

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

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (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 10, 2007

7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD F. PELLEGRINO

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

II. ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino
Trustee Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Administrator
Dave Brink, Finance Director
Steven Busa, Treasurer
Joseph Consolo, Village Clerk
Patrick Crowley, Chief of Police
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Carol Coleman

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Erica Andrews led Mayor Pellegrino, the Board of Trustees and 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”*.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda Mayor Pellegrino noted that a proclamation was prepared and is being presented this evening to Charles Ruppel who will be retiring from the Acacia Association. Mayor Pellegrino presented the following proclamation to Charlie Ruppel: *“Whereas, Charles “Charlie” Ruppel previously served in the United State Navy as a CeeBee in the Construction Battalion as an electrician. He also was involved in a debugging project at the American Embassy in Prague Czechoslovakia. He was also sent to Antarctica for a construction project and from there to Cuba where he served in the U.S. Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Whereas, Charlie has donated blood at the two gallon level in blood donations. He was active previously in the American Legion and served as color guard for the flag and parades. Whereas, Charlie has donated his time to the Sportsmen’s Club often in the case of helping teach the sport to beginners such as scouts earning merit badges. Whereas, the Village of Indian Head Park congratulates Charles Ruppel on his many accomplishments and dedicated service to the Acacia Association as the Maintenance Manager for the past twenty-seven years.”* Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees congratulated Charlie on his many accomplishments. The following consent agenda items were presented for Board approval. Mayor Pellegrino entertained a motion to approve the following:

- Proclamation to be Presented to Charles Ruppel*
- Resolution Opposing Transport, Storage and Handling of Nuclear Fuel at Argonne National Laboratory (Resolution # R5-07-1)*
- Reappointment of Noreen Costelloe to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending May 13, 2008*
- Reappointment of Denise Ingram to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending May 14, 2009*
- Reappointment of Mario Stefanini to the Fire and Police Commission for the term ending May 13, 2009*

Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented to the Board for approval. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: Coleman

Mayor Pellegrino stated that the Board approved a resolution this evening regarding handling of nuclear fuel by Argonne Laboratory. He noted that Argonne Laboratory is looking to reprocess and recycle nuclear fuel for the U.S. Department of Energy. Mayor Pellegrino stated that this evening the Village of Indian Head Park Board has gone on the record as being opposed to this program at Argonne Laboratories. He added that several communities in the region have also expressed opposition to this program proposed by Argonne. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the Township of Lyons in cooperation with the West Central Municipal Conference is hosting a forum on this issue on May 30, 2007 at the Township offices from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He noted that many mayors and Village officials will be present as well as officials from the U.S. Department of Energy.

i APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - April 12, 2007

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the April 12, 2007 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mayor Pellegrino stated the Village had great news last month and commendations were presented to Indian Head Park officers for their heroism and fine police work. Mayor Pellegrino further stated that at the end of the last meeting, he mentioned several armed robberies that have occurred in the community to alert the public. He announced that last Friday the Indian Head Park Police Department arrested the individual suspect who has been charged with the armed robberies. Mayor Pellegrino stated the headline in the *Doings Newspaper* says it all "**Indian Head Park – Nabs the Ghost Bandit**". Mayor Pellegrino congratulated Police Chief Patrick Crowley and Indian Head Park officers for a job well done.

Mayor Pellegrino stated the following into the record of the meeting this evening: "*As many of you know, ten days before the April Election my wife Peggy underwent emergency breast cancer surgery. In this regard, the overwhelming outpouring of support, warm wishes and pure love generated from our community sustained our family and erased any thought I had concerning whether I could or even should meet my obligation and commitment that I made to our Village when I announced my candidacy for Village President.*"

"I wrote that eight years ago and those remarks appeared in Smoke Signals from May of 1999. Many of you were around at that time and it was a very challenging time in my life but with a strong family we were able to get through the situation. Certainly my wife has taught me a great deal about courage and inner strength and we were able to get through the medical ordeal and I was able to fulfill my commitment to the community as Mayor. However, I have learned that no one person is successful unless a lot of other people want them to be successful."

I would like to thank my wife Peggy for everything she has taught me and the meaning of courage and unconditional love; from my children Michael, Danny, Joey and Rachel who have taught me the essence of life and more about myself than I could ever say. I want to thank all of my fellow colleagues on the Board, Clerk Joe Consolo, Treasurer Steve Busa, Administration staff, police staff and public works staff. I can state unequivocally that these individuals are amongst the finest individuals that I have ever met in public service and amongst the finest people that have touched my life. For that, I am forever grateful. Tonight I stand before you and the many people who have taught me so much and from the bottom of my heart let me demonstrate my appreciation by simply saying thank you. Also, many thanks to the community for allowing me to serve in this capacity for eight years. It has been a labor of love and my only word of caution is that for every one person who is a malcontent, there are five hundred to a thousand of wonderful caring people without private agendas. Please do not ever let the one person or handful of people steal the joy of this community or to sway doing what is right for the general common good. With that, I will ask Village Clerk Joseph Consolo to read the official canvass results of the April, 2007 Election into the record.”

Village Clerk Joseph Consolo read the official certificate of results into the record from the April, 2007 Consolidated Election as provided and certified by the Cook County Clerk’s Office on May 7, 2007 for all votes cast for the Village of Indian Head Park: Richard S. Andrews, Village President, 403 votes –, Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk – 394, Brian T. Bailey, Village Trustee, 381 votes –, Norman L. Schnaufer, Village Trustee, 379 votes –, and Matthew P. Walsh II, Village Trustee – 384 votes.

V. OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – THE HONORABLE COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE PETER FELICE OFFICIATING

Richard S. Andrews, Village President/Mayor

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Brian T. Bailey, Village Trustee

Norman L. Schnaufer, Village Trustee

Matthew P. Walsh II, Village Trustee

Mayor Pellegrino introduced the Honorable Peter Felice, Cook County Circuit Court Judge, who will officially administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials.

The Honorable Circuit Court Judge Peter Felice administered the Oath of Office to Richard S. Andrews as Village President/Mayor, Joseph V. Consolo as Village Clerk, Norman L. Schnaufer as Village Trustee and Matthew P. Walsh as Village Trustee. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the Honorable retired Circuit Court Judge, James Bailey, will administer the Oath of Office to his son Brian T. Bailey as Village Trustee for the Village of Indian Head Park. The Honorable retired Circuit Court Judge James Bailey administered the Oath of Office to Brian T. Bailey as Village Trustee.

Mayor Pellegrino handed the gavel to newly inducted Mayor Richard Andrews. Mayor Richard Andrews stated that he would like to begin his remarks this evening by thanking Judge Peter Felice for accepting the invitation to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. He noted that Judge Felice has deep ties to Indian Head Park, he has many friends here and it is an honor to have him join us this evening to administer the oath of office and to celebrate with us the beginning of a new chapter in the chronicle of Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated on behalf of all of us, we thank you Judge Felice. The Board also thanked Judge Jim Bailey for his presence at the meeting this evening as well and for administering the oath of office to his son Brian Bailey as Village Trustee. Mayor Andrews noted that Judge Jim Bailey is continuing a family tradition as he has previously administered the oath of office to Brian's sister, Westchester Trustee Barbara Bailey.

Mayor Andrews stated that he would also like to extend personal congratulations to the newly elected officials: Village Clerk Joseph Consolo, Trustees Brian Bailey, Norman Schnauffer and Matthew Walsh on their election to office and my appreciation for their dedication and earnestness in carrying out the business of government in Indian Head Park. He added that these gentlemen join Trustees Debbie Anselmo, Anne Bermier and Carol Coleman as our team of dedicated elected officials. Mayor Andrews stated that it is a great honor to be associated with these high caliber individuals who bring integrity and experience to the table and a willingness to use their talent and time for the benefit and betterment of our entire community. He further stated that it is a privilege to be associated with all of you and to have your collective knowledge and dedication to rely upon in governance of our great Village. Congratulations and thanks to all of you for your devoted involvement.

Mayor Andrews stated: *“Mark Twain wrote that when we do not know a person and also when we do, we have to judge his size by the size and nature of his achievements as compared with the achievements of others in his special line of business, there is no other way. He went on to write, there are two measures of size, there is physical size measured in height and there is stature of character. With this yardstick of sorts, we can measure how our outgoing Mayor sizes up. Mayor Pellegrino joked about his height on occasion as he did tonight because he sees it. On the other hand, the residents of Indian Head Park see his character which he has put to good use as our Mayor these past eight years. When we look around town and see Southworks, the Heritage Center, Arrowhead Memorial Pointe, to name a few, we see some of Mayor Pellegrino's achievements. Because of these and many intangible and unseen achievements we know he measures tall in character. Mayor Rich has been an effective leader who has accomplished many things from the mundane to the momentous. All of us on the Village Board have learned by his example that dedication, foresight and diligence, especially yours truly.*

On behalf of the citizens, the Village Board, administrative staff and employees and for all you have done for Indian Head Park, we say thank you Mayor Rich.

I also want to say thanks to someone very special in my life who means more to me than I can ever express in words, someone who has supported me in countless ways, someone who picks me up when I am down, someone who adds to my joys by being there without whom my successes would have little meaning. I refer of course to my wife, first lady Diane. My daughter Erica and my son Jonathan are present this evening as well. I am extremely proud of them as any parent can be, and sort of in a role reversal, I am very appreciative of the example they set for me. Erica for her energy and drive that keeps her going in many various endeavors. When I get anxious about my ability to keep going I marvel at Erica's energy and perseverance and know that I can do it too. I appreciate Jonathan for his wit and courage. When serious matters begin to overwhelm me, I think of Jon and his humorous insight into various issues and matters and the courage he has to express them, at least around our house. Together, my family serves as a reality check for me so that I can strive, as Will Rogers put it, "to do the best you can and don't take life too serious". Indeed family is important to all of us. Having lived in Indian Head Park for most of my adult life and with Diane raising our family here, I have come to appreciate our Village and value it like family for the jewel that it is. I seek to preserve what we have and improve upon it where I can. I am extremely proud to stand before you this evening as your Mayor and I am honored and grateful to have been elected by the good citizens of our Village and appreciative of their support. After twenty years of involvement in our local government, I am indebted to the residents of our community who have selected and supported me in various capacities including Trustee for the past eight years and now for granting me the opportunity to be their Mayor. President Abraham Lincoln stated "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. I intend to do the very best that I can as Mayor in accordance with the light given to me and to continue along the journey of progress and growth begun by my predecessors in this position. I am dedicating myself to this endeavor and I am mindful of the words of President John F. Kennedy who stated "leadership and learning are indispensable to each other". I value the trust that you have placed in me to make decisions for the Village and pledge to learn from the process of doing so. With the input of the Trustees, assistance of the Village staff and your support we will succeed in keeping our Village moving forward. In the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "it is not enough that we do our best, sometimes we have to do what's required". We will always do our best and if that is not enough, than we will do certainly what is required for the benefit of the entire community. I know that my remarks have gone on for a while and I appreciate your patience in allowing me to take up your time in this fashion. Lincoln also said "the time comes upon every public man where it is best for him to keep his lips closed". So I will end my remarks by saying thank you to the citizens of Indian Head Park for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your next Mayor, I am sincerely grateful and I look forward to the challenge. Thanks to all of you"

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Schnafer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary