

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lynam calls to order the Village of East Dundee Regular Village Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustees Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Sauder, Treiber and President Lynam.

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Erika Storlie, Chief of Police Jim Kruger, Finance and Administrative Services Director Brandiss Martin, Director of Public Works Phil Cotter, Building Inspector Chris Ranieri, Finance Manager Ana Lopez, Assistant to the Administrator Franco Bottalico, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Attorney Kelly Gandurski and Clerk Katherine Diehl.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Maurice Martin – Resident of East Dundee**

Martin stated that a natural resource perspective by Dundee Township Open Space will be different than one of a resident. He said the spongy moth infestation lies on the border of Open Space property, which requires a 300-foot “no spray” buffer. He said there are other less harmful aerial solutions available besides the BTK insecticide. He urged the Village Board to approve the proposal for aerial spraying.

**Arin Thrower and Katie Meyer – Dundee Township**

Dundee Township Supervisor Thrower advised that the Township manages approximately 1000 acres of open space. She stated that the Township will not be moving forward with aerial treatments at this time. Meyer explained that the Township manages the Library Springs open space 50-acre parcel. She stated that this property has land and water reserve protection by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), therefore, the State will not allow BTK aerial treatment on the property without a special permit. Treatment cannot occur past a 300-foot buffer boundary of the protected land. She said that monarch butterfly caterpillars are active at the same time as spongy moths, and the butterflies could be impacted by the use of BTK. She advised that IDNR recommended another product that will not affect types of species other than the spongy moth.

**Lee Chares – Resident of Gardiner Place, East Dundee**

Chares voiced concern for safety, noise, increased traffic, and parking availability at the River Valley Shopping Center with the addition of the Elgin Mall.

**Susan Warren – Resident of Gardiner Place, East Dundee**

Warren voiced concern for policing and traffic safety exiting the River Valley Shopping Center onto Route 25 northbound with the addition of the Elgin Mall as well as traffic flow around the shopping center.

**Dan Shapiro - Attorney for the Elgin Mall**

Shapiro stated that nothing had changed in the proposal since the public hearings were held and since the Village Board’s initial approval in February. He said that the standards have been vetted by staff, the Plan Commission, and the Village Board.

**Kathy Vincent - Resident of Gardiner Place, East Dundee**

Vincent voiced her concerns for safety, increased traffic and traffic flow entering and exiting the community.

**Rosa Leal – Elgin Mall Co-Owner**

Leal addressed previous comments made regarding criminal activity and advised that at a previous meeting, Chief Kruger addressed the Board stating that there has been no major criminal activity at the current Elgin

Mall location. She stated that the Elgin Mall wants to be a part of this community. She asked the Trustees to look at the original presentation and the conditions that have been agreed to.

**Doug Gay – Resident of East Dundee**

Gay stated that he has a concern that the BTK spray will kill all butterflies and caterpillars. He advised that there are other ways to eradicate the spongy moth infestation. He asked the Village Board to not do an aerial spray treatment.

**Michael Becker - Resident of Gardiner Place, East Dundee**

Becker stated that 90 percent of Gardiner Place residents signed a petition against the addition of the Elgin Mall. He said that the addition of the Elgin Mall could bring crime and will require an increase of traffic control.

**June Keebler – Resident of unincorporated Dundee**

Keebler said she is concerned with the spraying of gypsy moths and the killing of moths and butterflies that are important to pollinate the woodlands, prairies, and crops. She asked the Village Board to find another way to resolve the issue.

**Cliff Surges – Kane County Board Member**

Surges stated that a couple of residents had reached out to him recently regarding the Spongy Moth issue. He said he had reached out to Chris Kiou of Kane County Forest Preserve District. He advised that input received was sent on to the Village Board and staff.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated February 20, 2023, and March 6, 2023**
- b. **Motion to Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes Dated April 18, 2022, May 16, 2022, June 6, 2022, July 18, 2022, August 8, 2022, August 22, 2022, September 19, 2022, October 17, 2022, and November 7, 2022**
- c. **Motion to Approve the Release of Executive Session Minutes and the Destruction of the Verbatim Audio Records Dated June 17, 2013, November 18, 2013, February 3, 2014, February 24, 2014, March 17, 2014, August 4, 2014, August 18, 2014, December 1, 2014, October 5, 2015, October 19, 2015, January 11, 2016, February 8, 2016, March 7, 2016, August 8, 2016, October 10, 2016, and November 7, 2016**
- d. **Motion to Accept the Warrants List in the Amount of \$209,264.59**
- e. **Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority**
- f. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract between The Village of East Dundee and Direct Energy as a Supplier of Energy**
- g. **Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the East Dundee Business Regulations Ordinance Chapter 120 (Use of the Depot and Depot Park)**
- h. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Hendrickson Flying Service, Inc., of Rochelle, Illinois, to Complete Two Aerial Applications of BTK to Eradicate Spongy Moth Caterpillars in the Village of East Dundee in the Amount of \$52,400**
- i. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, for the Water Street Water Main Project in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$56,600**
- j. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an**

**Agreement with Mauro Sewer Construction, Inc. of Des Plaines IL, for the Water Street Water Main Project in the Amount of \$498,114**

Trustee Saviano requested that **item h** be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion to approve consent agenda **items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, i and j** by Kunze/Mahony.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**h. Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Hendrickson Flying Service, Inc., of Rochelle, Illinois, to Complete Two Aerial Applications of BTK to Eradicate Spongy Moth Caterpillars in the Village of East Dundee in the Amount of \$52,400**

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**Discussion:**

Trustee Brittin stated that she has a monarch garden in her yard and is concerned that the BTK treatment will kill everything, not just the targeted species. She said she would like to table the item for now and look at other options. She said the Board received a lot of new information tonight and she would like to have more time to think about this. Trustee Saviano said that since the State has more recommendations and options available, there is more research to be done on this.

Motion to table this item by Brittin/Saviano.

Chris Kious, President of the Kane County Forest Preserve District, advised that oak trees are very resilient but weaker trees that have completely defoliated have an issue. He suggested looking at how much the trees have completely defoliated and for how long. He said he would give nature time to recover on its own and to hold off on taking any action with aerial treatment until next year. He recommended that in the meantime, keep an eye on this and try physical controls like brushing off the egg masses on the trunks and wrapping infested trees with burlap bags. He said that to date, Kane County has not had an instance of spongy moth killing an oak tree.

Trustee Kunze said that the longer the wait, the more endangered the monarchs will be as they will no longer be dormant. He advised that the Illinois Department of Agriculture reported that they are spraying 3000 acres this year with BTK. He said they are taking this seriously and this is a proven and effective treatment. He asked the Board to consider only treating the 2 affected neighborhoods rather than village wide.

Public Works Director Cotter added that an approval at the next Village Board meeting on April 17 may not allow enough time for the aerial treatment to occur this year. He said a plan must be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for review and approval of a flight plan, which could take weeks.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

**a. Wreaths Across America Presentation**

Administrator Storlie advised that the presenter was unable to attend this evening and this presentation will occur at the next meeting.

**b. Motion to Authorize/Not Authorize an Override of the Village President's Veto of Ordinance 23-08**

Motion to Authorize an Override of the Village President's Veto of Ordinance 23-08 by Mahony/Sauder.

Roll: Ayes – 5 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano and Sauder. Nays – 0. Present – 1 - Treiber. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**c. Motion to Authorize/Not Authorize an Override of the Village President's Veto of Ordinance 23-09**

Motion to Authorize an Override of the Village President's Veto of Ordinance 23-09 by Kunze/Sauder.

**Discussion:**

President Lynam reiterated that his reason for the veto was due to insufficient parking available. Trustee Kunze stated that at the last meeting, it was discussed that many of the vendors carpool or use public transportation. He said this is a private parking lot and if it fills up beyond capacity, that would be an issue for the property owner to address. Administrator Storlie asked Building Inspector Ranieri to confirm that the parking requirement calculation is based on the south end portion of the mall, not the entire mall which is owned by two separate entities. Ranieri confirmed this to be true. She said therefore, the entire mall has more spaces available and is not currently occupied to capacity. Ranieri advised that the owner of the south end owns 2/3 or slightly more and the owner of the north end owns 1/3. He said he did not count any parking spaces owned by the north end.

Trustee Mahony motioned to Call the Question and take the vote.

Roll: Ayes – 5 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano and Sauder. Nays – 0. Present – 1 - Treiber. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**d. Motion to Accept a Proposal from Madeline Deiters (Threeline Art) for Muralist Services at 7 N. Jackson Street**

Motion to Accept a Proposal from Madeline Deiters (Threeline Art) for Muralist Services at 7 N. Jackson Street by Mahony/Saviano.

**Discussion:**

President Lynam asked if the Board has any participation in helping choose the muralist from the proposals that were received by the Arts Council. Administrator Storlie explained that the Village Board established the Arts Council to vet this type of business for the Board. She stated that the Board does have input as it does tonight with this item before it. Trustee Saviano, Chair of the Arts Council, advised that the Council received 18-20 proposals. The Council decided on the top three candidates to interview, along with the building owner. The muralist was chosen due to her perspective of art, knowledge of materials being used and experience with large murals. Trustee Sauder, member of the Arts Council, commented that the rendering in the meeting packet is a rough sketch, not the final art piece. He added that the artist's past work and concept were other reasons this individual was selected.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**e. Discussion of the Response to Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-01 Soliciting Real Estate Projects for the Village-owned Property Located at 406-408 Barrington Avenue**

John Curtis, of Billitteri Enterprises, LLC, gave a presentation of his proposed project for (2) 12-unit, 3 story residential buildings. He has estimated the cost to build the two buildings as approximately \$4.6 million and has estimated that it would generate \$73,000 annually in real estate taxes as well as \$100,000+ per year in local consumer spending. Curtis is requesting that all permit fees and water and sewer utility tap-on fees be waived for the project. Additionally, he is requesting a TIF loan of \$300,000, of which \$100,000 would be repaid. Board members voiced concern with the density of the project in relation to the neighborhood. Many felt it was just not the right fit for this property, which is mainly surrounded by single-family dwellings.

In response to a comment made that the RFP was not advertised well for this project, Assistant to the Administrator Bottalico advised that in addition to the village website posting, the RFP was published in the Daily Herald and on DemandStar. The Village Board discussed the possibility of reissuing an RFP that has more narrowly defined preferences. Trustee Saviano stated that she would like to know what the surrounding homeowners of this property feel about the proposed project. Bottalico advised that a notice was mailed to the surrounding property owners of upcoming planned work and he received no responses. Based on the feedback discussed, the Board requested that staff continue conversations with Billitteri Enterprises to negotiate a project that better fits the property and neighborhood.

**f. Discussion of Elements that Should be Incorporated into the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Village-owned Depot located at 319 N. River Street**

Trustee Brittin requested that a non-compete use with a local downtown business stipulation be included in the RFP. She also requested that liquor service not be an option.

*The Village Board took a short recess at 2:30 p.m.*

**g. Discussion of the Proposed Stub Year 2023 (SY23) Budget**

Administrator Storlie stated that the village is converting to a calendar year budget, therefore, there will be a stub year budget for just 8 months from May 1 through December 31. Finance Director Martin gave a budget workshop presentation.

**h. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Village of East Dundee Village Code Regarding the Cash Balance Policy for the Current Fiscal Year 23 (FY23)**

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Village of East Dundee Village Code Regarding the Cash Balance Policy for the Current Fiscal Year 23 (FY23) by Brittin/Treiber.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber and Sauder. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries.

**REPORTS: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD**

**Lynam:** Thanked all involved for their efforts for the St. Patrick's Day Parade preparations.

**Brittin:** Advised that early voting has begun.

**Kunze:** None

**Mahony:** Reported that she walked in the St. Patrick's Day parade and it was well attended considering the very cold temperatures. She reminded that the fireworks are postponed to March 25. She also reported that Midwest Retro is closing after being a part of the downtown for 7 years.

**Sauder:** Asked if there was an update for the AT&T parking lot. Administrator Storlie advised that the Village has made the request to AT&T to purchase the lot. She said there has not been a response yet. Trustee Sauder also suggested implementing a speaker system in the Board room for meetings.

**Saviano:** Thanked everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade event preparations for their hard work.

**Treiber: None**

**REPORTS: STAFF**

**Village Administrator: None**

**Village Attorney: None**

**Police Chief:** Reported that the Police Department's Annual Report is now available on the village's website. He also reported that the stationary speed signs are now active.

**Public Works Director: None.**

**Building Inspector: None**

**Finance Director: None**

**Village Engineer: None**

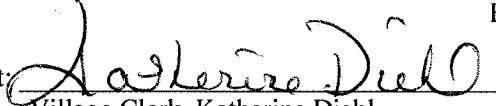
**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

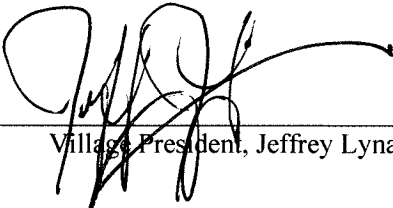
Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting at 9:11 p.m. by Brittin/Mahony.

Roll: Ayes – 7 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Treiber, Sauder and President Lynam. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Diehl

Attest:   
Village Clerk, Katherine Diehl

By:   
Village President, Jeffrey Lynam