

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE
VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS
OCTOBER 4, 2016
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 7:00pm

2. Roll Call
Clerk Girka Called the Roll:
Present: President Blecker, Trustee McKelvie, Trustee George, Trustee O'Dwyer,
Trustee Tyrrell, Trustee Andersen arrived at 7:02pm, Trustee Millette arrived at 7:09pm
Also Present: Administrator Searl, Attorney Tappendorf, Clerk Girka

3. Pledge of Allegiance
President Blecker led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Blecker presented a Veto Message regarding motion passed at September 28, 2016 Special Meeting.

4. Public Comments
 - Bob Skidmore stated his appreciation for the President's Veto and is not interested in the Village engaging in further litigation.
 - Ronald Kowalski spoke about the need to implement a burning ban. He stated people are misinterpreting the existing burning ordinance and restrictions need to be put in place.
 - President Blecker suggested calling the non-emergency Police number and report illegal or unsafe burning. He is also stated that the Village would look into the ordinance and see what could be done.
 - Patrick Walsh spoke about the Fox Mill litigation and would like an explanation about the Board's intentions moving forward. Mr. Walsh also stated only the most dysfunctional government entities seek secondary counsel in his experience.
 - Patsy Smith stated that the pursuing of Fox Mill litigation is a waste of time and money without an agreement from the Forest Preserve. Ms. Smith volunteered to work with the Fox Mill HOA to try and achieve a resolution.

Motion to remove agenda Item 6, Discussion of Fox Mill Update, made by Trustee Andersen; seconded by Trustee O'Dwyer

Roll Call Vote:

4-Ayes: Trustees: Andersen, McKelvie, O'Dwyer, Tyrrell

2-Nays: Trustees: George, Millette

Motion Carried.

President Blecker stated next meeting, public comment session would be amended to allow questions and answers.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 Special Meeting
- c. Motion to approve payment of bills per Warrant List #17-11
- d. Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's re-appointment of Emad Eassa to Fire and Police Commission expiring April 2019.
- e. Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's re-appointment of Jim Connor to Fire and Police Commission expiring October 2019.
- f. Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's re-appointment of Dave Phillips to Plan Commission expiring May 2021.

Trustee Tyrrell removed Item b.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting, payment of bills per Warrant List #17-11, the Village President's re-appointment of Emad Eassa to the Fire and Police Commission expiring April 2019, the Village President's re-appointment of Jim Connor to the Fire and Police Commission expiring October 2019, and the Village President's re-appointment of Dave Phillips to the Plan Commission expiring May 2021 as amended made by Trustee George; seconded by Trustee Andersen

Roll Call Vote:

6-Ayes: Trustees: Andersen, George, McKelvie, Millette, O'Dwyer, Tyrrell

0-Nays

Motion Carried.

Discussion about Item b.

- Trustee Tyrrell wanted to verify the date being correct that the meeting minutes reflect September 28, 2016.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as amended made by Trustee Tyrrell; seconded by Trustee George.

Voice Vote:

6-Ayes

0-Nays

Motion Carried.

6. Discussion of Fox Mill Update

No discussion – motion to remove from agenda.

7. Discussion to renew the Village's Bulk Mail Permit with the USPS for a term beginning November 10, 2016 and ending November 9, 2017

- President Blecker provided explanation regarding the decision about which way to renew this permit.
- Trustee Andersen stated the desire to support the local Post Office and is in favor of the extra expense if that would help. Also suggested reaching out to local business owners and let them know about using Wasco Post Office.

Motion to table until next meeting made by Trustee Andersen; seconded by Trustee Tyrrell

Voice Vote:
6-Ayes
0-Nays
Motion Carried.

8. **Motion to accept the renewal quote received by Roberts Jassoy Benefits Group for the benefit year beginning December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2017 for employee health and dental insurance provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and employee life insurance provided by Dearborn National made by Trustee Andersen; seconded by Trustee George**

Discussion ensued:

- Administrator Searl provided explanation and comment.
 - These are very competitive rates and that the Board should approve.
 - Administrator Searl stated he would continue to investigate rates and update the Board with any improvements.

Roll Call Vote:

6-Ayes: Trustees: Andersen, George, McKelvie, Millette, O'Dwyer, Tyrrell
0-Nays
Motion Carried.

9. **Motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:33pm made by Trustee Millette as permitted by the Open Meetings Act to discuss one or more of the following matters, seconded by Trustee George:**

- a. Litigation that is filed and pending, or is probable or imminent. 2(c)(11)
- b. Collective negotiating matters. 2(c)(2)
- c. Closed session meeting minutes. 2(c)(21)
- d. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or officials, including legal counsel. 2(c)(1) & (3)

Roll Call Vote:

6-Ayes: Trustees: Andersen, George, McKelvie, Millette, O'Dwyer, Tyrrell
0-Nays
Motion Carried.

*Board went into closed session at 7:33pm
Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:12pm*

Roll Call

Clerk Girka Called the Roll:

Present: President Blecker, Trustee McKelvie, Trustee George, Trustee O'Dwyer, Trustee Tyrrell, Trustee Andersen arrived at 7:02pm, Trustee Millette arrived at 7:09pm
Also Present: Administrator Searl, Attorney Tappendorf, Clerk Girka

10. Additional Items from the Village President, Trustees, Village Administrator, Village Attorney or Staff
- a. Organizational Chart
Administrator Searl stated that the Organizational Chart will be ready soon for attorney review.

- b. Peddlers and Solicitors Permitting
No discussion
- c. Village Administrator Code
Administrator Searl stated that the Village Administrator Code is ready for attorney review.
- President Blecker delivered the Police Report regarding Larsen Holiday Light project.
 - Trustee Tyrrell spoke about the Village not being involved any further under the understanding that this is for Mr. Larsen's family's enjoyment, and that no one on the Board objects to the light show.
 - The Board had consensus that no member objects to the light show.
 - Trustee O'Dwyer asked Mr. Larsen, who was present, if he objected?
 - Mr. Larsen stated "no comment"
 - President Blecker talked about new signs to be installed along Beith Road to help contend with traffic congestion and clearly state to motorists no standing or stopping will be permitted.
 - Trustee O'Dwyer suggested consensus that the Board move forward with purchasing the signs and place the order, and officially approving this expense at the next meeting. Consensus was reached.
- Administrator Searl updated the Board about the HVAC repairs required at Village Hall. One vendor has submitted a proposal and a 2nd is coming soon.
- County Wide Landscaping and signage update
 - Fuel tanks and signage were approved by the original County Special Use permit.
 - Patio and fire pit area does require a permit and Zoning Officer Ranieri is working on resolving that matter.
- Trustee O'Dwyer asked Attorney Tappendorf about the procedure for sanctioning an elected official.
 - Attorney Tappendorf stated that no sanctioning as a disciplinary action can be enacted by this Board, but a censure can be enacted and delivered.
 - The Village does not have a specific policy regarding leaks of Closed Session Meeting discussions, regardless there is no violation of law or state statute to leak discussions.
 - The Board does have the right to draft a resolution of censure.
 - Trustee McKelvie asked Attorney Tappendorf about her past statements regarding Closed Session discussions?
 - Attorney Tappendorf stated her statements to the Board are always in providing the best advice for the Village as a whole.
 - Trustee McKelvie stated that a violation of Closed Session Meeting discussion is unethical, and it leads to unfortunate misconceptions to the public. It is unfortunate that the Village President conducted himself in this manner. By doing so President Blecker went against what the Village Attorney has advised, which is "don't discuss anything from a closed session in open session".
 - You [Blecker] broke the Trust of this Board, and on a public company or non-profit Board you would have been removed.

- Trustee McKelvie requested that a Closed Session Meeting policy be drafted and presented to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.
 - Trustee McKelvie also verified with the Administrator and Clerk that no discussion during closed session September 28th, 2016 had also been discussed during open session.
 - Mr. Alan Wu, resident, was allowed to make a comment and stated that a public body engaging in a censure is an incredibly strong message to send to the member and the public.
 - Trustee George spoke about her disappointment and lack of trust regarding this matter. It concerns her greatly and allows for “rogue” action in the future. Trustee George reaffirmed the need to have a policy regarding Closed Session Meeting discussions. “I am extremely disappointed in your actions Harry, and find it shameful”.
 - Trustee Tyrrell spoke about the lecture that President Blecker gave to the Board in the past regarding this very matter. No Board Member has violated that principal, but you [Blecker] did just that.
 - Trustee Tyrrell requested that Board members be allowed to deliver prepared statements in the President plans to do so at the next meeting.
 - Trustee McKelvie added the need to have “team together team apart”. This Board needs to be united and have trust. This is embarrassing and disappointing.
 - Trustee Andersen stated that the public will be concerned when this closed session breach is brought to light.
 - Trustee O’Dwyer stated that President Blecker admitted to him on a phone call that he [Blecker] released this information to the press. This is not allowing the process to payout. You [Blecker] undermined this Board.
 - Trustee Tyrrell stated this is not about “hiding anything from the public”. It is a closely monitored process and carefully guided by state law, and an attorney is present to monitor. It’s done to not incite the public with half-truths and misinformation, until the process is played out to present a message to the public. You have created a storm that has done this Board and the public a great disservice.
 - Trustee McKelvie stated that he is not sure if we should ever go into closed session again under these circumstances. This Village needs honesty, integrity, and truth.
 - Trustee Andersen asked for President Blecker’s resignation.
- Trustee Millette stated that the Metro West legislative affairs committee is meeting to discuss 2016 positions and what recommendations will be brought up moving forward for approval. Asked for any input or concerns from other Board members.

11. Motion to adjourn at 8:52pm made by Trustee McKelvie; seconded by Trustee Tyrrell

Voice Vote:

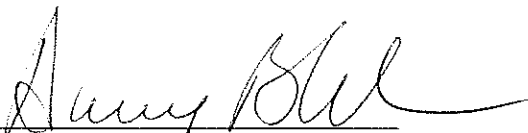
6-Ayes

0-Nays

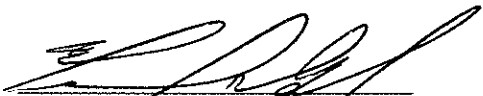
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Approved this 18 day of October, 2016.



Harry Blecker, Village President



Nicholas Girka, Village Clerk