



# Village of Maple Park

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Approved by the Board of Trustees  
June 6, 2023

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023  
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER  
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Village President Suzanne Fahnestock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Village President Fahnestock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Village Clerk Caryn Minor called the roll call and the following Board members were present: Village President Suzanne Fahnestock, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee Hillary Joy, Trustee JT Peloso and Trustee Chris Speare. Absent: Trustee Simon and Trustee Jen Ward.

Also present: Police Chief Dave Krull, Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge, David Eterno and Village Clerk Caryn Minor.

Members of the public present are found on the meeting sign in sheet.

President Fahnestock confirmed a quorum was established.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the guidelines set forth in the “Rules for Public Comments at Public Meetings” handout. Please complete a speaker request form and submit it to the Village Clerk. You may also send an e-mail to [villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com](mailto:villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com) in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Time Limit: 5 minutes per speaker.*

None

**5. REVIEW GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

*Trustee Ward arrived at 7:01 p.m.*

President Fahnestock gave a quick background on why this ordinance is on the agenda for review. She recognized that Chief Krull has received some concerns from residents. Chief Krull elaborated explaining the inquiries mostly were concerns about the popular side by side utility task vehicles (UTVs). He reported the UTVs are larger in size, weight and run at higher speeds. Chief Krull noted the UTV's do not fit into the current golf cart ordinance restrictions.

President Fahnestock confirmed the users of these side-by-sides have not broken the law. Chief Krull added they are primarily used for families because of their size. Discussion ensued. The Trustees agreed to modify the ordinance to include and allow the side-by-sides.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the golf cart stickers and the Village's requirement for residents to obtain a yearly sticker. The safety inspections, liability confirmations and yearly renewals were discussed and consensus was obtained to modify the ordinance requirement for safety inspections to be done every 3 years after the initial inspection and for golf cart users to submit a copy of their insurance yearly when obtaining their golf cart sticker at the Village Office.

**Item 5 will move before the Board in June for approval.**

**6. AMEND CANNABIS ORDINANCE TITLE 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 7, CANNABIS OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE TO INCLUDE POSSESSION (FOR ANYONE WHO IS YOUNGER THAN 21 YEARS OLD) AND POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA move forward June board**

President Fahnestock reported Village Attorney Buick's office had reviewed and amended the cannabis ordinance Title 6, police regulations, chapter 7, cannabis of the Maple Park Village Code to include possession (for anyone who is younger than 21 years old) and possession of drug paraphernalia. No questions heard item 6. will move before the Board in June for approval.

**7. AMEND ORDINANCE TITLE 6, POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 3 GENERAL OFFENSES, OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE TO INCLUDE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINORS**

President Fahnestock reported Village Attorney Buick's office had reviewed and amended ordinance Title 6, Police regulations, chapter 3 general offenses, of the Maple Park Village code to include possession of alcohol by minors. No questions heard in item 7 will move before the Board in June for approval.

**8. ADJUDICATION**

President Fahnestock informally introduced David Eterno an Administrative Hearing Officer to the Trustees.

David Eterno addressed the Board. Eterno stated he was married with two college age children and had been hearing cases since 1996. He gave a detailed history of his career which had transitioned to a hearing officer in Chicago hearing building code cases until the state legalized cities to have their own courts in 1998. He reported he has served 20 other municipalities and has been presiding in Genoa since 2010. Eterno gave a brief description of the types of matters he typically handles at these hearings and spoke of the importance of the Village's record keeping practices.

Mr. Eterno discussed the Village's advantages using the hearings to keep respondents in compliance. He discussed his theory pertaining to violations with minors and that a monetary penalty wasn't always the best course. Eterno preferred said minors be assigned community service and then dismissal after they had satisfied their commitment and completed the community service.

Mr. Eterno acknowledged his goal is to help Maple Park develop and support a good system. He reviewed his fee and the amount of time he would be designating to Maple Park's

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adjudication. Discussion ensued. The Trustees questioned the benefit of the adjudication process and its advantages. A consensus was reached to review the current ordinances prior to voting on the adjudication process.

President Fahnestock confirmed that everything under item 8 would be put on hold until after the ordinances were reviewed, modified and agreed upon. President Fahnestock acknowledged the discussion would continue after the review and modification of the ordinances were complete.

- Introduction of Administrative Hearing Officer David Eterno
- Independent Contractor Agreement between David Eterno and Village of Maple Park, IL
- Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Maple Park and the City of Genoa
- Ordinance to add Administrative Adjudication Chapter to the Village Code (Title 6, Chapter 8)

### **9. REVIEW LINTECH WORK ORDER – STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING MAIN ST., CENTER ST., AND TELEVISION IMPROVEMENTS FOR A LUMP SUM FEE OF \$25,000**

No questions heard item 9. will move before the Board in June for approval.

### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)**

President Fahnestock requested a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body of against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity

**Motion by Trustee Speare with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ward to move to Executive Session to discuss Employment / Appointment Matters under 5ILCS 120/(C)(1). On a roll call vote Trustee Ward, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Joy, Trustee Peloso and Trustee Speare, voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Simon**

Village Clerk Caryn Minor called the roll call and the following Board members were present: Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee Hillary Joy, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Chris Simon and Trustee Jen Ward.

Also present: Village President Fahnestock, Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge and Village Clerk Caryn Minor.

*Moved into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.*

## **12. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Return to Regular Session Time: 8:35 p.m.*

President Fahnestock acknowledged the meeting had gone back into open session and the open meeting would continue.

Village Clerk Caryn Minor confirmed by roll call all members were present.

### **A. Approving the hiring for the Public Works Maintenance Worker Position**

President Fahnestock requested a motion to approve the hiring of Scot Johnson for the public works maintenance position.

**Motion by Trustee Speare with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Groezinger to approve the hiring of Scot Johnson for the public works maintenance worker position. On a roll call vote Trustee Joy, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, and Trustee Groezinger voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Simon**

### **B. Approving Paul Johnson as an additional help for public works when Lou Larson is on vacation**

**Motion by Trustee Speare with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peloso to approve Paul Johnson as an additional help for public works when Lou Larson is on vacation. On a roll call vote Trustee Peloso, Trustee Speare, Trustee Ward, Trustee Groezinger and Trustee Joy, voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Simon**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Groezinger Motion was carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Caryn Minor, Village Clerk