

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday, December 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Sexton in the second floor Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

ROLL CALL Clerk Aparo was asked to call the roll with the following results:
Physically Present:

Mayor James Sexton
Trustee Carol Kyle
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee Mary Keane
Trustee Mark Phelan

Also present were Village Attorney Vincent Cainkar and Village Engineer Tim Klass. Trustees Jim McQuillan and Dan McKeown and Village Treasurer John Sawyers were absent with notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Kyle and the entire Mighty Macs Volleyball team from Mother McAuley.

“MIGHTY MAC’S PROCLAMATION”

The Chair introduced Mother McAuley’s Volleyball team and Coaches Jen Dejarld and Meg Gardner and the 2016 “Mighty Macs” as the Class 4A State Champions. He directed the Clerk to read the **“Proclamation Declaring Mother McAuley Might Macs Month in December 2016”**. The Chair stated we are proud of them on and off the volleyball court. Coach Jen Dejarld thanked the Mayor and the Board and the parents and the players. She announced they have been named Prep Volleyball’s 2016 National Champions and Team of the Year as well as being ranked #1 by USA Today Sports and MaxPreps.

The team was introduced as follows: Maddie Dederichs, Ashley Maher, Charley Niego, Abby O’Brien, Paige Pappas, Katie O’Connell, Evie Gorman, Marykate Boland, Bridget Burke, Amanda Horn, Nancy Kane, Emma Reilly, Nora Burke, Casey McCander, Moira Mixan, and Becca Stepanek and Managers Caitlin Zintak and Kyla Tilkes. The Chair noted they are not only world class athletes but world class young ladies as well.

The Mighty Macs finished with a 40-1 record with 32 consecutive victories to win the National and State Title. The audience and the Board gave them a hearty round of applause. Everyone was invited to enjoy a piece of congratulatory cake with the team.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. The Chair stated he received thank you notes for various Village Departments. Mr. James Brown wrote a letter praising the Evergreen Park Police Department and especially Officer Duffy for his assistance.

2. A letter of appreciation to the Evergreen Park Fire Department from the Kingsley family.
3. A letter of thanks to the Evergreen Park Public Works Department from Mrs. Walzak regarding leaf pick up.
4. Congratulations to Evergreen Park Police Officer David Sass who was recently given the Sheriff Tom Dart Award.
5. Officer Tyrone Knight's efforts were recognized in the recent School District 124 newsletter.
6. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dickens Christmas event and the Tree Lighting ceremony this past Saturday. Proceeds benefit the Healthier Evergreen and the Evergreen Park Food Pantry.
7. The Walk and Talk Program has begun with the Evergreen Park Police Department and local business merchants.
8. As a tribute to former resident Howard Selkie who passed away last year and to all the men and women who served our country, all flags will be lowered to half-mast in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.
9. The Village of Evergreen Park Finance Committee will meet to discuss the 2016-2017 budget on Monday December 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.
10. Santa house visits continue contact the EP Recreation Department at 708- 229-3373 for more information.
11. The Street Department will pick up yard waste until December 15, 2016.
12. Cook County Board of Review is hosting a property tax appeal seminar on Wednesday December 7, p.m. 2016 at the Worth Township Office located at 11601 S. Pulaski. Tax appeals are open for Evergreen Park until December 13, 2016.
13. The Village will be closed on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, and Monday December 26, 2016. Normal hours resume Tuesday, December 27, 2016. The Hall will also be closed on Saturday, December 31, 2016 and Monday, January 2 with normal hours resuming on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.
14. The Village Board meeting will also be on Tuesday, January 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**OPEN PUBLIC
AUDIENCE**

Mr. Pat Murphy and his wife Siobhan, 9400 block of S. Clifton Park reported the house next to theirs is vacant and in foreclosure for the past three (3) years. Mr. Murphy is seeking assistance from the Village to rectify this horrendous situation. The Chair stated he is very familiar with this property and the Village has been in court with this property. There is an issue with the foundation and the structure. The Chair will get an update on the court proceedings and call Mr. Murphy tomorrow.

A woman in the audience, who asked to remain anonymous questioned the status of the fire pit/burning ordinance review. The Chair replied Trustees Marzullo and McQuillan are still comparing the information provided by Clerk Aparo for surrounding towns and their ordinances. He added they will report their findings at a future meeting.

The same woman also requested the Village Public Works Department use alternate streets to access the Street garage located on 93rd and Spaulding. The Chair responded Public Works has been using alternate

streets. She lives on a street where the Village Garage is located and the snow salt is stored.

Ms. Deb Grand, 9200 block of Ridgeway asked if the Village has contacted the Village of Oak Lawn regarding the incidents and recent shooting connected to the patrons of Chuck E. Cheese in Oak Lawn. The Chair responded the Evergreen Park Police Department is working with the Oak Lawn Police Department and we have to wait until the investigation is completed to determine if Chuck E. Cheese patrons were involved. He will share information as it becomes available.

Ms. Paula O'Connor, 8900 block of Utica Avenue, stated she owns a small barbershop located at 3541 W. 99th Street is having issues with parking. She has only been in business a few months and is already looking for a different location. She is leaving due to a recent incident where she was bullied by a “vigilante parent” with his minor children in the car regarding her parking spaces. The Chair told Ms. O'Connor he has another location for her business on 95th Street and he will contact her tomorrow with the information. He agreed that no one should be bullied or threatened. The Chair suggested she speak to her landlord regarding the parking problems.

Trustee Marzullo complimented the signs in the parking spots. Mrs. Kathy Bridgeman, identified herself as the owner of the hair salon next to Ms. O'Connor's, 3545 W. 99th Street. She stated her patrons are elderly and need to park as close to the shop as possible. She made the (4) signs and placed them in the parking area. It has deterred the parents and non-patrons from using her parking spots. She stated Southwest school recently held a book fair on a Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. and there was no parking for the patrons of her salon.

The Chair suggested the women attend a school board meeting for District 124 and deal directly with the Board for a solution to their parking issues.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees and approved as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2016

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle, to approve **Resolution NO. 3-2016** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 820,820.00 and the Sewer and Water Fund in the amount of \$ 37,477.03 and 95th Street TIF Fund, \$ 1,812.74 and the Street Bond Fund, \$18,920.00 and the Debt Service – General \$ 18,983.75 for a total of \$ 898,013.52. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, Keane, and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

VILLAGE TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the Village Treasurer's report for year ending October 2016 fiscal year end with totals of \$ 6,155,695.22 in the General Fund and \$ 4,408,380.63 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**WATER
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Keane to approve the Water Collector's report for **November 2016** with totals of \$ 629,633.41. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
COLLECTORS
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Keane to accept for information and file the Village Collector's report for **November 2016** in the amount of \$ 1,468,796.64. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS
LICENSE**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle to approve the business regulation certificate for Stress Relief Oasis, LLC located at 3833 W. 95th Street to operate an office for counseling /mental health services. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, Keane, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PORTER CULLENS
EXTENDED HOURS**

Motion by Trustee Phelan supported by Trustee Keane to approve the request from Porter Cullen's to extend business hours on New Year's Eve to a 2:00 a.m. closing time. Trustee Kyle noted this is the second time they requested this and there has been no issues with the extension of hours. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Keane, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 9-2016**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the **RESOLUTION NO. 9-2016, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HOLDING THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HARMLESS FOR WORK PERFORMED UNDER AN IDOT PERMIT.** The Chair explained this authorizes the Village to do curb cuts and work on 95th Street without the tedious paperwork required for IDOT approval. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and Keane; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PD VACANCY
AND HIRE**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle to approve Police Chief's Saunders request to declare one (1) vacancy due to retirement and hire one (1) individual from the May 2, 2016 Probationary Patrol Officer Eligibility List. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, Keane and Phelan; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PD VEHICLE
SALE (7)**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Phelan to approve Police Chief's Saunders request to sell used Police Vehicles; (5) five 2013 Ford Taurus and (2) two Ford Explorers. These will be sold to one buyer a

Ford Dealer at the Kelly Blue Book price rather than sell on the Police parking lot. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Marzullo, Keane, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PD BODY CAM
PURCHASE**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Keane to approve Police Chief's Saunders request to purchase video body cameras with accessory equipment (\$49,300) and the external storage device (\$41,800) for the Evergreen Park Police Department. The Chair noted these are budgeted items for 2017 budget. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Keane, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
ENGINEER**

Mr. Klass had no report.

**VILLAGE
ATTORNEY**

Mr. Cainkar had no report.

BIDS

NONE. The Chair noted the public parking lot near Thi Thi's is almost completed.

Trustee Marzullo inquired if there has been any movement with the ComEd situation at the Plaza. The Chair stated he will attend a meeting with Mr. Lorenz and ComEd tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT
HEAD REPORTS**

Mr. Jim Feltz, Youth Director reported 198 coats were collected in our coat drive and donated to Worth Township. A total of 37 coats for women and children went to Neat Repeats Resale Shop to be used in nearby shelters. Teens are available for snow shoveling and other chores.

Mr. Dennis Duffy, Recreation Director thanked his staff Karen Sexton and Jill Linn for their efforts at the recent Dickensfest. He added tickets for the Rich Daniels Christmas concert on Sunday are sold out.

MISC.

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Phelan that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn. Upon roll call voting YES: Trustees Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, and Keane; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:16 P.M.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk