

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 1, 2023

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Village President Williams called the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm. This was a hybrid meeting.

2. Determination of quorum and that the agenda was properly posted.

It was determined that there was a quorum of members present and that the agenda was properly posted.

Village Board members present were John Williams, David Peterson, Heidi Murphy, Chris Stoa, Brittany Ballweg, Sarah Valencia and Vincent Wittig. Staff present were Village Administrator Matt Giese, Deputy Village Administrator JJ Larson, Village Clerk Lisa Kalata, Parks and Recreation Director Sean Brusegar, Public Works Director Brian Peterson, Finance Director Cameron Sawyer, Village Planner Erin Ruth, Chief of Police Mark Garry, EMS Chief Eric Lang, and Village Attorney Larry Konopacki.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES – *Public's opportunity to speak*- None

5. Discuss and Consider the Minutes of The Regular Village Board Meeting on April 17, 2023.

Motion by Murphy to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

6. New Business

a. Discuss Pre-Sale Report for \$3,055,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023A.

b. Discuss and consider Initial Resolution Authorizing \$2,345,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds projects.

Motion by Valencia to approve Resolution 2023-04 initial resolution authorizing \$2,345,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds projects, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

c. Discuss and consider Initial Resolution Authorizing \$600,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement projects.

Motion by Valencia to approve Resolution 2023-05 initial resolution authorizing \$600,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement projects, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

d. Discuss and consider Initial Resolution Authorizing \$55,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System projects.

Motion by Valencia to approve Resolution 2023-06 initial resolution authorizing \$55,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System projects, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

e. Discuss and consider Initial Resolution Authorizing \$55,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage projects.

Motion by Valencia to approve Resolution 2023-07 initial resolution authorizing \$55,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage projects, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

f. Discuss and consider Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,055,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023A.

Motion by Valencia to approve Resolution 2023-08 providing for the sale of not to exceed \$3,055,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023A, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

g. Discuss and consider Appointment of Successor Agent for Dollar General

Motion by Peterson to approve the appointment of successor agent for Dollar General, seconded by Valencia. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

h. Discuss and consider Arbor Day Proclamation.

Motion by Valencia to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation, seconded by Stoa. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

i. Discuss and consider Block Party Application for Maggie Walker.

Motion by Murphy to approve the block party application for Maggie Walker, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

7. Reports from Village Boards, Commissions & Committees

7.I. Library Board

Peterson reported they discussed the background check policy and Tracy and Cindi gave their reports. They also discussed the grants and some funds they have received.

7.II. Deer-Grove EMS Commission

Williams reported they discussed changing to key fobs for the two facilities. Johnson Block was also present to review the financials. They discussed the replacement of ambulances because it is taking two years to get the replacements.

7.III. Cottage Grove Fire District Commission

Peterson reported they discussed and approved the repair of the roof at the EMS building. Chief Archibald gave his report, and they will discuss at a future meeting equipment need to but out fires for solar panels and electric cars.

7.IV. Law Enforcement Committee

Williams reported they discussed the body worn cameras and continue to move forward with the project. They reviewed the Annual report and the monthly reports.

7.V. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee

a. Discuss and consider The Badger Challenge (formally The Ride) using Community Park as a rest stop on September 24, 2023.

Motion by Ballweg to approve the Badger Challenge using Community Park as a rest stop on September 24, 2023, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

b. Discuss and consider extending park hours at Firemen's Park for Home Talent night games.

Motion by Valencia to approve extending park hours to 11:30 pm at Firemen's Park on weeknights that the Home Talent team plays in the park, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

c. Discuss and consider using \$5,200 from Park Development Fund to prepare a new map rendering of Bakken Park and a conceptual design of Shady Grove Park.

Motion by Peterson to approve using \$5,200 from Park Development fund to prepare a new map rendering of Bakken Park and a conceptual design of Shady Grove Park, seconded by Valencia. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

8. Reports from Village Officers

a. Village Attorney

i. Legal briefings/status updates- No report

b. Village President

i. Nomination of Donna Cross to the Community Development Authority Committee

ii. Nomination of Chris Stoa, Mike Hackel and Andy Eberhardt to the Public Works, Properties & Sustainability Committee

iii. Nomination of Jess Robinson to the Police Commission

iv. Nomination of Jon Russell to the Law Enforcement Committee

v. Nomination of Meaghan Swanson to the Library Board

vi. Nomination of Charlie Rogers to the Utility Commission

vii. Nomination of John Williams to the Flynn Hall Committee

viii. Nomination of Amy Brice and Kevin Laufenberg to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee

ix. Nomination of Kim Sale and Mark Hepfinger to the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee

Motion by Valencia to approve the nominations of committee members with the exception of the Zoning Board of Appeals for Kim Sale due to being on the Plan Commission, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

c. Village Clerk

x. Spring Election Debriefing

9. Communications and Miscellaneous Business

a. Consider approval of vouchers.

Motion by Peterson to approve the vouchers as presented in the amount of \$558,646.78 seconded by Murphy. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

b. Correspondence – None

c. Upcoming Community Events- Music in the Grove May 25th, Lions Club event on May 13th.

d. Future agenda items- draft of the prioritization process

10. Closed Session: This Closed Session Is Regarding a Potential Land Acquisition in TID #9 And Establishing a Negotiating Position. The Village of Cottage Grove Village Board Will Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, The Investing of Public Funds, Or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session.

Motion by Williams to enter closed session at 7:34 p.m. regarding a Potential Land Acquisition in TID #9 And Establishing a Negotiating Position. The Village of Cottage Grove Village Board will enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, seconded by Peterson. **Motion** carried with a roll call vote Ballweg AYE, Murphy AYE, Peterson AYE, Stoa, AYE, Valencia AYE, Williams AYE, Wittig AYE.

11. Reconvene into Open Session and Possible Consideration of Closed Session Items

Motion by Murphy to reconvene into open session at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Ballweg. **Motion** carried with a roll call vote Ballweg AYE, Murphy AYE, Peterson AYE, Stoa, AYE, Valencia AYE, Williams AYE, Wittig AYE.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Ballweg to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Murphy. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Lisa Kalata, Village Clerk

Village of Cottage Grove

Approved: May 15, 2023

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.