

MAYOR'S REPORT

League of Women Voters Forum for Indian Head Park Mayoral Candidates: On Tuesday, March 14th, the League of Women Voters will have an Indian Head Park Mayoral Candidate Forum. The Zoom virtual meeting will be held from 7:00-8:00 P.M. You can register for the event and submit questions in advance of the forum. More information is posted at the LWV's website (my.lwv.org/illinois/la-grange-area).

Wolf Road Update: After the County hopefully approves the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Thursday, March 16, we will then start preparing the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). You can see the Plainfield Road PIP as an example PIP at improveplainfieldroad.org. After the PIP has been approved by IDOT, the Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) can meet to gather more community input.

Pedestrian Access Master Plan:

- **Plainfield Road and Wolf Road:** Both are County roads, and both are in a Phase 1 Study.
- **Joliet Road:** This is a State road and we are waiting for approval to begin Phase I of a sidewalk along Joliet Road. The state budget has over \$4,300,000 allocated to this project.

294 Tollway: We have heard from several residents in the last couple of weeks with Tollway questions/issues. Assistant Administrator Ferrini is creating a FAQ webpage on our website and, of course, the Tollway has a lot of information on their website. Some of the issues are: a large space under the Plainfield Road bridge; the slope on Plainfield Road; noise abatement wall height in Indian Head Park versus some other communities; and water pooling under the Tollway bridge along the side of Wolf Road. We have heard from some residents about a rumor going around that the Tollway will leave a permanent gap in the noise abatement wall. This issue was first reported at the November 2022 Village Board Meeting that there will be an approximate 180-foot gap in the noise abatement wall just south of Plainfield Road. This 180-foot gap in the noise abatement wall is needed for construction access and will be replaced in the fall of 2023. Paschen is the contractor who will be doing the work.

Acacia Drive: The work on the landscaping and other remaining items will be started soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Concerns:

A resident expressed concern regarding the abundance of cigarette butts that lie on the ground of Blackhawk Park causing the park to look like "a giant ashtray."

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Established moved by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023
- B. Approval of Payables for the Period Ending February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$383,831.17
- C. Approval of Preliminary Financial Report for Month Ending January 2023

Preliminary Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Garcia:

Cash on Hand on January 31, 2023, was \$3,112,745.76
Total Warrants for February 2023 was \$383,831.17
Total Revenues for February 2023 amounted to \$164,067.51
Ending Balance on February 28, 2023, was \$2,892,982.10

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 03-2023 HONORING EARL O’MALLEY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE

A motion to pass a resolution honoring Earl O’Malley for his service to the Village was moved by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Donnersberger.

The Resolution honoring Earl O’Malley was presented by Trustee O’Laughlin. Commissioner O’Malley was commended and thanked for his services for serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission from 2004-2017 and the Fire and Police Commission from 2017-2023.

Motion to approve the Resolution was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

B. APPOINTMENT OF MARK LEFEVOUR TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2026

Mayor Hinshaw recommended that Mark LeFevour be appointed to the Fire and Police Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

A motion to accept the Mayor’s nomination of Mark LeFevour to the Fire and Police Commission for the term specified was moved by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

Trustee Donnersberger introduced Mark LeFevour as a hard-working man of integrity.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

C.FIRST LOOK—6971 VINE STREET DEVELOPMENT

The property at this address is the one remaining former residential property in the Triangle area. At present, the property is zoned for office or retail space. The Board has been approached by several different businesses with two possibilities for this piece of property. Both businesses would want to use part of the house for residential use. In any case, the next step is for the businesses to approach the Planning and Zoning Commission to appeal a variance in the zoning process.

D.RESOLUTION 02-2023—A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR THE OUTDOOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

A motion to pass Resolution 02-2023 allowing for the outdoor consumption of alcohol for a special event was moved by Trustee Donnersberger; seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin.

Village Administrator DuRocher explained that normally alcohol consumption is not allowed at Village events, but for special events the ordinance can be altered. This Special Event is the Spring Fling which will be held on April 29 from 2:00-8:00 P.M.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

E. ORDINANCE 2023-04—COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE

A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-04—An Ordinance regulating commercial signage in the Village was moved by Trustee Farrell-Mayer; seconded by Trustee Eck.

Assistant Administrator Ferrini explained that over the past months, the Board has spoken about commercial signage regulation. An Ordinance is now being presented for vote. This Ordinance covers the size of signage; the number of lumens that a sign can be; prevents flashing lights; prevents neon and glass tube signage; and provides an amortization schedule for non-compliance regarding current signage.

Motion approved by roll call vote (5-1). Trustees Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. Trustee Donnersberger voted Nay.

F. ORDINANCE 2023-08—SALE/DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS MATERIAL

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08, an ordinance allowing for the disposal of surplus property owned by the Village was moved by Trustee Metz; seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Administrator DuRocher explained that when the Village has property that is no longer used, it can be sold with proceeds immediately turned over to the Village. This is a yearly sale.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

G. ORDINANCE 2023-06—AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NON-LOCAL TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN VILLAGE-OWNED STREETS

A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-06, an ordinance prohibiting non-local truck traffic on certain Village-owned streets was moved by Trustee O’Laughlin; seconded by Trustee Kennedy.

Village Administrator DuRocher explained that there have been a greater number of large trucks driving through the streets of the Village lately. This traffic could be from getting lost or using streets for short cuts. This ordinance will restrict trucks from moving through the streets. Wolf Road and Joliet Road are exempt from the ordinance. If a truck is cited, the penalty will cost the trucking company \$250 (1st offense), \$500 (2nd offense), \$750 (3rd offense).

Motion approved by roll call vote ((6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

H. ORDINANCE 2023-07—AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A BID FOR A SIGN AT VILLAGE HALL

A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-07, an ordinance awarding a bid for a sign at Village Hall was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

Assistant Administrative Ferrini explained that the bid for a new sign in front of the Village Hall was sent out to 44 companies. Only 1 company responded. But the bid came in under budget and with high recommendations from other municipalities.

Motion approved by roll call (4-2). Trustee Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, and Metz voted Yay. Trustees Donnersberger and O’Laughlin voted Nay.

I. THOMAS ENGINEERING TASK ORDERS FOR DITCH WORK AND ROAD WORK

A motion to accept task orders for Thomas Engineering for Ditch Work not to exceed \$13,789.15 and Road Work not to exceed \$92,010.98 was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Donnersberger.

Administrator DuRocher informed the Board about engineering work that needs to be done regarding ditch work and the summer road construction work project that will need to be done next year.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

J. EXTENSION OF THOMAS ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

A motion to pass the extension of the Village’s engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering for another three-year term was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Metz.

Administrator DuRocher explained that this matter of business is just a renewal of the agreement with Thomas Engineering which happens every three years.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

K. PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING 2023-2024 BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLAN

A motion to open the public hearing for the purposes of discussing the 2023-2024 annual budget and capital plan was moved by Trustee Metz; seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

Village Administrator DuRocher gave the second reading of three readings before the presentation to the Village Board of the budget and capital plan for the upcoming fiscal year 2023-2024. The good news is that revenues were higher than expected this fiscal year; expenses were lower than expected this fiscal year. The same is expected for next year’s budget.

Assistant Village Administrator Ferrini next presented a very thorough power-point presentation regarding 6 points of the budget which consisted of Administration, Police, Public Works, Capital Program, Fee Schedules, and Goals for the next year. Afterward, Mayor Hinshaw thanked the administrative team of John DuRocher, Andy Ferrini, Argelia Garbacz, Lisa Bujak, and the Finance Committee for its excellent work.

After a lengthy discussion around the Budget Power-Point Presentation and the Village Goals by the Board, residents were given the opportunity to offer their opinions as to the budget and the goals. Comments heard mostly dealt with storm water drainage issues (with thanks from the residents to John DuRocher, Andy Ferrini and Justin Fuller for their assistance in a timely manner); need for a dog park; and question about Village Goals being voted on by this Board or the next Board (after April 2023 election).

A motion to close the public hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2023-2024 annual budget and capital plan was moved by Trustee Metz; seconded by Trustee Farrell-Mayer.

Motion approved by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz, and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay Votes.

L. FACILITY STUDY—DISCUSSION

A representative of Strand Engineering Associates presented a report of a high -level assessment of the buildings owned by the Village. Those 3 buildings are: Heritage Center, Village Hall, and Public Works Building. The assessment focused upon codes dealing with safety, building, and energy. The main focus of the study is the need to bring these buildings up to current code. The next phase of the study will be focused on a space and storage space assessment.

REPORTS:

Trustee Donnersberger: Spring Fling is fast upon us—April 29 from 2:00-8:00 in the Triangle. Twelve vendors have registered. It will be a fun family event for our Indian Head Park residents.

Trustee Eck: His question: When will the study of space and facilities of Village buildings be ready? The answer: It will be ready by next month’s Board Meeting.

Trustee Kennedy: Thomas Engineering does an annual survey of roads in the Village determining which roads are worst and need to be repaired. This year 65th Place, Arrowhead Trail, and 70th Street are the roads most in need of repair.

Trustee Metz: Join us at the next meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, March 20 at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee O’Laughlin: The Easter Egg Hunt will take place in Blackhawk Park on Saturday, April 8, from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Trustee Farrell-Mayer: No Report

Trustee Eck: He and resident, Jim Gazis, are working on a project as to what are interest rates at local banks. He also requested that the binder that is used by trustees for pre-meeting examination be cut shorter or somehow made more categorized.

Village Clerk: No Report

Village Attorney: No Report

Village Treasurer: No Report.

Village Administrator DuRocher:

No action currently needs to be done with regard to the Pump House re-construction. Counsel Brankin requested that no changes be considered until the engineering review of equipment is completed.

Street Signs are going to be displayed on-line and in front of the Village Hall as soon as the samples arrive . Any new storm water complaints will be added to the list of other complaints.

Assistant Administrator Ferrini:

Important dates:

Free Yard Waste Hauling—weeks of March 27 and April 3

Spring Clean-Up—week of April 10-14

3rd Annual Shredding and Electronics Removal—April 15

The Spring Photo Contest begins on March 13.

Police Report: Chief Kurinec:

There are four Flock LPT cameras currently in use with nine more to be installed soon.

Public Works: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments

ADJORNMENT:

At 9:55 P.M. a motion to go to closed session to discuss Personnel per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 and Collective Bargaining per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 and to adjourn the regular meeting with no intention of returning to open meeting was moved by Trustee Donnersberger; seconded by Trustee Eck.

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Farrell-Mayer, Kennedy, Metz and O’Laughlin voted Yay. No Nay votes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Allison
Village Clerk