



Village of River Hills

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 18, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

This meeting was a virtual meeting through Zoom –
Access code 871-4443-8498

1. **Roll Call:** Roll call was answered at 5:02 p.m. by President Steve Anderson, Trustee David Fritz, Trustee Kurt Glaisner, Trustee Christopher Noyes, Trustee Peggy Russo, and Trustee Bill Walker. Trustee Peter Kingwill was absent and excused. Also present: Village Attorney Bill Dineen, Village Engineer Mustafa Emir, Police Chief Mrozak, Village Manager Tammy LaBorde and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Waala.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **The Agenda**
- b. **Village Board Minutes of July 21, 2021**
- c. **Building Board Minutes of June 21, 2021**
- d. **Committee on the Environment – May 18, 2021**
- e. **Voucher List – July 2021**

Motion by Fritz, seconded by Noyes to approve the Consent Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS** – None.

4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 Approving the Fee Schedule for Village of River Hills Licenses and Permits.**

LaBorde noted that the update was related to the Chapter 6 and Chapter 15 ordinances recently passed. Noyes mentioned that he had asked about reviewing and increasing fees for the 2022 budget.

Motion by Noyes, seconded by Russo to approve Resolution 2021-10 Approving the Fee Schedule for Village of River Hills Licenses and Permits; motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve ORDINANCE NO. 553 to Repeal and Recreate Section 2.17(1)(b) of Chapter Two of the General Ordinances of the Village of River Hills Regarding the Keeping of Chickens**

Dineen stated that he provided information in a memo and updating the proposed ordinance. It limits the number of chickens to five and includes notice to neighbors but does not grant them veto powers. There were questions related to noise and how to address them. This ordinance requires the chickens to be kept in an enclosed area. Enforcement falls within the purview of the Police Department. LaBorde suggested the number of chickens be increased from 5 to 10. Noyes asked if we could grandfather in those who have chickens and keep the number of chickens at 5. Dineen stated that the Board can adopt what they would like. Dineen proposed that the Ordinance would take effect on January 1, 2022 to give residents time to adjust. Fritz and Noyes supported increasing the number of chickens from 5 to 10 and the consensus of the Board was to extend the effective date.

Motion by Fritz, seconded by Noyes to adopt Ordinance No. 553 to Repeal and Recreate Section 2.17(1)(b) of Chapter Two of the General Ordinances of the Village of River Hills Regarding the Keeping of Chickens including increasing the number of chickens allowed up to 10 and to make the effective date January 1, 2022; motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT

a. Annual Event at the Lynden Sculpture Gardens scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021

President Anderson stated that the Annual Event is scheduled for September 11th at the Lynden Sculpture Gardens. He also stated that Milwaukee County Exec David Crowley will be visiting the Village next week. The plan is to take him to the Lynden Sculpture Gardens.

8. REPORT OF VILLAGE MANAGER

a. Financial Reports for:

- July 2021

b. Board of Review will be held on Thursday, August 19 – 8am to 10am

c. Update on prep for 2022 budget

LaBorde noted that the July statements show that 58% of the budget year has been completed. There are two areas that are over at this point due to items we are being reimbursed for under Engineering and Building Inspection has a lot of expense which is offset by revenue. On page 4 a new Fund is listed – 205 ARPA. Walker asked about the infrastructure package that was just passed at the national level. Emir stated that he has had some contact with Moore’s office who said that the House version had everything for locals but that Senate removed those items. The item is currently in conference. The Board of Review will meet tomorrow. Open Book was held in July and no one attended and there have been no appeals received. Total assessed value will drop approximately \$3 million, equalized value is dropping 4%. LaBorde noted the parcels that were adjusted as part of the assessments and personal property value is reduced approximately \$80,000. She also reviewed a handout related to items received related to the 2022 budget. Levy limit allows the Village to increase the budget \$5,443.

9. REPORT OF THE RIVER HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mrozak stated that there were a number of trees reported down and loss of power for several days. Bayside communication also lost power which caused some problem in the north shore. Summerfest will not be using the park and ride lot in September.

10. REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supt. Groth was out of town. LaBorde noted that DPW will collect storm damage and not charge for large pickups for a limited time. Russo thought it would be good to note that this is going to be provided to the residents.

11. REPORT OF THE NORTH SHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT

LaBorde stated that the NSFD Board will be voting on the 2022 Budget at their September meeting.

12. REPORT ON THE PERCEPTION OF RIVER HILLS PROJECT

Trustee Russo had no report. She hasn't heard from the COE about planning for the annual event. She is hoping to do a meet and greet in the spring.

13. REPORT ON THE NORTH SHORE LIBRARY

• **July Library Report**

Glaisner reported that the July report shows the activity.

14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Wisconsin Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreements related to the I-43 North South Freeway project

Emir stated that the agreements pertain to I-43. The current design and proposed improvements include sidewalks in the area. There is a proposed agreement for maintenance (SMA) related to the construction of sidewalks at the intersections on Brown Deer Road, County Line Road, and Good Hope Road. The Board can approve the agreement or you can reject the proposed SMA and state that the State should not build the sidewalks. There are no other sidewalks except for by Jean Nicolet on Green Tree. He recommends that the Board move to reject the proposed agreement. Emir stated that you have to reject the whole agreement and then address the culvert at Dean & Pheasant Lane, which we own. DOT will replace the culvert and then give it back to us. We will ask the DOT for a stand-alone culvert document.

There are two proposed financial agreements related to the construction of sanitary sewer for motion. DOT will raise the lids to match the road surface. The Village will pay 10% of the cost and the funding would come from the Sewer Fund.

Motion by Noyes, seconded by Walker to reject the Maintenance Agreement with regards to sidewalks; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Noyes and second by Russo to approve the two Financial Agreements 04-73 and 04-74 related to the sanitary sewer; motion carried unanimously.

LaBorde will send a letter to the DOT contact stating that the two agreements were approved and the maintenance agreement was rejected and that we want confirmation that the sidewalk will not be constructed in River Hills

15. CLOSED SESSION – You are hereby notified that the Village Board and staff of the Village of River Hills will convene into closed session upon motion duly made and seconded as required under §19.85(1)(a), Stats. The purpose of the closed session is for the following:

- **Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) - Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session specifically regarding the North Shore Library Agreement.**

You are further notified that at the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Village Board may convene into open session pursuant to 19.85(2), Stats., for possible additional discussion and action concerning any matters discussed in closed session and for adjournment

Motion by Fritz, seconded by Noyes to move into closed session for the reasons stated on the agenda at 6:11 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Noyes, second by Fritz to reconvene to open session at 6:42 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Russo, second by Fritz to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Tammy LaBorde, Manager/Clerk/Treasurer, on August 23, 2021.