

Minutes of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the  
**PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, IL  
**Monday, August 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Burke in the second floor Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

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

Mayor Kelly Burke  
Trustee Mark Marzullo  
Trustee James McQuillan  
Trustee Jeannie Olson  
Trustee Norman Anderson  
Trustee Mark Phelan

Trustee Carol Kyle was absent with notification. Also, present Village Attorney Vincent Cainkar and Village Engineer Tim Klass.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION AWARD**

The Chair introduced and recognized Ms. Meghan Hynes, as the recipient of the 2023 third quarter employee of the Quarter. Meghan has served as the Recreation Department's Dance Coordinator for nearly 15 years. The Chair thanked her and read comments from fellow employees complimenting Meghan and her hard work and dedication. Mayor Burke presented her with a \$50.00 gift card to UNIDAD restaurant and a Certificate of Appreciation. She was given an enthusiastic round of appreciative applause from the Board and the audience.

**2023 PARADE WINNERS**

Mayor Burke stated the 2023 Independence Day Parade was a rousing success. She introduced Laura Shallow, acting on behalf of the 2023 Parade Committee to award the trophies. Laura thanked Mayor Burke, Clerk Aparo and the Village Board. She gave special thanks to the Village Departments especially the Police, Fire, Public Works and the Recreation Department who make the parade a huge success. She added a huge thank you to all the sponsors who help underwrite the cost of the bands with their continued support. Laura reminded everyone to keep the green in Evergreen.

Mayor Burke and Laura Shallow presented First Place trophies to the winners for the 2023 parade themed, "Land of the Free Because of the Brave in 2023." Winners were awarded trophies and they took a group picture with Mayor Burke and Laura Shallow.

The 2023 winners were as follows: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Phi Kappa Omega, Walkers, American Legion Post 854 of Evergreen Park for color guard, Commander David Lange, presented the Mayor with tee shirts from the recent car show, Aries Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, new

entry special athletic group, Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore, Elected Official, Evergreen Bank Group, professional float and charitable specialty unit sponsor, DuPage Shrine club and 5-6 motorized picnic coolers, Evergreen Park Public Library, Decorated vehicle with marcher, First National Bank of Evergreen Park, special vehicle, fire truck and band sponsor River City Rhythm, First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, (oldest church in Evergreen Park) for amateur float with walkers, Humana, Specialty unit sponsor Cirques Experience, OSF/Little Company of Mary Hospital for Grand Marshall, professional float and specialty unit sponsor of the Neon Nuts, clowns.

Laura awarded the Citizen of the Year trophy to EP's own, George Peso. She also announced the Special Recognition Award to the Evergreen Park Police Department. She added we are all aware of the Highland Park parade tragedy and thanked the Police Department for additional security measures and keeping everyone safe. The Chair thanked Laura for her expertise and commentating during the parade. The Mayor congratulated all the winners and thanked everyone for another great year. The audience gave the winners a robust round of applause.

## **OPEN PUBLIC**

At the last Board meeting the Chair had addressed the shooting at the Mariano's grocery store. Tonight, Evergreen Park Police Chief Saunders recognized individuals for their outstanding work leading to a class X Felony charge for First Degree Homicide against the offender. They are as follows; EPPD Officers: Biszewski, Knight, Morgan, Quette, Warniczek, Flores, Kurschner, Foran, Stumpe and Ragsdale, EPPD Lieutenants, Franklin, Healy, Kmetty, Stiers, Soso and Zimmer, EP Detectives, Rich, Cavato, Arroyo and Truell, EPPD Sergeants, Switalksi, Trujillo, Watts, and Bielanski, EPPD Captain Hart and Deputy Chiefs Donovan and Linn. Police Chief Saunders also recognized the following for outstanding performance of duty Hometown Police Department, Oak Lawn Police Department, City of Chicago Police Department, Chicago Fire Department and the Cook County Sheriffs Police Department.

Sympathies were extended to the family of Darren Verderber, who recently passed away. He began his career with the Evergreen Park Fire Department in 1991 and was a full time Chicago firefighter.

Thanks to everyone for their help on the very successful event Picnic in the Park.

The Chair announced Village vehicle sticker purchase is due by September 15, 2023. Please use the pre-printed application that was mailed to complete the renewal. For your convenience online bill, pay is available; visit our website at [www.evergreenpark-ill.com](http://www.evergreenpark-ill.com) to access the online portal available 24 hours a day **with no extra cost**. Also, the 95<sup>th</sup> & Kedzie Currency Exchange located at 3200 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street sells vehicle stickers for a nominal fee. The currency exchange has extended hours for your convenience.

Friday, August 25, 2023 from 6 pm to 8 pm, the "Green Unplugged" event will be held at the EP Driving Range.

Monday, September 4, 2023 the Village Hall will close in observance of Labor Day, the next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

EP Farmers Market continues every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Yukich Fields.

Free Yoga in the Park will be held every Saturday from 9-10 am September at the 50-acre park at the pergola in Sexton Park.

Monday, September 4, 2023, at 5 pm – 7 pm everyone is invited to a free end of summer Labor Day concert by Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra will perform at Sexton Park, followed by fireworks at dusk (approximately 8:15 pm).

Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Yukich Field– Memories to Go Event Annual Village wide garage sale.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9 a.m. to Noon, the eighth Annual Christmas without Cancer 5K Run/Walk starts at Klein Park. To sign up, create a team or donate visit [www.christmaswithoutcancer.org](http://www.christmaswithoutcancer.org)

Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9 a.m. to Noon - a blood drive is being held at the Senior Center at 9547 S. Homan Avenue. There is a critical need for blood donations.

Trustee Anderson thanked Mayor Burke and George Peso of the Historical Commission and Pyeisha Allen of Youth Department and Police Chief Saunders and CSO Orellove, Lt. Franklin, Officers Wright and Trujillo and Miller and Gorzan for a wonderful cycling event. As a lifelong resident, he learned a lot of village history and recommended everyone attend this fun event.

Trustee Phelan implored everyone to slow down while driving since it is a new school year with increased pedestrians and bike riders on Village Streets and sidewalks. Safety is everyone's concern.

## **OPEN PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Mr. David Sheppard, resident 9200 Block of Harding stated had a catalytic converter stolen from his parked vehicle. He received ten (10) tickets from EPPD in a six-day period including a tow sticker on the vehicle. He added the ordinance clearly states the vehicle must be moved within a seven-day period not six. Mayor Burke asked him to give the tickets to her Assistant, Sue Kerwin to make copies. She will look into this tomorrow and get back to him.

Dawn Hopkins, resident of 2900 Block of 100<sup>th</sup> Street stated she had contacted the Street Department for branch pick up and it took nine days. Gavin Yeaman, Deputy St. Director, responded the branches may not have been visible from Francisco Avenue, the through street. He added it is difficult for the chipper equipment to go down dead end streets and make the turn around. They do their best to pick up on or after garbage

day but if it is missed, it could take a while. The Mayor assured her in the future, we would do our best to get the branches in a timely manner.

Reverend Landry, retired USMC commented on the “miscreant” who took the young women’s life at Mariano’s Grocery store. He also stated he is being kept out of the Evergreen Park Library. He is here tonight to support Ms. Hopkins with her issue.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting by the President and Board of Trustees and approved as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2023 & RES. NO. 20-2023**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Marzullo, to approve **Resolution NO. 19-2023** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 787,705.28 and the Water Management Fund in the amount of \$ 464,135.45 and the 95<sup>th</sup> Street TIF Fund \$ 65,978.96 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$37,192.80 and Street Bond Fund \$20,390.00 and the Self Insurance Fund \$ 10,776.79 for a total of \$1,386,179.28 and to approve **Resolution NO. 20-2023** with expenditures of the General Corporate Fund of \$ 323,043.02 and the Water Management Fund \$ 348,006.56 and the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$2,287.50 and the Self Insurance Fund, \$ 1,930.57 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street TIF Fund, \$ \$11,012.57 and the Capital Improvement Fund, \$ 46,028.43 and the Street Bond Fund, \$ 13,540.00 and the ARPA and ARPA Federal Grant, \$ 337,575.70 for a total of \$1,083,424.35. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Olson, Anderson, and Phelan voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT JUNE/ JULY 2023**

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Olson to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June 30, 2023 for information / file with \$ 7,252,885.44 in the General Fund and \$ 4,667,974.40 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Olson to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July 31, 2023 for information / file with \$7,564,923.88 in the General Fund and \$ 4,634,111.87 in the Sewer and Water Fund. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

## **BUSINESS CERTIFICATES**

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the business license regulation certificate for **GOMEL B VASCULAR, LLC DBA MIDWEST INSTITUTE FOR NON-SURGICAL THERAPY, LLC,** to conduct a medical office located at 9730 S. Western Avenue, suite 801. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees

McQuillan, Olson, Anderson, Phelan, and Marzullo voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Olson to approve the business license regulation certificate for **WONDER NAILS** (new owner) to conduct a nail salon located at 3343 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Olson, Anderson, Phelan, Marzullo and McQuillan voting NO: None. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Marzullo to approve the business license regulation certificate (new owner) for **SHANGROU COPORATION DBA 7-ELEVEN #33791D**, located at 3440 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street. The petitioner was in the audience and stated he also owns the 7-Eleven at 103<sup>rd</sup> and Sawyer in Chicago. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Marzullo, McQuillan and Olson; voting NO: NONE.

**ST. GIANNA FEST** Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the St. Gianna Fest request from Fr. Benedykt Pazdan for the dates of September 22-24, 2023 with a liquor license at former Queen of Martyrs 103<sup>rd</sup> and Central Park. Upon roll call, voting YES Trustees Phelan, Marzullo, McQuillan, Olson and Anderson voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

**RAIDER RUN** Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Anderson to approve the request for the annual Most Holy Redeemer Raider Run to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Olson, Anderson and Phelan voting NO: NONE. The Motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

**DEPT. HEADS** NONE.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Klass had no report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Mr. Vince Cainkar explained there is one item for the Triangle TIF District which includes the Subaru property located at 95<sup>th</sup> & Utica Avenue. He asked if anyone was here for the public hearing. The record reflects there is no one present for the public hearing. He added ordinances will be prepared for the next Board meeting. No action required by the Board.

**BIDS/PAYOUTS** Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee Olson to approve the PW Director's request for \$ 334,250.00 payout to Metropolitan Industries, Inc. for the 9121 S. Richmond Lift Station. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees McQuillan, Olson, Anderson, Phelan and Marzullo voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee McQuillan to approve the PW Director's request to issue payment to Strada Construction Company for additional sidewalk, apron east drive and walkway replacement at 3450 W. Maple Street, Activity Center. The initial price was \$19,700.00 with additional fees of \$13,604.00 for a total of \$ 33,304.00. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Olson, Anderson, Phelan, Marzullo and McQuillan voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Olson to approve the PW Director's request for payment to Ryan and Joyce Construction in the amount of \$ 418,428.00 for the 3450 W. Maple Activity Center Renovation Payment #4. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Anderson, Phelan, Marzullo, McQuillan and Olson voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

Motion by Trustee McQuillan second by Trustee Phelan to approve payment to Novotney Engineering in the amount of \$ 48,203.57 for (9) different projects in Evergreen Park. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Phelan, Marzullo, McQuillan, Olson and Anderson voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Phelan second by Trustee McQuillan that this Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees adjourn. Upon roll call voting YES Trustees Marzullo, McQuillan, Olson, Anderson and Phelan voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair at 7:22 P.M.

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Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk