

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”*

**Thursday, November 11, 2010  
7:30 P.M.**

**★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

Mayor Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Brian T. Bailey  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration  
Steve Busa, Treasurer  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

**NOT PRESENT:**

Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

**★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and also to honor those veterans who have served past and present: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”.*

## ★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews stated that today is Veteran's Day, a day that is set aside to commemorate the veterans of all wars and their military service throughout history. Mayor Andrews noted that on behalf of the residents of Indian Head Park he had the honor of attending a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Robert Coulter American Legion Post 1941 in LaGrange. He added that veterans are always grateful when someone comes up to shake their hand to say thank you for serving the country.

Mayor Andrews also noted that Indian Head Park resident Dr. Harry Messmore was recently presented with an award from the Knights of the National Order of the Legion of Honor at the French Consulate of Chicago. Dr. Messmore many years ago risked his life on a battlefield not knowing if the next moment would be his last. Today, Dr. Messmore is blinded by Macular Degeneration and he received France's highest honor.

Mayor Andrews stated that on November 2, 2010 the residents of Indian Head Park had the opportunity to vote on the home rule referendum as well as various Federal, State and County offices. Some candidates were successful in their election bids and others were not. Some communities chose to approve home rule and others including Indian Head Park did not. Mayor Andrews stated that the home rule referendum was proposed to give Indian Head Park residents an opportunity to provide input on one option available to address the Village's financial situation. The result showed that residents of Indian Head Park did not wish to adopt the home rule option at this time. In keeping with the Administration's stated intent from the outset, the matter was presented to the residents for their decision. Mayor Andrews commented now that the decision has been made the Board will abide by that decision. He noted that whether residents supported home rule or opposed it the Village Board will work just as hard to resolve the financial concerns with the tools available to the community and move forward as it has done in the past and in accordance with this choice by our residents.

Mayor Andrews stated there is a lot to be thankful for as Thanksgiving approaches and one of the things to be thankful for is the positive feedback from residents throughout the community from both sides of the home rule issue. He noted that he was told that when it comes to Indian Head Park as our homes, it is indeed a jewel in the western suburbs and everyone wants it to remain that way for another 50 years. Mayor Andrews stated that he also attended an open house at Lyons Township for the senior housing project that was completed (70 units) that is located next to the Township Offices on Joliet Road in Countryside. He added that anyone who is interested in finding out more about senior housing may contact the Township of Lyons. All of the Township senior housing units are one bedroom and one bath and about 590 square feet and applicants must be over the age of 55 with an income of less than \$42,200 per person.

Mayor Andrews stated this weekend on November 13<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> there is an arts

and craft festival sponsored by the Palos Hills High School Music Group.

The event will be held at Stagg High School at 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Roberts Road in Palos Hills. In commemoration of Veteran's Day, Trustee Bermier read the following poem into the record entitled "***Freedom is not Free***" by Commander Kelly Strong. She noted the poem brings home the importance of remembering and giving thanks to our veterans:

### **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**

*I watched the flag pass by one day – It fluttered in the breeze  
A young marine saluted it – And then he stood at ease  
I looked at him in uniform – So young, so tall, so proud  
With hair cut square and eyes alert – He'd stand out in any crowd  
I wondered how many men like him – Have fallen through the years  
How many died on foreign soil, how many Mothers' tears  
How many pilots' planes shot down - How many died at sea  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves – No, freedom is not free  
I heard the sound of Taps one night – When everything was still  
I listened to the bugler play – And felt a sudden chill  
I wondered just how many times – Taps had meant "Amen"  
When a flag had covered a coffin – Of a brother or a friend  
I thought of all the children – of the mothers and the wives  
Of Fathers, Sons, and Husbands – With interrupted lives  
And I thought about the graveyard – At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington – No, Freedom is not Free.*

### **★ CONSENT AGENDA**

***Reappointment of Thomas Brescia as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney for the term ending November 13, 2011***

***Approval of a Resolution to Determine the Estimated Amount of the Levy for the Village of Indian Head Park for 2010 (Resolution #R11-10-1)***

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Walsh*

Mayor Andrews noted that Thomas Brescia has been the Village's Prosecuting Attorney for about two years, he has done an excellent job for the Village and the Board congratulated him on his reappointment.

### **★ FINANCIAL REPORT - TREASURER STEVE BUSA**

*Approval of Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2010*

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2010. He noted: (1) total revenues were \$336,676.57; (2) expenditures were \$178,964.85 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of October were \$476,424.60.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2010 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Walsh*

Treasurer Busa mentioned that the Cook County Assessor's Office will be mailing tax bills out this week and residents should be receiving them in the next few days.

**★ APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - October 14, 2010*

*Minutes of the Special Town Hall Meeting of October 21, 2010*

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to approve the October 14, 2010 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1). Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the Special Town Hall Meeting minutes of October 21, 2010, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

**★ AGENDA ITEM**

**1. *Ordinance Amending the Village of Indian Head Park Sign Code Regulations (Discussion and possible vote may take place)***

Mayor Andrews noted that the Board was presented with an ordinance prepared by Counsel Rich Ramello as it relates to a proposed amendment to the Indian Head Park sign code regulations. He noted the ordinance will be tabled until the December Board meeting.

**★ QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:35 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary