Report for June 2017 – Treasurer Fischer noted nothing major to report, and provided a summary of the balance sheet, and the budget vs. actual report.
- Trustee Andersen inquired about the status of the annual audit; and Treasurer Fischer indicated that the auditors were in July 5th and 7th; and the feedback she received by the end of that week was very positive. She expects that the projected completion date is August; and President Blecker noted that in years past, the audit’s completion was typically in October. The Board agreed that the efficiencies and personnel put in place have helped streamline and expedite the functions of the Treasurer’s Office.
 - Trustee Tyrrell inquired about the status of the recent discussions about new financial software for the Village; and Treasurer Fischer indicated that she would resume work on the gathering of information, after having dedicated her time to the annual audit. She noted that she and Administrator Searl reached out via various surveying efforts to gather information from similar municipalities’ use of financial software. Administrator Searl noted that it is difficult to find communities which are very similar to Campton Hills.
- c. Building and Zoning for June 2017
- President Blecker and Administrator Searl provided an update on the process of filling the recently vacated position of Village Building and Zoning Officer, noting they are in the process of narrowing down the pool of applicants.

- Administrator Searl explained that the current Facebook Page, established by former Clerk (current Board Trustee) Girka is an unofficial one. Administrator Searl posed the question to the Board as to whether or not it desires a social media presence.
- Mr. Eshoo presented his remarks on behalf of the Economic Development Committee (“EDC”), in favor of a social media presence, encouraging the Board to consider the benefits to businesses in the Village. He identified Facebook as a valuable tool to attract customers and spread news beyond the limited population reached through the weekly Community Counts email newsletter.
- Trustee Andersen asked Mr. Eshoo, who he thought would administer the Facebook page and how much time would be involved to do so; and Mr. Eshoo acknowledged that would require more discussion.
 - Discussion followed regarding the lack of current Village personnel to take on responsibilities for social media.
- Trustee Tyrrell suggested the idea of forming a Chamber of Commerce which could be both a benefit to businesses, and an independent entity from the Village which currently lacks the human resources to manage and monitor social media content.
- Attorney Tappendorf noted that if the EDC sets up a page, it would be considered a government page, which would be subject to the same legalities as the Village – namely FOIA requests, OMA, and records retention. She further identified First Amendment protections which would prohibit the Village from censoring or removing negative or critical comments posted by the public.
- Trustee Girka expressed his strong support for a Village Facebook page. He explained that Facebook is an effective tool which can be easily employed to enhance a sense of community in the Village. He urged the Board to consider progressive ways, like the use of social media to give the Village positive exposure, noting that his experience managing the page had no problems with negative posts.
- Recommendations to further review the topic included:
 - Attorney Tappendorf’s suggestion to contact the Village of Gilberts to find out how they manage their Facebook page
 - President Blecker’s suggestion that the Board get a better idea of the real time commitment of staff, which would be required in managing a Facebook page
 - Mr. Eshoo’s willingness to reach out to the business community to find out their opinion about starting a Chamber of Commerce
 - Trustee George recommended the EDC explore FourSquare as a forum for businesses to build name recognition and to attract customers

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- President Blecker presented an idea to provide residents with “NO SOLICITORS” stickers for their homes, free of charge; but with a recommended a minimum donation of \$1.00 to help fund the placement of a flag pole in front of the Village Hall. President Blecker personally donated 600 stickers which are available at the Village Hall.
- The Board members agreed with the plan, and expressed their support for President Blecker’s idea, and gratitude for his generosity.

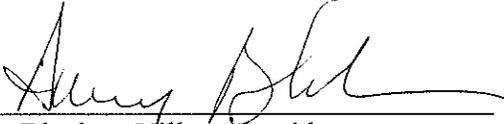
11. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0]

Motion **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2017



Harry Blecker, Village President



Vanessa Quail, Village Clerk