

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the
PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL
Monday April 19, 2021

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

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

Physically Present:

Mayor James Sexton
Trustee Carol Kyle
Trustee Mark Marzullo
Trustee James McQuillan
Trustee Kelly Burke
Trustee Mark Phelan
Trustee Norman Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Marzullo and Mayor Sexton's grandchildren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing in the Board Room of the Village Hall on the request for a variation to permit the construction of a new garage and an outdoor pool on the property located at 10042 S. Sawyer Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois.
2. Commendations to the Evergreen Park Police Department and Sgt. Kmetty's team for a job well done involving a firearm.
3. Road construction will begin in May on Kedzie Avenue from 87th street to 103rd.
4. Evergreen Park Water Management will be changing over to a Polyethylene Water Pipe (PE Blue) for all water services.
5. Co-Vid Update. The Mayor reported it is not over yet with 36 more reported cases and precautions are still necessary. He encouraged everyone to stay vigilant against the corona virus.
6. Due to co-vid, there will not be an Independence Day Parade but a different kind of celebration is planned. Details will be shared within the next few weeks. In addition, there will be another celebration planned for Labor Day.

**OPEN PUBLIC
AUDIENCE**

Laura Shallow, resident and EP Chamber Director along with EP Chamber President, Maria Cantu-Dougala of First Midwest Bank, Director Percy Allen of M.E.P Exterminating and Kelly Maroney Member Services Co-Coordinator presented retiring Mayor James Sexton with an engraved crystal clock. Laura praised the Mayor for his decades of economic development and his phenomenal efforts on behalf of the business community. The Chair thanked the Chamber for the gift and for their support. The audience gave him a round of applause.

On behalf of the Village of Evergreen Park Village Clerk paid tribute to Mayor Sexton and presented a Proclamation on recognition of his retirement. A complete copy of the Proclamation will be included in the official minutes. The audience gave the Mayor a hearty round of applause and a standing ovation. The Mayor thanked the Clerk and everyone for his or her heartfelt sentiments.

P-R-O-C-L-A-M-A-T-I-O-N

**“Recognizing the Honorable James J. Sexton
On his Retirement and in Recognition of Service as an
Elected Official in the Village of Evergreen Park.”**

WHEREAS, Jim and Karen were married in 1974 and shortly after moved to Evergreen Park and resides in the Holy Redeemer Parish. Jim joined the United Home Owners and rose to the ranks of Precinct Captain, Director and President. Jim has served the Village of Evergreen with honor and distinction spanning a period of over forty years.

WHEREAS, He was appointed Youth Commissioner from 1982 to 1984 and served on the Police and Fire Commission 1984 -1987. He has the distinction of serving in every elected position as Village Trustee from 1987 to 1995, Village Clerk from 1995 to 2001 and as Mayor for the past twenty (20) years.

WHEREAS, Mayor Sexton is recognized as the epitome of American family man. He has been a devoted and loving husband to Karen, a wonderful father to Jim, Kelly and Josie, father in law to Laura, Jill, Jim and Bill and enthusiastic grandfather to Nolan, Olivia and Colin, Madison and Danny.

WHEREAS, Mayor Sexton has brought to life his vision of Evergreen Park and will be remembered as the “Construction Mayor.” Ironic to the point he prefers not to have a building named after him but has built many of our iconic structures. He oversaw the revitalization of the Evergreen Library, the Senior Center and the building of the state of the art Community Center into multigenerational spaces for young and old alike. His devotion to creating and

maintaining open spaces include the Village farm, barn, driving range, ice rink and Dog Park. He revitalized the business sector with 21st century business concepts and a refreshing vigor that started with a simple idea of red-bricked sidewalks. He has been a friend, colleague, negotiator and mentor and has always done so with a tremendous sense of humor and swag. His recovery from West Nile was nothing short of miraculous. His acts of kindness and charity to those in need will remain the greater portion of his legacy.

WHEREAS, we offer our sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the Honorable James J. Sexton, on his retirement, and wish him and his wife, Karen continued health and happiness as we honor him for over four decades of service to the Village and people of Evergreen Park.

WHEREAS, copies of this Proclamation be furnished to the Honorable James J. Sexton, and the Evergreen Park Historical Commission. Dated this 19th Day of April, 2021

**REGULAR
AGENDA
MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees as presented was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 11-2021 &
NO. 12- 2021**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Burke, to approve **Resolution NO. 11-2021 & Resolution NO. 12-2021** with \$ 634,925.93 in the General Corporate Fund, \$ 166,660.24 in the Water Management Fund, and the 95th Street TIF Bond Fund, \$26,250 and Street Bond Fund, \$ 7,200.00 for a total of \$ 835,036.17. for Resolution **No. 11-2021 & Resolution NO. 12-2022**, \$ 449,215.48 in the General Corp. Fund, \$ 102,387.37 in the Water Management Fund, \$ 8,750.00 in the Street Bond Fund, and \$317.75 in the Self Insurance Fund for a total of \$ 506,670.60. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke, Anderson and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**WATER COLLECTOR
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Anderson to approve the Water Collector's report for **for March 2021** \$842,027.75 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
TREASURER
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Phelan to approve the Village Treasurer's report for March 2021 with \$8,074,985.81 in the General Fund and \$ 4,908,976.96 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**VILLAGE
COLLECTOR
REPORT**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the Village Collector's Report for March 2021 for \$4,666,583.71. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**BUSINESS
CERTIFICATES**

Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee Burke to approve the business license application for **312 Beauty Salon d/b/a 312 Beauty Loft** to conduct a hair salon with 2 chairs for styling, make up and waxing located at 3408 W. 95th Street. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to approve **BLUE ROSE PROPERTIES** to conduct a real estate and tax service office located at 9141 S. Kedzie Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees McQuillan, Burke, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle and Marzullo; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**ORDINANCE
NO. 4-2021**

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle to approve **ORDINANCE. NO. 4-2021, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO NON-EXCLUSIVE PARKING EASEMENT DEDICATION FOR THE BENFIT OF WU AND TRAN REAL ESTATE, LLC."** The Chair noted this is a cross easement agreement between the Village and Wu's. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Burke, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**PROCLAMATION
VIRGINIA
CHANDLER**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Kyle to approve the proclamation for **Library Board Trustee Virginia Chandler recognizing her retirement.** The Chair thanked Virginia for her efforts and dedication to the Evergreen Park Library. He noted he

has had the pleasure of working with her for the past eight years. Most recently, they were working on the purchase of a single family home on Troy Avenue to be used for additional parking for the Library. Due to illness of the property owner, this project is temporarily on hold. The Clerk read the proclamation and an appreciative audience gave Virginia a round of applause. She thanked Mayor Sexton and the Board and Library Director Nicki Seidl for their support. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

CLERK'S

PROCLAMATION Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the *52nd Annual Proclamation declaring the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021 as "Professional Municipal Clerk's Week."* The Chair thanked Clerk Cathy Aparo for all of her efforts on behalf of the Village of Evergreen Park. The Chair thanked her personally and professionally. Clerk Aparo thanked the Mayor and the Board for their support of her continuing education enabling her to achieve the highest educational designation of Master Municipal Clerk. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Klass was excused from the meeting due to the co-vid audience restrictions.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Cainkar had no report.

BID REQUESTS

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to accept the request from PW Director Lorenz from the low bidder of Cooper Lighting for the project of Yukich Fields New poles and Lights in the amount of \$239,977.00 at Y-2 Field with an estimated \$6,800 of incentives from Com Ed. In addition, to accept the low bid of Cooper Lighting for Y-1 Field to retro fit to LED lights for \$106,866.00. Edison Incentive is \$14,365.000. The Chair thanked Trustee Burke for her help in obtaining the incentives from Com Ed. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Burke, Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo and McQuillan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

FIRE DEPT. ROOF

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Burke to approve the request from PW Director Lorenz to accept the low bid of Malcor Roofing of \$195,000 for the complete restoration of the Fire Station roof located at 9000 S. Kedzie Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan and Burke; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**DEMO 9615
CALIFORNIA**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Burke to accept the request from PW Director Lorenz to accept the low bid of Dunleavy Construction Co. of \$14,624.00 for the court ordered demo of 9615 S. California Avenue. Upon roll call, voting YES: Trustees Kyle, Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke, Anderson and Phelan; voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**MAYOR'S
FINAL
COMMENTS**

Mayor Sexton noted this is his last Board meeting and as such had many people to thank. First, to his loving wife and partner Karen Sexton, his children, Jim, Kelly, and Josie and their spouses Laura, Jim and Bill and his grandchildren, Nolan, Olivia, Colin, Madison and Danny. Also to Jill and Steve and extended members of his family.

The Chair stated his first Board meeting was in May of 1987 and his last is April of 2021. He thanked Tony Yukich as his political sponsor. He acknowledged the Board as the most honest and competent people in public service. He thanked all the Department heads for their cooperation. He expressed gratitude to his Mom and Dad, Geri and Jim Sexton and Karen's parents, Josephine and Jim Traecy. He thanked State and local leaders and members of the press for their relationships.

But most of all he thanked the people of Evergreen Park for their support. He stated being Mayor has been the job of a lifetime but not a job for a lifetime. He added the Village is in great hands and he looks forward to Evergreen Park flourishing in the coming years. He thanked everyone and wished them all God's blessings. The Mayor was given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

ADJOURNMENT With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn. Initially all Trustees voted NO to adjourn. The Chair invited everyone to join him and his family at Barraco's for pizza. Motion to adjourn Yes: Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Burke, Anderson, Phelan and Kyle voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 8:05 P.M.

Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk