BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Mohr called the roll, Colravy, Harpst, Preston, Oliger & Metzger are all physically present. Additionally, Sean Widener-Village President, Chief Metzler, Carole Tempel-Village Treasurer, Joe Chamley-Village Attorney, Patrick Brown-Village Administrator and Dawn Mohr-Village Clerk are also in attendance. Trustee Jason Tompkins attempted to connect remotely but was unable to do so. Dan Waldinger-Parks & Recreation Director also attempted to connect remotely and was not successful.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board welcomes your input on any matter during the public forum portion of the meeting. If you would like to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting, please attend in person at Village Administration Building or email your comments or questions to us at dawnmohr@mahomet-il.gov, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 21, 2023. Any comments and questions received will be read during the public comment portion of the meeting. Public comment is accepted for a maximum of 30 minutes at each meeting. There is a five (5) minute time limit for your remarks. The Board reserves the right to shorten the five-minute time limit if there are many commenters. Please be aware that the Public Body is not required to respond to your remarks during their meeting. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT PERMITTED VIA VIDEO OR AUDIO.-NO PUBLIC COMMENT PRESENTED TO THE CLERK.

5. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS:**

   A. **TRANSPORTATION**:

      1. A Resolution declaring certain Village property as surplus and authorizing its disposal. Brown stated that this resolution will allow Eric Crowley-Transportation Director to sell and dispose of machinery that is no longer viable for the Village. He stated that Crowley already has a buyer for some of the equipment. Widener asked if there were any questions or comments from the Trustees-None was presented. Widener called for a motion-Colravy moved, Oliger seconded. Mohr called the Roll-ALL VOTES "YES" 5-0. Tompkins was absent.

B. PARKS & RECREATION:

1. A Resolution authorizing the award of the construction of the Middletown Park Tennis Court Project to Petry Kuhn Company for the base bid amount of $694,200.00. – Waldinger was unable to connect remotely therefore Widener explained the bid and how it was determined to select the Petry-Kuhn bid. Stated that the base bid is what the Village has accepted with an option to move forward with the alternative bids for lighting and striping. He stated that Waldinger is in direct communication with the lighting company to see if there is a less expensive way to fulfill the project's need. Metzger asked for clarification on the dollar amount the Grant that was secured for the project. Brown answered hat it was $725,000. Metzger questioned how many courts would be painted for "pickle ball" Brown responded that it would be 3 out of the 6 courts. Metzger stated that he knows there are people in the community that do not want pickle ball striping on the tennis courts and questioned whether the school has agreed on the striping for pickle ball. Widener stated the Waldinger and the Athletic Director for the school have been in close communication about the project and it is not yet decided that pickle ball will be done on these courts. Widener also stated that the grant for the project was funded earlier today so there is no risk for the Village with this project. Metzger asked if the bid included the parking lot across the street from the tennis courts. Brown answered that the parking lot was a different project that Ellen would be working on. Widener stated that he is very proud of all the hard work that Waldinger and Staff has done to bring this project to life. Widener asked if there were any additional questions or comments. None were presented. Widener called for a motion-Harpst moved and Metzger seconded. Mohr called the Roll-ALL VOTES YES 5-0.

C. POLICE:

1. An Ordinance authorizing impoundment of motor vehicles uses in commission of certain offense. Metzler explained that there are certain instances that take up a lot of an officer's time. That this ordinance would help the department recoup some of the cost. Preston asked what types of offenses the impoundment ordinance would be used. Metzler answered that DUI, Suspension of a registration and suspension of a license would be the most common. Preston questioned where the fines be collected, Metzler answered that they haven't ironed out all the administration procedures but he is working with Tempel for an online option. Preston stated she had concerns over the fines being collected at the Admin building and asked if the Police department would be the best location. Metzler stated again that hasn't been fully resolved but hoping an online payment option would be in place where the offender could make the payment and produce a receipt at the impoundment facility to retrieve their vehicle. Harpst asked if the offender had to appear in person. Metzger stated that they did not to pick up. Preston asked if there would be a hearing and whom would host the hearing. Chamley answered that the statute required a licensed attorney to oversee the hearing. That the offender would be required to be in person. Preston asked the what if scenario-the vehicle owner is not the offender-how would that be handled. Metzler answered that would be part of the investigation and handled individually. Widener asked f there were any further questions-none were presented. Widener called for a motion, Preston moved and Colravy seconded. Mohr called the roll-ALL VOTES YES 5-0.

D. FINANCE:

1. Bill List:Tempel explained the bills and highlighted the police pension fund payment would be paid in the amount of $535,941. She also stated that the first lease payment for the new truck at Parks & Rec was made. Widener asked if there were any questions or comments – none were presented. Widener called for a motion – Harpst moved and Metzger seconded. Mohr called the Roll – ALL VOTES YES 5-0.

2. Treasurer's Report – Tempel went through report highlighting several items i.e. an increase in bank interest. She also stated that the police pension fund payment would be paid in the amount of $535,941. She also stated that she is waiting for clarification from the County Clerk's office as to the TIF pass throughs. She has received the payment, however it is incorrect. Stated that she is communicating with the county executive's office to obtain the correct information. Harpst spoke up and questioned why the Village hasn't taken the next steps and issued a FOIA for the correct information. Tempel explained that she is willing to work with the Clerk's office to resolve the issue and Harpst stated we are beyond being nice. Escalate the process of receiving the proper reports. Brown stated that the Village could submit a FOIA and Harpst and Widener stated we should move forward with that option and then if the FOIA is ignored to send it to Chamley and let him make the necessary argument with the attorney generals office. Tempel stated she would issue a FOIA. Widener asked if there was any further questions or comments. None were presented-Widener called for a motion, Colravy moved and Metzger seconded. Mohr called the roll - ALL VOTES YES. 5-0.

6. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

A. Departmental Reports

1. Police: Metzler stated that he is working on a new format for the report and should hopefully have it completed next month. Widener stated that the news gazette had a great article about license plate readers.

2. Parks & Recreation: Widener stated once again that he is very proud of Waldinger and his staff for going thru with all the paperwork required to secure the grant for Middletown Park.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. February 2023 Board Meeting Calendar

1. Board of Trustees Meeting – February 28, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Metzger asked about the referendum ballot question and why we only had one question as opposed to splitting the question into multiple parts. Widener explained that staff researched and spoke with other municipalities and they told staff to keep it simple. To ask one question and then evaluate the results of the vote. Narrow it down to what the reasoning was behind the potential failure in the ballot box. Widener added that the website with information for the public should go live in a matter of days. That the staff worked very hard at addressing potential questions the public may have about the project.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Widener asked if there were any more questions, comments or new business from the board. None was presented. Widener called for a motion, Preston moved and Harpst seconded. Mohr called the roll – ALL VOTES YES 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Approved as presented 2/28/23