

VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK, ILLINOIS
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

July 9, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hinshaw

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Hinshaw. Due to the restrictions of the State of Illinois regarding gatherings of people during the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Sharon Allison, Village Clerk (attended via Zoom)

PRESENT (and constituting a quorum):

- Mayor Tom Hinshaw (physically present)
- Trustee Sean Conboy (attended via Zoom)
- Trustee Rita Farrell-Mayer (attended via Zoom)
- Trustee Shawn Kennedy (attended via Zoom)
- Trustee Christian Metz (attended via Zoom)
- Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin (attended via Zoom)
- Trustee Amy Wittenberg (attended via Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT:

- John DuRocher, Village Administrator (physically present)
- Patrick Brankin, General Counsel, Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz (physically present)
- Maureen Garcia, Village Treasurer (attended via Zoom)
- Steven Stelter, Police Chief (physically present)
- Matt Gadziak, Strand Engineering (physically present)
- Linda Merrifield, Deputy Clerk and Administrative Assistant (physically present)
- Don Lorenzen, Public Works Superintendent (attended via Zoom)
- Nick Tantillo, Cable Station Manager (physically present)

VISITORS: 3 residents and a vendor were present at the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hinshaw reviewed the rules pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 prior to the meeting.

Coronavirus:

The Cook County Department of Public Health has determined that Indian Head Park has 42 confirmed cases of Covid-19 with 6 dead. We are still asking that everyone practice social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay home if you are sick. In our area, Pillars Community Nurse Association in LaGrange is offering Covid-19 testing.

Sidewalks—4 main areas:

Acacia—Tonight we will be discussing the sidewalk options available. More discussion and a final vote will take place at the August Board Meeting. Administrator DuRocher and I have scheduled a meeting for the Executive Boards of Wilshire Green, Acacia, and Indian Ridge for July 28th to discuss the plan. Construction is planned for 2021.

Plainfield Road—Phase I for Plainfield Road from the tollway bridge in Indian Head Park to East Avenue in Countryside has started. Phase I should be completed by the end of 2021. Further construction should take place sometime after 2022.

Wolf Road—This Phase I project is from Plainfield Road south to 79th Street. It is expected to start around August 1, 2020, and be completed in about 18 months.

Joliet Road—Big News! The State of Illinois recently-passed budget includes \$4,125,000 for a sidewalk/pedestrian access from Wolf Road to Willow Springs Road. A big thank you to State Senator Jaqueline Collins for her efforts.

I-294 Update:

Work in our area has begun on the sound walls in Countryside, sewer system in Burr Ridge, and ramps on I-55 and I-294.

2020 Census:

We are at 80% completion of the census in IHP, making us 2nd in completion in the township. I strongly encourage every person to be counted in the census which is scheduled to be completed in August.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Three residents made comments:

One involved the 100% penalty for late auto stickers for a car.

One involved an exemption for a commercial vehicle parked in his driveway.

One (representing Chestnut on the Green Condominiums) expressed preference for DeGroot garbage pick-up in the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to Establish Consent Agenda as Printed moved by Trustee Farrell-Mayer; seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Metz, Kennedy, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay Votes.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Established moved by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020
- B. Approval of Payables for the Period Ending June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$328,457.54
- C. Approval of Preliminary Financial Report Ending June 30, 2020
- D. Resolution approving release of Closed Session Minutes—January 10-June 30, 2020

Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Garcia. Cash on Hand on May 31, 2020, was \$2,899,374.21. Payables for June 2020 amounted to \$328,457.54. Total Revenues amounted to \$401,641.24. Ending Balance on June 30, 2020, was \$2,972,557.91.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 04-2020—APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Motion to pass Resolution 04-2020 regarding the approval of a collective bargaining agreement between the Village and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 501 was made by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Wittenberg.

Administrator DuRocher explained that IHP and the Alliance have been negotiating this agreement since January 2019. It was recently ratified by the Alliance which will then be in force until April 2022. The staff recommends acceptance of this resolution.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes.

B. ORDINANCE 2020-18—ELIMINATION OF TEMPORARY COMMANDER

Motion to pass Ordinance 2020-18—an Ordinance eliminating the position of Temporary Commander of Police was made by Trustee Wittenberg; seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes.

C. ORDINANCE 2020-19--ESTABLISHING DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Motion to pass Ordinance 2020-19, an Ordinance creating the position of Deputy Chief of Police was made Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Wittenberg.

Administrator DuRocher explained that this is simply a realignment of police positions by eliminating a temporary commander to a deputy chief of police.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes.

D. ORDINANCE 2020-20—SANITARY SEWER BIDS

Motion to pass Ordinance 2020-20, an Ordinance awarding a bid in the amount of \$101,841 to Insituform, was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Metz.

This ordinance takes into account that the MWRD wants IHP to routinely check our sewer lines for leakage.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay votes.

E. ORDINANCE 2020-21—ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Motion to pass Ordinance 2020-21, an Ordinance awarding a bid amount of \$181,427.40 to Austin Tyler, was made by Trustee Metz; seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Administrator DuRocher stated that Austin Tyler presented the lowest bid in the effort to continue the repair of work left undone last year plus additional work that needs to be done in order to maintain our master street plan to work on some streets each year. The Village Engineer recommended Austin Tyler. Administrator DuRocher expressed discontent with Austin Tyler’s work from last year. A discussion followed. Trustees requested more information before a final vote.

Motion failed to pass by roll call vote (0-6). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O’Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Nay. No Yay votes.

F. DISCUSSION—ACACIA DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION

Matt Gadziak, from Strand Engineering, presented 3 proposals for the Acacia Drive sidewalk. One includes a 5-foot grass buffer; a second includes a 3-foot grass buffer; a third possibility is a 5-foot (for the most part) walk right against the road—called a Carriage Walk. Mayor Hinshaw and Administrator DuRocher will be meeting with the residents of the 3 homeowners’ associations over the next month in order to discuss alternatives. It is advisable that the vote for the plan be taken at the August 2020 Board Meeting. In that case, bid opening will take place in March 2021.

G. DISCUSSION--GARBAGE BIDS/LEAF VACUUMING—ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Administrator DuRocher reiterated the history of the Waste Hauling/Leaf Vacuuming issue that is before the Board at this time. This project started out as a possibility of bringing back leaf vacuuming to the village. During the research, the possibility of lower rates for garbage disposal might also be considered which would benefit the community. Three companies submitted bids—SBC, DeGroot, and Lakeshore—with SBC being the low bidder. SBC also presented a program for leaf pickup. The representative from SBC, Jake Diliberto, was present and he announced that he and his company look forward to partnering with IHP in its garbage pick-up and leaf-hauling. As things stand, Patrick Brankin, legal counsel, will draw up a contract that will be presented for final vote at the August Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

TRUSTEES: None

VILLAGE CLERK: None

VILLAGE TREASURER: None

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- The State is on the midst of a Rebuild Illinois program which will help municipalities to begin recovery after losses accumulated during the pandemic. Rebuild Illinois is a grant program. DuRocher has applied for a \$250,000 grant to help rebuild the roads in IHP.
- A Town Hall meeting will take place soon to provide information to the residents regarding the new waste hauling and leaf vacuuming process.
- Parking overnight in a resident’s driveway with a commercial vehicle will be brought up for further discussion at the August meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Stelter announced that 4-5 officers assisted local municipalities during the recent protest marches. A great deal of training took place for officers. All officers qualified for state certification in arms training. Officer John Boros, a part-timer, recently resigned as he is moving to Arizona with his family. Several anniversaries of officers took place. A company has been deep-cleaning the police department during the pandemic. We have had our department deep-cleaned twice thus far. And our squad cars get sanitized every Friday in Burr Ridge.

PUBLIC WORKS: None

FINANCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Via text message, a resident stated that her tree leaves do not fall until after Thanksgiving.

However, the last date that a leaf hauler can deposit waste in a dump is November 30.

At 8:33 P.M. Trustee Farrell-Mayer motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Conboy, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, O'Laughlin, and Wittenberg voted Yay. No Nay Votes.

**Sharon Allison
Village Clerk**