

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”*

Thursday, May 12, 2011  
7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

Mayor Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Brian T. Bailey  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer  
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dave Brink, Finance Director  
Steve Busa, Treasurer  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Melissa Miroballi, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

## **NOT PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Matthew Walsh, son of Trustee Matthew Walsh, led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Andrews welcomed the Honorable Circuit Judges Patrick Rogers and James Bailey who will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials of Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews also thanked the following representatives for attending the meeting this evening: Sam Pulia, President of the Village of Westchester, Joe Christopher, Westchester Park District Commissioner, Al Krisciunas, Past Village President, Richard Pellegrino, Past Village President and Executive Director of the West Central Municipal Conference, Thomas Brescia, the Village’s Prosecuting Attorney and Steve Busa, who is Village Treasurer as well as President of the Westchester Park District.

Mayor Andrews reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Village of Indian Head Park was a success. He noted the event was sponsored and paid for by Village local elected officials. He thanked everyone that participated in the event.

Mayor Andrews stated that the LaGrange Post Office re-installed the extension on the mailbox drive-up box in the parkway area of the Municipal Facility.

Mayor Andrews stated that the U.S. Census Bureau certified the census results of Indian Head Park and the official population of the Village is 3,809. He noted the increase in population will increase revenue to the Village of about \$15,000 in additional funds from the state per year providing the state does not cut the portion of state shared revenues that come back to the Village of Indian Head Park.

Mayor Andrews stated he had an opportunity to travel downstate with the West Central Municipal Conference and fellow mayors to talk to state representatives about current and proposed state shared revenues and how possible cutbacks from the state will affect local municipalities.

He noted the state is proposing a further reduction in state shared revenue of 300 million dollars. That reduction would affect the Village of Indian Head Park and result in about \$90,000 in lost revenue from the state. Mayor Andrews stated when the state income tax was instituted, about 10% of that tax was intended to come back to Indian Head Park based on a per capita basis. He noted that census is important because the Village's portion of state shared revenues are based on population. Mayor Andrews stated when the state raised the income tax from 3% to 5% in January, the state kept all of the money generated from the increase in tax and the state is discussing further to reduce state shared revenues to local governments.

Mayor Andrews stated that he is working with local mayors and elected officials to try to lobby against further reductions by the state to reduce state shared revenue to municipalities.

Mayor Andrews stated the Board will consider this evening several items on the consent agenda including reappointments to the Planning/Zoning Commission, Fire and Police Commission, approval of resolutions for maintenance of streets as part of the 2010 through 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Programs, approve an extension in the agreement between the Village of Indian Head Park and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Indian Head Park Chapter #501 and approve a resolution opposing cutbacks in state shared revenues to local governments.

Mayor Andrews stated the extension to the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Indian Head Park and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #501, which is the police union contract will be extended for a period of one year. He noted there are no proposed pay increases in the contract for full-time officers for the next year.

**ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY THE HONORABLE PATRICK ROGERS, COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

Richard S. Andrews, Village President  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Brian T. Bailey, Village Trustee  
Norman L. Schnauffer, Village Trustee  
Matthew P. Walsh II, Village Trustee

The Honorable Circuit Court Judge Patrick Rogers administered the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Officials for their new four year terms as elected officials of the Village of Indian Head Park. The Honorable Circuit Court Judge James Bailey, administered the Oath of Office to his son, Trustee Brian T. Bailey.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Reappointment of Noreen Costelloe as Commissioner to the Planning/Zoning Commission for the term ending May 13, 2012.

Reappointment of Denise Ingram as Commissioner to the Planning/Zoning Commission for the term ending May 14, 2013.

Reappointment of Mario Stefanini as Commissioner to the Fire/Police Commission for the term ending May 13, 2013.

Approval of a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways – 2010/2011 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program (***Resolution #R5-11-1***).

Approval of a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways – 2011/2012 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program (***Resolution #R5-11-2***)

Approval of a Resolution Opposing State Cutbacks in Local Government Distributive Fund Revenue (***Resolution R5-11-3***).

Approval of Modification and Extension Agreement Between the Village of Indian Head Park and Metropolitan Alliance of Police Indian Head Park Chapter #501.

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

The Honorable Judge Patrick Rogers thanked the Board for inviting him to administer the oath of office to the officials. Judge Rogers stated that he served as Lyons Township Supervisor for many years before becoming a judge and thanked the Board and Indian Head Park residents for their support over the years.

## **COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Village Clerk Joe Consolo thanked all of the residents of Indian Head Park for their support. He added it is an honor to serve as Village Clerk of the Village of Indian Head Park.

Trustee Brian Bailey thanked all of the residents that not only supported him but also other members of the Board that were elected to office. He noted the Board is always acting in the best interests of the people of the community and sometimes the decisions are not always the most popular. However, the Board is doing its best.

Trustee Norm Schnauffer thanked all of the residents that supported him as well as those that voted for the newly elected officials of the Board. He thanked Mayor Andrews and also past President Rich Pellegrino for their efforts in supporting all members of the Board.

Trustee Matt Walsh thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening, he thanked his family for their support and also all of the residents of Indian Head Park who came out to vote on election day to support the Board. He noted that all of the Board members are passionate about their jobs as elected officials and always do their best.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT – TREASURER STEVE BUSA**

### *Approval of Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2011*

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2011. For the month of April, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$612,234.65; (2) expenditures were \$229,163.52 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of April were \$862,220.71.

Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2011 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

Treasurer Busa stated the Village's portion of property tax revenues from the last installment was received and those funds are reflected in the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2011 as well as water revenues. Treasurer Busa stated that the next property tax installment will be sometime in September or October depending when the County finishes all of the property tax appeals.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### *Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 14, 2011*

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to approve the April 14, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

## **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Mayor Andrews thanked Cook County Circuit Court Judge Pat Rogers for accepting the invitation to administer the oath of office to all of the newly elected officials this evening. He pointed out that Judge Rogers is a good friend of Indian Head Park and he has deep ties to Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated it is an honor to have Judge Rogers join the Board this evening to administer the oath of office and to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter and the chronicle of Indian Head Park. On behalf of the entire Board, Mayor Andrews thanked Judge Rogers as well as Cook County Circuit Court Judge James Bailey, the father of Trustee Brian Bailey, for his presence this evening to administer the oath of office to his son.

Mayor Andrews extended personal congratulations to his colleagues, Village Clerk Joe Consolo, Trustees Brian Bailey, Norm Schnauffer and Matt Walsh on their successful re-election to office. These officials join Trustees Debbie Anselmo, Anne Bermier and Carol Coleman as our team of dedicated elected officials. Mayor Andrews stated he appreciates their devotion and earnestness in carrying out the business of the government in Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated it is a great honor to be associated with such high caliber individuals who bring integrity and experience to the table and a willingness to use their talents and time for the benefit and betterment of the entire community. He noted when someone criticizes something about Indian Head Park and no practical solutions are provided, it is the entire Board who strives to determine if the perceived problems are real or imaginary and the Board seeks a way to fix bonafide concerns.

Mayor Andrews stated he is privileged to be associated with the entire Board and to have the collective knowledge and experience to rely upon in the governance of this great Village. He congratulated all of the newly elected officials on their new terms to office and thanked them for continued devoted involvement in the community.

Mayor Andrews stated he would also like to recognize and say thank you to certain people who hold a very special place in his life and who mean more than he can ever express. He thanked his wife Diane Andrews, his son Jonathan, his daughter Erica and her husband Mike. Mayor Andrews further stated these special people in his life lift him up when he is down, they add to the joy of his successes. His domestic chief of staff, first lady Diane helps to keep his head on straight and focus on the important things in life. Mayor Andrews mentioned a quote from Will Rogers "*do the best you can and don't take life too serious*". Mayor Andrews stated as a long time resident of Indian Head Park and raising his family with his wife Diane, he has come to appreciate the Village and value it like family for the jewel that it is and to strive to preserve what we have and improve upon it when possible.

Mayor Andrews thanked all of the residents of Indian Head Park for re-electing him as Mayor of Indian Head Park for a second term. He stated it is an honor to serve as Mayor and he is grateful for the support from residents over the course of his involvement with Indian Head Park for the past twenty-four years. Mayor Andrews stated when he was sworn in four years ago on his first term as Mayor, no one could foresee the economic downturn in our nation or its impact on our state and local governments. He added looking back over the past four years, what has taken place with the economic situation was not what he expected. Mayor Andrews stated the Board has held the line on spending and we are getting by, perhaps not as good as we would like but we are focused for now on doing what needs to be done. He added it is not an easy task, we are watching our expenses as we try to enhance our revenues without raising taxes.

Mayor Andrews stated during this past election, there was some misrepresentation circulating in the community with regard to salaries of elected officials. Mayor Andrews quoted Mark Twain "*the trouble with the world is not that people know too little but that they know so many things that just ain't so*". Mayor Andrews stated fortunately the majority of the residents were not fooled by the misinformation. He noted the Trustee salary is **not** \$38,125 per year. The stipend amount is a few cents per hour per Board member after factoring in their costs in attending meetings and conducting business on behalf of the Village.

Mayor Andrews stated despite the financial challenges facing the Village there have been accomplishments too. Some of these accomplishments are: (1) The Board successfully obtained Federal stimulus funding to pave Blackhawk Trail accomplishing a \$400,000 project at a minimal cost to the Village; (2) the Village debt was refinanced which allowed the Village to lower the payments in the near term and pave the Village Municipal parking lot which was in desperate need of work; (3) the Village obtained its share of a 10 million dollar park bond referendum tax from Lyons Township. These funds in the amount of \$165,000 will be used to upgrade Blackhawk Park with a new walking path and landscape improvements. This project should move forward in the near future; (4) working through our State Representative Jim Durkin and our State Senator Christine Radogno, the Illinois Capital Improvement Plan includes \$385,000 in funding coming to Indian Head Park. The projects are specified for a sidewalk along Willow Springs Road from 65<sup>th</sup> Place to Walgreens, payment for capping of a municipal well which needed to be done to comply with EPA requirements and a new watermain on Cochise Drive; (4) the Village also expects to recover about \$25,000 in blizzard related expenses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for expenses incurred from the storm last winter.

Accordingly, Mayor Andrews stated that Village Administration has been successful in obtaining nearly \$1,000,000 in funds returned to Indian Head Park from taxes already paid by residents of Indian Head Park to different levels of government over the past four years. Mayor Andrews stated the Board will continue to address the financial challenges facing the Village. He added a top priority is to reinstate some form of leaf pick-up program, when prudent. He also noted that maintaining the Heritage Center is a priority as well as paving Arrowhead Trail, Ashbrook streets and other streets, as needed, if there are sufficient revenues.

Mayor Andrews stated that he hopes to improve the Village Website to make it a useful resource for residents, businesses and contractors. He also noted there may be some future changes to the frequency and content of the Smoke Signals newsletter. Mayor Andrews quoted Abraham Lincoln *“I am not bound to win but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed but I am bound to live by the light that I have.”*

On behalf of Indian Head Park, Mayor Andrews stated that he intends to do the very best that he can as Mayor in accordance with the light given to him in continuing along the journey of progress and growth begun by his predecessors in the position of Village President over the past 52 years.

Mayor Andrews thanked all of the citizens of Indian Head Park in giving him the honor and privilege to serve as Mayor of Indian Head Park.

### **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Sam Pulia, Mayor of Westchester, stated that he attended the West Central Municipal Conference in Springfield. He noted that Mayor Andrews also attended that conference and he made it a point to talk to all legislative representatives about how difficult it would be for local municipalities if the state reduces the state shared revenues to local municipalities. Mayor Pulia stated that Mayor Andrews does a lions job for the Village of Indian Head Park and the region as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:20 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary