

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD**

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL  
JANUARY 25, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Kovarik called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Other Officials in Attendance**

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Assistant Village Administrator/Community Development Director; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Scott Drabicki, Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Tom Rigwood, Director of Public Works; Fred Friedl, Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, Police Chief; Willie Meyer Deputy Police Chief; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director, Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT: 6- Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood, Wilson, Ross, Garner**  
**ABSENT: 0- None**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Kovarik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jerry Kolar**  
**3641 Highland**  
**Gurnee, IL**

Mr. Kolar said he would like to address the Board tonight but will wait for the second Public Comment session at the end of tonight's meeting.

**B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood, Wilson, Ross, Garner**  
**NAY: 0- None**  
**ABSENT: 0- None**  
**Motion Carried.**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE**

The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting.
2. Approval of granting a Temporary Class 9 Liquor License to Habitat for Humanity for a fundraising event to be held on February 13, 2016 at the Advocate Health Care Centre Club.
3. Approval of Request for Qualifications for Comprehensive Land Use Plan update.
4. Approval of Payroll for period ending January 9, 2016 in the amount of \$721,141.45.
5. Approval of Payroll Transfer Journal for period ending January 9, 2016 in the amount of \$712,862.87.
6. Approval of Bills for the period ending January 25, 2016 in the amount of \$1,390,844.35.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Balmes to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood, Wilson, Ross, Garner**  
**NAY: 0- None**  
**ABSENT: 0- None**  
**Motion Carried.**

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Approval of a Proclamation designating February 2016 as African American History Month in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Kovarik read proclamation into record.

It was moved by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of a Proclamation designating February 2016 as African American History Month in the Village of Gurnee.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.**

- 2. Presentation of plaques to Dustin Macuiba, Dylan Morris and Ezekiel Thornburgh in honor of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mayor Kovarik asked each to briefly explain their Eagle Scout project:

Mr. Macuiba said he collected 3200 pairs of new and used shoes and sent them to third world countries.

Mr. Morris said he was responsible for the coordination and execution of the Hero's for Freedom memorial ceremony in Wauconda.

Mr. Thornburgh said he built a movable greenhouse for The Chapel in Libertyville so they could extend growing season for the food pantry.

Mayor Kovarik congratulated them and presented each with a plaque recognizing their achievement.

- 3. Confirmation of FY 16/17 Budget Hearing Dates:  
5:00 p.m., March 7, 2016 and;  
7:00 p.m., March 28, 2016 (if needed).

**E. REPORTS**

None.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approval of Ord. 2016-05 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Lake County and the Village of Gurnee for animal care and control services.

Mr. Muetz said in 2008 the Village approved a revised agreement with the Lake County Health Department for animal control services. The County has recently informed us that some of the fees for the services provided have increased. Services include such things as service visits, as well as animal transportation, boarding and removal to name a few. The Police Department has been very satisfied with the services provided by the County and is recommending continuing this relationship.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of Ord. 2016 - 05 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Lake County and the Village of Gurnee for animal care and control services.

**Roll call,**  
**AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood, Wilson, Ross, Garner**  
**NAY: 0- None**  
**ABSENT: 0- None**  
**Motion Carried.**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jerry Kolar**  
**3641 Highland**  
**Gurnee, IL**

Mr. Kolar read a passage from an email he received from Mayor Kovarik regarding the North Shore Water Reclamation District.

He said before a tax can be charged an ordinance must be passed first before annexation can take place and no such ordinance exists according to a FOIA he filed.

Mr. Kolar said he has been taxed **\$1384** so far and he has a list of over 300 others that are being taxed and are not receiving the services.

He said he met with the Assistant to the Village Administrator about this matter.

Attorney Winter said he hasn't worked with Jack regarding this request but he will take a look into it.

Mr. Kolar said the previous Mayor admitted it was an error. He said he is getting no service out of sanitary district and still being taxed. He said something has got to be done.

Mayor Kovarik said she will look into the legalities of the issue by having the Village Attorney look into it.

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**Closing Comments**

None.

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**Adjournment**

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.

**Voice Vote:    ALL AYE:    Motion Carried.**

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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**Andrew Harris,  
Village Clerk**