

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:45 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Dan Keating
Lili Lanphear
Renee Stetzer
Justin Leitgeb
Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

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

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Stetzer – yes, Leitgeb - yes. *Motion passed.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

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

BUILDING SECURITY / PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Plummer stated that the meeting was called since some outstanding building and public safety concerns must be addressed. The Board has a public meeting scheduled for this evening, and a course of action is required. The Mayor informed the Board that the Sheriff's office could not have a deputy present in the Village Hall during the meeting. The department has received similar calls and cannot comply with the request. The Sheriff would be happy to post a car in front of the Village Hall for the meeting.

The Village Attorney commented that currently, the Board could hold a virtual meeting until June 14, 2022; this would allow the board time to review what security measures they would want to put in place. The options for this evening's meeting are to hold the meeting as planned. Change meeting to be held virtually with notice to the public and start the meeting 15 minutes later along with signage for the meeting venue change. The Board could also adjourn the meeting till Tuesday to allow more notice to the public on the venue change.

Trustee Keating questioned if there was anything significant that needed to be addressed this evening that could not be put off till next week. The Clerk responded that there is paving scheduled for next week, and the Superintendent is requesting Board approval to proceed with completing.

Trustee Keating stated he was for adjourning the meeting until Tuesday and holding a short virtual meeting tonight for the one item that cannot wait until next week.

Trustee Lanphear commented that she had not discerned a credible threat. Therefore, she is comfortable meeting in person, as noticed publicly. She has no qualms about meeting in the Village Hall.

Trustee Keating stated that we had received a credible threat. He commented that it was a fact.

Trustee Leitgeb appreciated that all this has been brought to his attention and that he entirely agrees with Trustee Lanphear. Everything that was brought to his attention, he does not perceive a credible threat and would want to proceed with plans as scheduled. H also commented that the police do not believe anything was actionable outside of posting a car in front of the Village Hall as they would for any other municipality.

Mayor Plummer clarified how the threat was made; there was nothing from the standpoint that an arrest could be made, but the Sheriff's office is concerned, which is why they are willing to provide a presence at the meeting.

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Trustee Stetzer commented that she is comfortable coming to Village Hall tonight to meet. The most important thing for her is that Mayor Plummer and the Village Attorney are comfortable. As previously discussed, she thought the additional conversation was needed on some safety measures. She will not be available to meet on Tuesday.

Mayor Plummer also felt that the staff had been affected by this behavior. Trustee Keating adds, as well as other Trustees. Mayor Plummer stated that she would be comfortable having a meeting but more comfortable conducting the meeting on Zoom. The village will still be able to conduct business this way and will be able to get what needs to be done.

Mayor Plummer commented that these issues are not unique to our Village. She has spoken to other local Mayors who are considering what measures they need to take. The concern is how to conduct business that is safe for everybody going forward.

A discussion was had on the option of the virtual meeting tonight and a virtual meeting on Tuesday.

Christine Mule, 5 Stone Lane – Questioned the Board about why the situation was being raised. Was there a threat to Village Hall, or does this related to a broader national security issue? Trustee Keating commented that it was both cases.

Trustee Stetzer questioned how is the staff feeling about tonight.

The Clerk commented that this had been a very trying situation. The staff trains for the chance this situation could occur, but this is very concerning. It is very uncomfortable; it is disconcerting. It is silly not to treat any threat as a threat. If you are talking about it, then it is a concern. The Superintendent and Building Inspector are also very concerned for the staff members. The meeting room is open, as it should be in a perfect world. The Board needs time to get estimates to make everything safer, whether for this threat or any threat.

Christine Mule, 5 Stone gate Lane – Commented that she respects the Board’s decision not to share information, but if residents are vulnerable, they have a right to know.

May Plummer commented that when the Board used the term threat, it was not against all residents. It was made against one elected official. There is a general concern for safety, whether it is a Board member, staff member, or the Village residents.

Motion Trustee Keating and Seconded Mayor Plummer to hold a brief meeting virtually tonight to cover the time sensitive topic for the DPW with public notification measures and schedule a full Village Board Meeting for June 14, 2022. **Vote:** Plummer – yes, Lanphear – no, Keating – yes, Stetzer – yes, Leitgeb - no *Motion passed.*

A discussion was had on the steps that needed to be taken for tonight’s meeting and the agenda for the meeting. \

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Keating and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb to adjourn the meeting.

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

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Recording Secretary