



# Village of Maple Park

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Approved by the Village of Maple  
Park Board of Trustees on 3/1/2016.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 AT 7 P.M. MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER 302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Village President Kathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Board members were present: Village President Kathy Curtis, Trustee Chris Higgins, Trustee Kristine Dalton, Trustee JP Dries and Trustee Terry Borg. Absent: Trustee Luke Goucher and Trustee Valerie Massa.

Others present: Public Works Director Mike Miller, Village Accountant Cheryl Aldridge, Police Chief Mike Acosta, Village Attorney Kevin Buick and Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

### **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.**

Dennis Lexa, Honest Automotive said that Tony Ayala is a great officer and will be great for the town. He added that Tony already knows most people in town and is very well liked by the residents and the business owners.

Colleen MacRunnels expressed her support for Sgt. Ayala. President Curtis advised that Mr. and Mrs. MacRunnels run the fundraising efforts for Special Olympics. Mrs. MacRunnels advised that Maple Park took second place in the state this year in fundraising.

### **5. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA / ADDITIONS-DELETIONS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board member, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda. Prior to a vote on the

Consent Agenda, members of the public may request that a Trustee have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

**a) Approval of Board Minutes**

- Board Meeting – January 5, 2016

**b) Receive and File**

- Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2015
- Water Report for December 2015

**c) Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2015**

**d) Approval of Bills Payable and Manual Check Register #740**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$33,721.93
MANUAL CHECKS:	4,706.40
TOTAL:	<u>\$38,428.33</u>

Trustee Borg made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

There were no questions on the financial report.

**7. LEGAL REPORT**

Mr. Buick advised that there is a new judge for traffic court. He also tendered to the Village Clerk his certificate of completion for the Open Meetings Act training. Mr. Buick said that the mission of the Public Access Counselor is education, adding that this year's training was geared more toward common sense.

Mr. Buick said that he would be more than happy to do a seminar on the Open Meetings Act at his office.

Mr. Buick advised that elected officials only need to take the training once in their term. Trustee Borg asked if the term is four years or for the entire time they are an elected official. Mr. Buick said that term is not defined, but the thought is that you only need to take it once.

**8. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Mike Acosta said that next week is the kickoff for Special Olympics. He added that staff is still painting the drop-in center.

## **9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Director Mike Miller advised that Bob O'Connor had a minor stroke. President Curtis advised that Mr. O'Connor holds the licenses for the water system and the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Miller advised that they do have a plan in place in case Mr. O'Connor cannot work for a period of time.

Trustee Borg asked when the next round of testing would be. Mr. Miller advised that they have it covered, adding that Mr. O'Connor didn't do much testing. Ken Thorgesen does the testing for the village.

## **10. ENGINEERING REPORT**

No Report.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Personnel & Communications – JP Dries, Chair

No report.

- Finance & Public Relations & Development – Terry Borg, Chair

Trustee Borg advised that the committee did not meeting in January, but will meet on February 16, 2016 to discuss the budget.

- Infrastructure – Luke Goucher, Chair

No report.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

### **MOTIONS**

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK, PLOW, AND LIGHT BAR, IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$43,800.**

Trustee Dries made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck, plow, and light bar, in the not to exceed amount of \$43,800, seconded by Trustee Borg. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Dries, Dalton, Higgins Borg. Nay: None. Absent: Goucher and Massa. (4-0-2)

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- **RESOLUTION 2016-01 ACCEPTANCE OF HERITAGE HILLS SUBDIVISION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PHASE I, PHASE II, AND PHASE III OF HERITAGE HILLS ESTATES SUBDIVISION FROM MOHAMMED E. AKRABAWI AND SHIRLEY AKRABAWI**

Trustee Higgins made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01 “Authorizing the Acceptance of Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III of Heritage Hills Estates Subdivision from Mohammed E. Akrabawi and Shirley Akrabawi,” seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Dalton, Higgins, Borg, Dries. Nay: None. Absent: Goucher and Massa. (4-0-2)

**ORDINANCES**

- **NONE**

**MOTIONS**

- **MOTION TO CONSIDER CLOSING OUT THE ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR HERITAGE HILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,679.85.**

Trustee Dries made a motion to close out the escrow account for Heritage Hills in the amount of \$7,679.85, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Higgins, Borg, Dries, Dalton. Nay: None. Absent: Goucher and Massa. (4-0-2)

**14. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Curtis advised that she attended the DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission. She also advised that there will be public hearings to change zoning in DeKalb County. She added that this would be a good tool if it is well defined.

Trustee Borg asked what type of businesses would be going in. President Curtis advised that it should be more agri-business related.

Mr. Buick said that he thinks that the County will be encouraging farm implement dealers and agri-business. He added that he thinks there will be resistance to residential. Mr. Buick suggested that anyone that has strong feelings one way or another should go to the public hearings and voice their opinion, or send in a letter.

President Curtis advised that previously DeKalb County has lost businesses to other counties because of the zoning constraints.

Trustee Borg said that he would be opposed to it if it pits the village against the county in business ventures.



Mr. Buick said that in the past, the county had pushed businesses and residents to annex because they did not want to provide services, but that may be changing.

## **15. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Borg thanked the Special Olympics people for all the work.

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Employment / Appointment Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

*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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.*

Trustee Dries made a motion to go into closed 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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, seconded by Trustee Borg. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Borg, Dries, Dalton, Higgins. Nay: None. Absent: Goucher and Massa. (4-0-2)

Meeting closed to the public at 7:27 p.m.

Meeting opened to the public at 7:54 p.m.

## **17. MATTERS REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

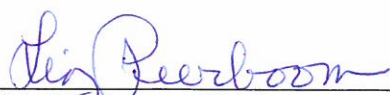
- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF A NEW POLICE CHIEF**

Trustee Dalton made a motion to approve the hiring of Tony Ayala as the new Police Chief, seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Dries, Dalton, Higgins, Borg. Nay: None. Absent: Goucher and Massa. (4-0-2)

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Borg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Liz Peerboom, CMC  
Village Clerk