

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STREAMWOOD
PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON JANUARY 8, 2013 AT HOOSIER GROVE
BARN, 700 W. IRVING PARK ROAD,
STREAMWOOD, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Brogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Wright, Armstrong, Keating and Janiec, along with staff members Executive Director Dennis Stein, Superintendent of Business & HR Jennifer Hermonson, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Keith Gorczyca, and Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Reckamp.

All those answering "present" were physically present at the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Guests in attendance were Streamwood High School students (along with some parents) and Village Trustee James Cecille.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wright moved approval of the agenda as presented and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Keating – Aye
Commissioner Armstrong – Aye

Commissioner Wright – Aye
President Brogan – Aye

Commissioner Janiec – Aye

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

A. November 2012 Financial Statements

Commissioner Keating commented on the positives of participating in IPDLAF.

B. Monthly Expenditures/Payrolls

There were no comments or questions.

C. Tax Abatement Ordinance #2013-1-1-O

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Ordinance 2013-1-1-O: Tax Abatement Ordinance and Commissioner Keating seconded the motion. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Keating – Aye
Commissioner Armstrong – Aye

Commissioner Wright – Aye
President Brogan – Aye

Commissioner Janiec – Aye

Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT (continued)

D. Tax Abatement Ordinance #2013-1-2-O

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Ordinance 2013-1-1-O: Tax Abatement Ordinance and Commissioner Keating seconded the motion. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Keating – Aye	Commissioner Wright – Aye	Commissioner Janiec – Aye
Commissioner Armstrong – Aye	President Brogan – Aye	

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 11, 2012;
- B. November Financial Statement;
- C. December 31, 2012 expenditures, including P-card expenses, IMRF payment and December 14, 2012 and December 28, 2012 payrolls and payrolls taxes totaling \$412,988.08;
- D. Principal & Interest – Park Bond - Series 2003 – in the amount of 79,789.00 paid on December 1, 2012;
- E. Principal & Interest – G.O. Refunding Bond – Series 2009C – in the amount of \$199,250.00 paid on December 1, 2012;
- F. Principal & Interest – Limited Tax Bond – Series 2010B – in the amount of \$1,091,125.00 paid on December 1, 2012;
- G. Principal & Interest – G.O. Refunding Bond – Series 2010C – in the amount of \$518,012.50 paid on December 1, 2012;
- H. Principal & Interest – Limited Tax Bond – Series 2011B – for \$132,043.75 paid on December 1, 2012.

Commissioner Wright moved approval of the consent agenda as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Keating. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Keating – Aye	Commissioner Wright – Aye	Commissioner Janiec – Aye
Commissioner Armstrong – Aye	President Brogan – Aye	

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- A. Superintendent of Business Services & HR Jen Hermonson stated that Louisa Walsh was hired on full-time as the HR Generalist.
- B. Superintendent of Business Services & HR Jen Hermonson stated that the Business Department was down to two (2) finalists for the Marketing Coordinator position for the Streamwood Park District.
- C. Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Reckamp updated the Board on the open Recreation Manager position stating that they are down to four (4) finalists.
- D. Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Reckamp updated the Board on the status of the Health & Fitness Manager Jessie Scott stating she is now on maternity leave.
- E. Executive Director Dennis Stein stated that staff are now starting to work on budgets for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brogan stated that he enjoyed his time down in Florida, as he just returned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion regarding Commissioner Roles in Political Activities – Tabled at the November 13, 2012 meeting, this agenda item was requested by a majority of the Board. Discussion expected relative to Ethics Ordinance #2012-6-2-O (passed 6/26/2012) and commissioner compliance.

Discussion:

President Brogan turned this over to Commissioner Wright for discussion. Commissioner Wright went over the memorandum from the District's Attorney [Rob Bush] dated 10/22/2012 about political activity.

Commissioner Keating added the District passed Ethics Ordinance 2012-6-2-O on June 26, 2012. Under Section 14, it directs the board to appoint an Ethics Advisor relative to the ordinance. Commissioner Keating made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wright as the Ethics Advisor for the Board/Commissioner concerns, not staff related issues.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong.

A roll call vote was not taken at this point, as Commissioner Janiec stated that he felt the ordinance was directed at him and wanted to make a statement to clarify what he was doing at the "alleged" event. Commissioner Janiec stated he was collecting signatures for the spelling bee and he did nothing wrong.

Commissioner Keating stated point of order, as Commissioner Keating just wanted to make a motion relative to the ethics ordinance by appointing an Ethics Advisor.

President Brogan reiterated that Commissioner Keating made a motion to appoint an Ethics Advisor and nothing more. President Brogan asked if there was any more discussion relative to the appointment of an Ethics Advisor.

Commissioner Janiec stated that he did not have any comments about the appointment of an Ethics Advisor because he categorically denies doing anything wrong.

Vote on motion:

Commissioner Keating – Aye

Commissioner Wright – Aye

Commissioner Janiec – Nay

Commissioner Armstrong – Aye

President Brogan – Aye

Motion carried.

Discussion:

Commissioner Armstrong wanted to know the specific situation, as the "alleged" incident happened in October at an event that she did not attend.

President Brogan stated that two people saw petitions with Commissioner Janiec on October 6, 2012 at a District sponsored event: Pumpkinfest. President Brogan stated Commissioner Janiec has yet to come forward and explain and/or apologized for what happened during the alleged incident.

Commissioner Janiec stated he would not apologize, as it would be an admission of guilt. Commissioner Janiec also wanted to know who saw this and wanted them to come forward.

President Brogan stated that multiple people, including the District's attorney have tried to contact Commissioner Janiec to sort out the situation.

Commissioner Janiec stated he felt the nature of the phone calls was not pleasant and Commissioner Janiec felt harassed and did not want to return the phone calls.

President Brogan stated this is not a court room/court of law; the topic was to appoint an Ethics Advisor to look into the situation. President Brogan stated Commissioner Wright is in charge of researching the incident and should bring it to the Board.

Commissioner Janiec asked if we could bring past events in front of the Board/ethics advisor.

President Brogan stated that we were discussing the issue at hand and bringing up other issues at this time would be avoiding the current issue.

Commissioner Janiec stated that at the Easter Egg hunt four (4) years ago that President Brogan, who was not an elected official at the time was campaigning with Easter eggs, was promoting himself at a District event.

President Brogan stated that he was not a Park Board Commissioner at the time, nor had he been part of a Board who passed an Ethics Ordinance as in this specific case. In addition, when it was pointed out to then candidate Brogan that such an activity was ill-advised he apologized and stopped handing out Easter eggs. President Brogan then told Commissioner Janiec that bringing up an issue four (4) years ago is just trying to avoid the current issue at hand.

President Brogan also commented that Commissioner Janiec is a current Park Board elected official and part of the Board that passed the Ethics Ordinance in June. President Brogan also stated that it is poor judgment for Commissioner Janiec to utilize a District event for political activity or enable anyone that was working with him to utilize the District for political activity.

Commissioner Armstrong stated she would like further clarification on the "allegations" and clarification on the Board's next steps.

President Brogan stated that Commissioner Wright, as the Ethics Advisor should take over the investigation.

Commissioner Keating stated that there is an allegation of Commissioner Janiec violating the ordinance. The Board should look at the attorney's opinion. Commissioner Keating stated we do not need to do anything now; it would be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that this is a hard issue to talk about; however, she is proud that they are willing to bring it up and discuss hard things in the Board meeting, as we should be able to do this when these issues arise.

Commissioner Keating stated that the Board can call and talk to the District's attorney, Rob Bush and if there are specific questions the Board wants to ask him, a Board member can call and get his opinion. Commissioner Keating, in this particular instance, stated that the Board should contact Rob Bush and get his advice on where to go from here.

President Brogan agreed with Commissioner Keating and stated that the Board should all have a copy of the

memorandum and review it. President Brogan also reiterated that Commissioner Wright should take over the investigation and present his findings at a future meeting.

Commissioner Armstrong stated she was concerned that the Board would keep pushing this issue off and it would never be addressed.

President Brogan stated that Commissioner Wright should have some time to investigate and bring it to the Board possibly at the next Board meeting [January 22, 2013].

The discussion ended.

NEW BUSINESS

President Brogan asked the Board if there was any new business and the Board stated that there was none.

Village Trustee James Cecille, in the audience, began waving his arms while raising his voice, demanding to be heard regarding the previous topic, the District's Ethic Ordinance. President Brogan made a point of order stating that this was not the proper time to discuss this, as opportunities for topics from the floor had passed. Village Trustee Cecille continued to speak in a raised voice as the Park Board attempted to continue business. Commissioners Keating and Wright reiterated President Brogan's point of order, asking Village Trustee Cecille to respect the business of the board.

President Brogan again asked if there was any new business.

Village Trustee James Cecille stated he had new business. He wanted to know if we had any training on the Ethics Ordinance and loudly criticized the Board relative to its Ethics Ordinance discussion.

President Brogan reiterated his point of order stating that this was not the proper time, as opportunities for topics from the floor had already passed. Village Trustee Cecille then made a disparaging comment about the "small Park District board". President Brogan commented to Village Trustee Cecille that this was inappropriate, unprofessional and disrespectful behavior from a local elected official with over 25 years of experience – that such outbursts would not be tolerated in Village board meetings and would likewise not be tolerated at Park board meetings.

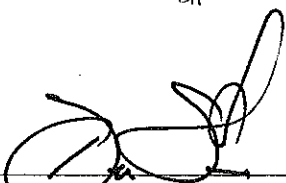
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Keating moved to adjourn; Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Vote on the motion was all ayes.

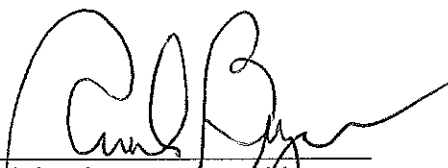
Motion carried.

Approved: February ²⁶~~12~~, 2013
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Signed:


Dennis Stein, Assistant Secretary

Attest:


Richard Brogan, President