

CALL TO ORDER

President Lynam calls to order the Village of East Dundee Regular Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Attorney Caitlyn Culbertson and Clerk Katherine Diehl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **To Consider the Proposed Budget and Appropriations for the Village's Stub Year 2023, for the period of May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

President Lynam opened the Public Hearing to consider the Proposed Budget and Appropriations for the Village's Stub Year 2023, for the period of May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close the public hearing by Mahony/Brittin.
Motion passes by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 20, 2023**
- b. **Motion to Accept the Warrants Lists in the Amount of \$124,046.24 and \$240,834.09**

Trustee Mahony requested for **item a** to be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Motion to approve consent agenda **item b** by Mahony/Saviano.

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

- a. **Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 20, 2023**

Trustee Mahony provided a correct last name for an individual who spoke during public comment and an additional concern that was mentioned by the individual.

Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 20, 2023 and to include the last name correction and additional concern comment by Mahony/Saviano.

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

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. **Wreaths Across America Presentation**

Jerry Christopherson, President of True Patriots Care, provided an overview of the Wreaths Across America Day program. He explained that each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach those who have served as first responders and in the armed services by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. His organization plans to sponsor a Wreaths Across America Day event in Dundee Township this holiday season and is requesting monetary support from the Village. He asked the Village to consider a \$1500 donation. He advised that he already has secured monetary support from neighboring communities. Trustee Saviano stated that her non-profit organization has been involved in this event over the last four years. She said it is a very organized, respectful and emotional event and each name of those who served is announced.

There was consensus of the Board to provide the donation requested in the amount of \$1500.

b. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Tattooing for the Property Located at 324 North River Street, East Dundee Located in the B-1 Downtown Business District

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Tattooing for the Property Located at 324 North River Street, East Dundee Located in the B-1 Downtown Business District by Brittin/Saviano.

Discussion:

Administrator Storlie stated that this special use request appeared before the Planning and Zoning Commission recently and was given a recommendation for approval. Murphy Minoso, owner of Willow & Birch Wellness Boutique, addressed the Board with her request to add decorative tattooing to her existing services. Trustee Brittin asked Minoso if she was aware of the conditions that were set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission and agreeable with them. Minoso responded that she is aware and agreeable. She stated that the set-up of her establishment is what sets it apart from the average tattoo shop. She explained that her establishment offers retail, which includes several cancer-care forward products. She said her tattoo studio will be located on the second floor, away from street view and clients are accepted by appointment only.

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

c. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Sale Agreement and Purchase of Real Property (Northwest Corner of S. Van Buren Street and Maiden Lane)

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Sale Agreement and Purchase of Real Property (Northwest Corner of S. Van Buren Street and Maiden Lane) by Mahony/Brittin.

Discussion:

Administrator Storlie explained that this parcel is part of the original Haeger property and was not included in the sale of the factory by the original Haeger owners. She said that the owners have no further use for the property and are interested in selling it to the Village so that the entire Haeger property can be redeveloped together. This property was previously used for overflow parking by Immanuel Lutheran Church but is no longer being used for that purpose.

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

d. Motion to a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. to Provide Comprehensive Tax Software for the Village of East Dundee for Three Years in the Amount of \$60,000

Motion to a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. to Provide Comprehensive Tax Software for the Village of East Dundee for Three Years in the Amount of \$60,000 by Mahony/Brittin.

Discussion:

President Lynam stated that he did not approve of this expenditure as he feels the software does not offer the value in return.

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

e. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Stub Year Budget

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Stub Year Budget by Sauder/Saviano.

Discussion:

Administrator Storlie explained that there are a few different reasons why the Village is transitioning its fiscal year to a calendar year. She stated that one reason is that it is easier for staff to facilitate because it aligns with the preparation of the budget during the fall. She said it also allows for better capital planning because it gives the ability to program the projects in advance to then bid them out further in advance for better pricing opportunities. She said it also aligns the property tax cycle in the event of an increase, which must be done by December 31 each year. She stated there are no current plans for any increase.

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

f. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances (Garbage and Refuse)

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances (Garbage and Refuse) by Mahony/Sauder.

Discussion:

Trustee Brittin voiced that she would like a final decision made for this topic in the calendar year 2024 budget. Administrator Storlie stated that when 2024 budget discussions begin in October, staff will provide several options for the Board to consider for reducing or eliminating the garbage and refuse fees.

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

REPORTS: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD

Lynam: Proclaimed April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the Village of East Dundee. Next, Lynam stated that investors risk their money by making investments in the community which attract businesses and generate sales tax. He said without these investments, the Village would need to rely on property taxes. He said any suggestion of him raising property taxes is not true.

Brittin: Voiced a concern about lack of attendance by Planning and Zoning Commissioners. She would like this to be addressed and recommended offering additional training again to all members.

Kunze: Asked when the Village's Comprehensive Plan should be revisited. Administrator Storlie advised that the plan is to budget for the process in calendar year 2024. She said the process takes approximately 18-24 months to update the plan. The original plan was created in 2002 and updated in 2012. She stated that Assistant Bottalico will have a discussion with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Then discussions will be had with the Village Board in June or July. This will then be budgeted for the next Fiscal Year and will kick off in January.

Mahony: Commented that the Village's Strategic Plan will be complete in 2023 and much has been accomplished. She asked that a schedule be made to revisit this. She also commented that the natural spring mentioned by Trustee Sauder is old infrastructure. She asked if a schedule could be put together to regularly check the spring. Director Cotter advised that it is being maintained and this has been communicated to the residents affected. He said the main priority is keeping the roots under control. He said some comprehensive repairs may need to be made.

Sauder: Reported that the Arts Council met on April 5 and a plan was made for him and Council Member Chavi to meet with the muralist this week to go over edits to the mural draft design. The final sketch and start date will be coming soon. Sauder also reported that the recent survey asking the community what kind of public art it would like to see in our Village resulted in 125 responses. Next, Sauder reported that residents have voiced experiencing flood issues from the natural spring at the brick pillar village entry on N. Van Buren Street. He advised that roots and other things clog the spring and asked if the village does routine maintenance for this. Lastly, Sauder advised that he and Public Works Director Cotter have been looking into lead service line replacement ideas for homes affected by this. He advised that there is water testing available for a \$250 minimum fee where groups of neighbors can ban together for the testing and split the cost. Director Cotter advised that he is currently collecting information for a comprehensive conversation.

Saviano: None

Treiber: None

REPORTS: STAFF

Village Administrator: Storlie reported that the Middle School Band will be hosting a concert at The Depot Park on May 15.

Village Attorney: None

Police Chief: None

Public Works Director: None

Building Inspector: Ranieri reported that the Village Music building foundation is in very poor shape and there was a structural engineer on site last Friday.

Finance Director: None

Village Engineer: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yes

Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting to Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. for (c)(5) Acquisition of Property by Brittin/Saviano.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Mahony, Kunze, Brittin, Saviano, Sauder and President Lynam. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 - Treiber. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns.

The Village Board will not be taking any action in Executive Session and will therefore, not be returning to the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Diehl

Attest:

Katherine Diehl
Village Clerk, Katherine Diehl

By:

Jeffrey Lynam
Village President, Jeffrey Lynam