

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
December 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Hampshire was called to order by Village President Michael J. Reid, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Hampshire Village Board Room, 234 S. State Street, on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Roll call by Village Clerk Vasquez:

Present: Heather Fodor, Aaron Kelly, Toby Koth, Laura Pollastrini, Erik Robinson and Lionel Mott.

Absent: None

Present electronically: None

A quorum was established.

In addition, present in-person were Village Manager Jay Hedges, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, and Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Wray, Finance Director Lori Lyons, and Police Chief Doug Pann. Also, present electronically: Tim Paulson from EEI.

President Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Koth moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022, with the changes as stated.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson and Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Mott

A Motion to Approve the Appointment of Robert Benedetto as a Part-Time Police Officer

Trustee Koth moved to appoint Robert Benedetto as a Part-Time Police Officer.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, and Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

President Reid read Officer Benedetto's biography.

Clerk Vasquez sworn in Officer Benedetto. Officer Benedetto introduced his family and expressed his enthusiasm for moving his career to Hampshire.

A Motion to Approve the Use of the Consent Agenda for the Items Listed as 9(a)-(f)

Trustee Pollastrini moved to approve the use of the consent agenda for the items listed as 9(a)-(f).

Seconded by Trustee Fodor

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson and Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Trustee Pollastrini moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. A Resolution 22-14: Approving the 2022 Administration Report for Special Service Area #13, including the Amended Special Tax Roll for Calendar Year 2022 (For Taxes to be Collected in 2023)
- b. A Resolution 22-15: Approving the 2022 Administration Report for Special Service Area No. 14, including the Amended Special Tax Roll for Calendar Year 2022 (For Taxes to be Collected in 2023)
- c. An Ordinance 22-32: Abating Special Taxes Levied for the 2022 Tax Year (Collectable in 2023) to Pay Debt Service on the Special Service Area Bonds Issued for Special Service Area #13
- d. An Ordinance 22-33: Abating Special Taxes Levied for the 2022 Tax Year (Collectable In 2023) to Pay Debt Service on the Special Service Area Bonds Issued for Special Service Area #14
- e. An Ordinance 22-34: Abating Taxes Levied for the 2022 Tax Year (Collectable in 2023) to Pay Debt Service on the Issuance of up to \$2,750,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012
- f. An Ordinance 22-35: Abating Taxes Levied for the 2022 Tax Year (Collectable in 2023) to Pay Debt Service on the \$1,175,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 (Previously Designated as "Series 2015")

Seconded by Trustee Fodor

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson and Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

A Ordinance Amending the Liquor Regulations to Create a New Classification of Liquor License for Video Gaming Cafes

Tatjana Rigoni described her plans for a video gaming café to be located at 129 S State Street. She presented the floor plan concept and She also noted that this type of gaming establishment usually brings more revenue to the Village than any other type of gaming establishment like a bar or truck stop and that her projections show her proposed establishment generating \$12,500 to the Village in the first year, \$15,000 in the second, and \$22,500 in the third.

Trustee Pollastrini expressed that she does not support video gaming and especially downtown. She mentioned that she posted a general question about gaming in the Hampshire Community Network Facebook group, and it showed 108 comments against and 2 in favor. There were questions and discussion about the usefulness of Facebook comments. President Reid noted that an official Village survey using a survey tool would have been more accurate as far as understanding demographic data of the responders.

Trustee Robinson said he was fine with this establishment now that he has seen the plans.

Trustee Kelly discussed this topic with several people in Hampshire, and they generally did not want this type of business downtown. He also noted that a video gaming café could also apply for a regular bar license as the regulations stand today.

Discussion ensued for approximately 30 minutes regarding the future character of downtown and the merits of video gaming cafes.

Trustee Robinson moved to approve Ordinance 22-36: Amending the liquor regulations to create a new classification of Liquor License for Video Gaming Cafes.

Seconded by Trustee Koth
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Robinson, and Kelly
Nays: Fodor, Pollastrini
Absent: None

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision for Hampshire Grove Subdivision – Lot 2, together with Final Plans for Proposed Development thereof (Old Dominion Site)

Trustee Robinson moved to approve Resolution 22-16: Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision for Hampshire Grove Subdivision – Lot 2, together with Final Plans for Proposed Development thereof.

Seconded by Trustee Mott
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Fodor, Koth, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements in and related to the Prairie Ridge Development - Neighborhood "O"

Trustee Pollastrini moved to approve Resolution 22-17: Accepting certain public improvements in and related to the Prairie Ridge Development- Neighborhood "O".

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, Fodor, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements and Releasing a Subdivision Bond Posted for Said Improvements in the Tuscany Woods Subdivision – Unit 1

Trustee Koth moved to approve Resolution 22-18: Accepting certain public improvements and releasing a subdivision bond posted for said Improvements in the Tuscany Woods Subdivision – Unit 1.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Fodor, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Resolution Accepting Dedication of an Extension of the Right-Of-Way of Ryan Drive

Trustee Robinson moved to approve Resolution 22-19: Accepting dedication of an extension of the Right-Of-Way of Ryan Drive

Seconded by Trustee Fodor
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, Fodor, and Kelly

Nays: None
Absent: None

A Motion to Approve the Release of Impact Fees to the Hampshire Fire Protection District

Trustee Koth moved to approve the release of impact fees to the Hampshire Fire Protection District.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, Fodor, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Motion to Approve Payment 3 for Work Completed Outside of the Contract on the Streetscape Project to Alliance Contractors Inc. in the Amount of \$10,980.90 (totaling \$142,480.84 to date in payments for work outside of the contract

Mr. Hedges reported all the improvements are complete and that we are just waiting for a new controller for the streetlights.

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Seconded by Trustee Mott
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, Fodor, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Presentation on Special Service Area Levy and Maintenance

Ms. Lyons presented the proposed maintenance SSA levies for tax year 2022 and the associated work planned for the stormwater management areas. There were questions and discussion concerning the proposed levies.

Trustee Koth also noted the Public Works staff have been getting certificates so eventually they will be able to do most of the maintenance work instead of contracting out, which will help lower ongoing maintenance costs.

There was also some discussion of disbanding SSAs and moving the primary funding responsibility for this work to the Village's general funds.

A Status Report of My Hampshire App

Mr. Wray reported we have 660 downloads and 60 entries for the snowplow naming contest. There have been seven reported issues (e.g., street light outage), which went directly to the current department head and were resolved in hours.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Street Report

No questions from the board

Building Report

No questions from the board

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A Motion to Approve the December 1, 2022 Regular Accounts Payable

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the accounts payable in the sum of \$227,360.20 to be paid on or before December 7, 2022.

Seconded by Trustee Kelly
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Fodor, and Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION REPORTS

- a) Business Development Commission – Trustee Kelly announced there will be a BDC meeting December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.
- b) Public Relations – Trustee Fodor announced the PR Committee's next meeting will be December 8 at 6 p.m. at Village Hall.
- c) Public Works – Trustee Koth reported the department has been busy getting ready for the winter, trimming trees, making storm drain repairs, etc.
- d) Budget Committee – No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Kelly asked for the Village Board to take some time to discuss the future of downtown development including what types of businesses it does and does not want. Mr. Hedges suggested that could also be a topic of discussion at the next BDC meeting.

President Reid announced GovHR has received 32 applications for the permanent chief of police position, and 14 of them were best qualified. Before the next Village Board meeting, there will be a special meeting at 6 p.m. for executive session for the Board to consider the applicants, and the regular meeting will then start at 7 p.m.

President Reid received a letter from Scouts, BSA Troop 46; the following Scouts have completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout:

Devin Yeats
Aiden Best
Ryan Arndt
James O'Hara

Everyone congratulated them.

The holiday parade is December 10.

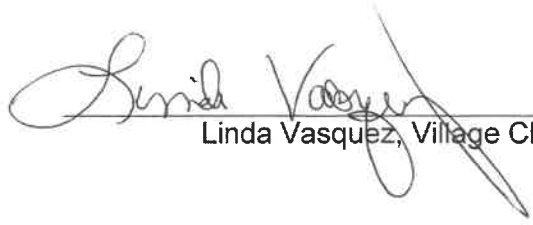
Hampshire Social will open December 10 for the Holidays on State.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Robinson moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Fodor
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Pollastrini, Mott, Kelly and Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: None



Linda Vasquez, Village Clerk