

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

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL
JULY 19, 2021**

Call to Order

Mayor Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Other Officials in Attendance

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Jack Linehan, Assistant Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Heather Galan, Public Works Director/Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Jeremy Gaughan, Police Commander; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Ryan Nelson, Assistant Information Systems Director

Roll Call

PRESENT: 5- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
ABSENT: 1- Woodside

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Roll call,

AYE: 5- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 1- Woodside
Motion Carried.

**B. CONSENT
AGENDA /
OMNIBUS VOTE**

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

1. Approval of minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting.
2. Approval of Res. 2021 - 09 establishing certain property of the Village of Gurnee to be surplus (miscellaneous Police Department property).
3. Approval of setting bid date of August 24, 2021 for the HeatherRidge Water Tower Standby Generator installation project.
4. Approval of Bills for the period ending July 19, 2021 in the amount of \$629,867.03.

**Trustee Woodside
Arrived 7:02 PM**

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

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

**C. PETITIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Recognition and congratulations to Gurnee resident Nefeli Papadakis for representing Team USA at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in Judo (Women's 78kg Division).

Mayor Hood stated Nefeli could not be present at the meeting, but he had the opportunity to meet last week and she was an awesome young woman. He stated she is a member of Team USA and will be competing on July 28th (the Village will share how residents can view her competing). Mayor Hood stated she got her start at Gurnee Judo, graduated from Warren Township High School and still lives in the Village today. He encouraged everyone to support her as she competes in judo at the Olympics.

2. Presentation of a Proclamation by State Senator Adriane Johnson recognizing K9 Bear and his service to the community.

State Senator Adriane Johnson read two proclamations into the record. The first Proclamation recognized and thanked K9 Bear for his years of service to Gurnee and the surrounding areas. The second proclamation thanked K9 Bear's handler, Officer Dan Ruth, for his service during the same period. Mayor Hood thanked the Senator for the recognition.

3. Approval of a Proclamation designating August 1 - 7, 2021 as "National Stop on Red Week" in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Hood summarized the Proclamation.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve of a Proclamation designating August 1 - 7, 2021 as "National Stop on Red Week" in the Village of Gurnee.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

D. REPORTS

1. Presentation by Public Works Director / Village Engineer Heather Galan: Preliminary engineering framework for Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) improvements on Route 45 from Washington Street to north of Route 132.

Director Galan reviewed the proposed improvements on US 45 from Washington Street north of Grand Avenue. The improvements include two lanes in each direction, the addition of right and left turn lanes and traffic signal modernization. She stated the Village and State need to coordinate on pedestrian accommodations, utility relocations and landscape medians. Director Galan then reviewed the limits of the roadway improvements, as well as the limits of the pedestrian path modifications. She continued to say that IDOT will remove and replace existing sidewalks/bike paths. The sidewalk on the west side of US 45 between Washington Street and the Goddard School will be widened to ten feet. The cost of any new sidewalk installation is shared with IDOT covering 80% and the municipality covering the remaining 20%. The new sidewalk/ bike path will extend from the Goddard School to the Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve Trail. If the Village does not participate, the new path will not be installed and in the future the Village would be required to cover 100% of the cost. Related to medians, the project calls for grass medians, which is the Village's preferred option. The Village does not anticipate any utility conflicts. Staff is recommending the Village concur with the State's proposed plans and therefore participate for the installation of new sidewalk/bike path to connect to the Rollins Savannah access.

Trustee O'Brien asked for clarification who has jurisdiction of the west side of US 45. Director Galan stated the stretch of US 45 where the sidewalk and medians will be installed is within the Village of Gurnee.

Trustee Thorstenson stated the widening of the pedestrian path is a great benefit to the community.

Trustee Woodside said recent improvements to the accessibility of Rollins Savannah has been excellent.

Trustee Thorstenson asked about improvements to the traffic signal at Dada Drive. Director Galan stated it would be modernized, but she does not have specific detail of what that entails.

Trustee Ross asked when the project will start. Director Galan stated she does not currently have a projected start date.

July 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole

Mayor Hood said that there were no discussion topics on the agenda for the July 26th Committee of the Whole meeting and asked the Trustees if they would like to cancel the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting for July 26, 2021.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

E. OLD BUSINESS

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Engineering Division's recommendation to award the Cemetery Road Communications Tower construction project to the responsive low bidder, TowerMRL, Inc., at a cost of 119,995.00.

Administrator Muetz said included in the FY 21/22 Approved Budget is funding for the construction of a 100' communications tower at the Cemetery Road reservoir. The tower will enhance connectivity between Village facilities and dispatch partners. The tower has been in process for a number of years but higher priorities have resulted in it being cut from the budget. The initial bid of this project resulted in all proposals being rejected as there was confusion on what exactly the Village desired. Some bidders believed the Village already had the communications tower and just needed it installed. Administrator Muetz stated this was not the case, the Village needs a firm to provide the tower and install it. This confusion was clarified and staff reposted bid packet. Four bids were received and opened on Monday, July 12th. TowerMRL was the responsive low bidder at just under \$120,000. The budget included \$110,000 for the project split between the Capital Fund and the Water & Sewer Capital Fund. The \$10,000 shortage will be covered by savings in other line items within these funds.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Engineering Division's recommendation to award the Cemetery Road Communications Tower construction project to the responsive low bidder, TowerMRL, Inc., at a cost of \$119,995.00.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Village Attorney stated that tonight's Executive Session will reference:

5 ILCS 120/2 2 (c) (2) which states: Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Ross to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

Recall to Order

Mayor Hood recalled the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson
ABSENT: 0- None

1. Approval of Ord. 2021 - 49 approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 – Public Works Unit and the Village of Gurnee for the term beginning May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2025.

Executive session item.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 – Public Works Unit and the Village of Gurnee for the term beginning May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2025.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Woodside, Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

Closing Comments None.

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

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**