

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

Call to Order	Mayor Kovarik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Other Officials in Attendance	Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Assistant Village Administrator / Community Development Director / Village Engineer; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, Police Chief; Willie Meyer, Police Commander; Jeremy Gaughan, Police Commander; Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator
Roll Call	PRESENT: 6-Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood ABSENT: 0-None
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Kovarik led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<u>A. PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	Mayor Kovarik thanked the Police Department for all the extra hours they put in providing a safe Black Friday / Holiday shopping weekend. She also commended the Public Works Department for their efforts in keeping the streets safe during the recent snow event.
Elizabeth Hartman Windsor Woods Subdivision Unincorporated Lake County	Mr. Hartman read a prepared statement regarding ethylene oxide. She stated she believes it should be banned in Lake County and then referenced various quotes from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the chemical. She concluded by urging immediate action and requesting a timeline be established to resolve the issue.
Elizabeth Theis 3435 Country Club Gurnee, IL	Ms. Theis read a prepared statement regarding her concerns regarding ethylene oxide, including that she believes the information shared by the EPA is misleading. She also shared some of the conclusions she has come up with based on the research she has conducted. She concluded by discussing the upcoming municipal election and requested that more information be shared and dialogue take place.
Ryan Horath 4487 Sheffield Ct Gurnee, IL	Mr. Horath read a prepared statement regarding Dr. Mary Jane Teta and his belief that the information she has published is misleading and not credible. He stated Medline in Waukegan has retained her services and he finds this very concerning. He provided examples that he felt supports his position on Dr. Teta's work. He concluded by stating that if appropriate action is not taken at the State or Federal level, he will look to local officials to step in and act
Richard Lorsel Pleasant Hills Subdivision Waukegan, IL	Mr. Lorsel stated he lives in the Pleasant Hills subdivision in Waukegan. He stated he has medical issues and he is not sure what may have caused them but he is concerned like others.
Jolanta Pomiotlo 4487 Sheffield Ct Gurnee, IL	Ms. Pomiotlo read a prepared statement regarding her concerns regarding ethylene oxide, including that she has conducted extensive research over the past 24 days and has come to the conclusion that she does not want ethylene oxide used in Lake County. She stated she feels that Medline and Vantage have acted irresponsibly and that the EPA is led by a pro-industry individual and therefore she has little faith any significant action will be taken. She believes the community should err on the side of caution and ban ethylene oxide.
Celeste Flores 3765 University Ave Gurnee, IL	Ms. Flores stated the community needs to take care of the environment like those before us did. She provided information on budget and workforce cuts at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). She requested the Village retain its own air quality firm, that air and groundwater testing take place and that a public meeting with the EPA and IEPA be held.
<u>B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</u>	It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood
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 the minutes from the October 29, 2018 and November 12, 2018 Village Board meetings.
2. Approval of bid award for the fuel purchase to the low bidder, Gas Depot, at a supplier discount price of -\$0.0310 cents per gallon for unleaded gasoline and a supplier mark-up price of \$0.0135 cents per gallon for biodiesel fuel.
3. Approval of Payroll for period ending November 9, 2018 in the amount of \$806,683.75.
4. Approval of Bills for the period ending November 26, 2018 in the amount of \$366,327.24.

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

Roll call,

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

D. PETITIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. REPORTS

None.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 76 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay Debt Service on \$9,995,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 of the Village of Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois (\$1,199,000.00 annual debt service).

Mr. Muetz stated the Village continues to meet this obligation without a property tax. Revenue from the General Fund is transferred to the Bond Fund each year to cover this expense. He stated the Village is down to just one bond issue to abate: Series 2011 bonds relate to the Gurnee Mills Redevelopment project and it will be paid off in December 2022. He also reminded the Board that there is only one payment left related to the Hunt Club Aquatic Center.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of Ord. 2018 - 76 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay Debt Service on \$9,995,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 of the Village of Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois (\$1,199,000.00 annual debt service).

Roll call,

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

2. Approval of Ord. 2018 - 77 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for an emergency water system interconnection between the Village of Gurnee and the City of Waukegan.

Mr. Muetz said the Village of Gurnee's primary source of potable water is the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA). In addition to this water source, the Village has two back-up wells and an emergency connection to the City of Waukegan's water system. Over the years the interconnection,

located in an underground vault at the southwest corner of Sunset and Northwestern Avenues, has proven beneficial to both Gurnee and Waukegan. When Gurnee's primary supply is interrupted by events such as CLCJAWA main breaks or general maintenance, we can start taking water from Waukegan. In the winter when Waukegan starts to experience ice build-up on its Lake Michigan intake, it can take water from Gurnee. This relationship is governed by an intergovernmental agreement which was approved in late-1996 and had a term of 20 year. The expiration of this agreement was only recently discovered and since that time representatives from Gurnee and Waukegan have been working to renegotiate the agreement. Attorneys from both communities have reviewed and provided input as well. Many of the terms and conditions remain unchanged. Highlights of the agreement include:

- 20 year term with option to extend an additional 20 years
- Cost of water for either community is the current CLCJAWA Rate + 10%
- Better definitions related to shared costs/maintenance at the interconnection point between the systems

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Ord. 2018 - 77 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for an emergency water system interconnection between the Village of Gurnee and the City of Waukegan.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Thorstenson, Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

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

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**