

**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 12:00 PM

Present:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Lili Lanphear
Renee Stetzer
Dan Keating
Justin Leitgeb

Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

The Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to report.

The Village Clerk explained the noticing of the special meeting.

COVID-19 POLICY

Mayor Plummer explained that the Board had previously received the draft policy in the March packet and that there have been additions and revisions to the CDC guidelines regarding the vaccinated and unvaccinated. Bringing back before the Board to review the additional items. Current policy at Village Hall is that all visitors, vaccinated or unvaccinated, must wear a mask and sign in prior to entry.

Mayor Plummer stated that she spoke with Christian Cassini, employment attorney and discussed mandating that all employees be vaccinated. Board members discussed implications of a vaccination mandate.

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to have the employment attorney Christian Cassini review and revise the COVID-19 policy and to bring an end to the vacation day vaccination incentive.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

The Village Clerk briefly discussed a work-from-home option if necessary as well as the possibility of returning to virtual meetings.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS

The Village Clerk explained that with the uptick of COVID-19 in the area that it may be prudent to shut down the public drinking fountains in the Village.

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Motion by Trustee Stetzer and seconded by Trustee Keating, to disable the public drinking fountains until such a time as deemed appropriate in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

The Village Clerk stated that the Board would need to approve funds so that Doug Yaeger may attend a training conference (re: ice and snow). \$50.00 needed to cover the costs.

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the funding in the amount of \$50.00 for Doug Yaeger to attend the ice and snow training conference.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

CANAL CORP – RE: CLEAR CUTTING

Information regarding the clear-cutting action was previously sent to Board members for review. The Thruway authority is accepting comments from municipalities until September 5. Board members and the Village Attorney discussed the procedure that was taken in regard to the clear-cutting action. The Village Attorney identified one action item as alerting other Village's along the canal that may not be aware that they have LWRP protections, another action item is to employ the PZBA to respond as soon as possible.

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to allow the Mayor and Village Attorney to draft a letter based upon the Town Attorney's letter and to authorize that the letter be sent to the Powers Authority regarding the clear-cutting along the canal.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to enter into Executive Session to discuss an HR matter.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to exit Executive Session.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Mayor Plummer, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Plummer – yes; Lanphear – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion Carries.*

Dorothea Ciccarelli, Recording Secretary