

**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, Treiber and President Lynam. Trustee Sauder is absent.

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Erika Storlie, Finance Director Brandiss Martin, Chief of Police James Kruger, Deputy Chief of Police Josh Fourdyce, Director of Public Works Phil Cotter, Building Inspector Chris Ranieri, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Attorney Kelley Gandurski and Clerk Katherine Diehl.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Bill Zelsdorf**

Mr. Zelsdorf recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by memory. He stated that he is dedicating it to this November meeting as it was also originally delivered in November.

**Steve Whitecotton – Dundee Township Foundation**

Mr. Whitecotton stated that he recently did a walkthrough of the space that the Foundation currently occupies at 611 E. Main St. with the Fire Department. He said that the requested work that needs to be done is very reasonable, as is the amount of money it will take for the work to be done, which the Foundation will pay for.

**Patricia Glees – Dundee Township Foundation Treasurer**

Ms. Glees stated that the Foundation has never received a bill or an invoice for garbage fees. She stated that the Foundation is not part of the Condo Association at this time. She said any invoice or bill should be provided by the Association to the Village of East Dundee and then to the Foundation. She advised that she would be willing to review past fees for garbage collection that the Village has paid to the Association. She said the Foundation would then be ready to pay the appropriate fees.

**Kevin Bruning – Attorney, Bruning & Associates PC and Counsel for the Dundee Township Foundation**

Mr. Bruning stated that the motion to amend at the last meeting involving the Dundee Township Foundation needs clarity. He stated that it is his opinion that the Village Board cannot terminate the license agreement at this time for numerous reasons. He said the total amount of work, including the common areas, will amount to \$25,000 and the Foundation is committed to paying the entire amount. He asked the Board to allow the work to be performed by the Foundation and to permit them to occupy the space.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Motion to Approve the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes dated October 2, 2023**
- b. **Motion to Accept the Warrants List in the Amount of \$708,931.91**
- c. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Establishing the Regular Meeting Dates for the Village of East Dundee Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning & Historic Commission, and Liquor Control Commission for the Calendar Year 2024**
- d. **Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving an Insurance Proposal from Alliant Insurance Services**
- e. **Motion to Approve an Ordinance Establishing a One Year Moratorium on the Issuance of Video Gaming Licenses**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda by Kunze/Mahony.

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

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

**a. Recognition of Police Chief James Kruger**

The Village recognized Chief Kruger for his hard work, leadership, outstanding talents, professionalism, and service to the East Dundee Police Department. Chief Kruger thanked the Village Board, Village President and Village Administrator for allowing him to come to East Dundee and finish out the final two years of his active law enforcement career. He also thanked police department staff. He said it was an honor to work with them and to lead them. He also thanked Deputy Chief Fourdyce for the outstanding job that he has done over the past year since coming to East Dundee, helping him lead the organization.

**b. Motion to Advise and Consent to the Village President’s Appointment of Josh Fourdyce as Police Chief**

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Village President’s Appointment of Josh Fourdyce as Police Chief by Brittin/Mahony.

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

**c. Swearing in of Police Chief Josh Fourdyce**

Clerk Diehl Swore in Police Chief Josh Fourdyce.

Chief Fourdyce thanked Chief Kruger for giving him the chance to be an aspiring leader. He said that he is truly humbled and excited for this opportunity.

**d. Discussion to Correct the Record from the Village Board Meeting of October 16, 2023**

Attorney Gandurski explained that with the absence of a Trustee this evening, a tie vote would be a failed vote. She stated that the vote stands as a failed vote because it was not corrected before adjournment. She said that a new motion can be made at this time.

**e. Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Termination of License Agreement between Dundee Township Foundation, Inc. and the Village of East Dundee in Regard to the use and Occupancy of a Portion of the Summit Square, 611 East Main Street, East Dundee, Illinois**

Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Termination of License Agreement between Dundee Township Foundation, Inc. and the Village of East Dundee in Regard to the use and Occupancy of a Portion of the Summit Square, 611 East Main Street, East Dundee, Illinois by Mahony/Saviano.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Kunze commented that it is a shame it has come to a vote to make the Foundation leave because the parties involved cannot work together. President Lynam stated that the liability that the Village faces is compelling. Administrator Storlie stated that this property has been a gigantic financial burden for the Village of East Dundee to carry and will continue to be until the day the Village no longer owns it. She explained that the property is in a state of disrepair that must be fixed or closed off so that it is not accessible

to the public. She said it is not prudent to put more money into the facility. She said it was decided a year or two ago to exit from the facility and mitigate the damages. She said this has been very costly to the residents for years and will continue to be until there is a resolution.

Roll: Ayes – 4 – Kunze, Brittin, Treiber and President Lynam. Nays – 2 – Mahony and Saviano. Absent – 1 - Sauder. Motion carries.

Motion to Move Agenda item g up as the next order of business by Brittin/Saviano.

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

**g. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Sale Agreement and Purchase of Real Property (304 Hill Street & 309 Jackson Street)**

Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Sale Agreement and Purchase of Real Property (304 Hill Street & 309 Jackson Street) by Saviano/Mahony.

**Discussion:**

Administrator Storlie Explained that The Village has been negotiating the purchase of 309 N. Jackson St. and 304 Hill St. with the property owner for over a year with the plan to build a two-story parking garage on the site. She stated that the property owner advised that he would not sell the property unless the Village agreed to a restriction prohibiting the Village from charging for parking at any facility that may be constructed on the site for a period of 20 years, which has never been mentioned in prior discussions. The property owner has also advised that there will be a prohibition on the Village holding any events on the property for the same time period. Administrator Storlie does not recommend accepting deed restrictions. She does recommend that the Village charge for parking during village sponsored special events, which occur approximately 12 to 14 times per year. This will help create a reserve fund to set aside to pay for maintenance of the garage over time. She stated that if the property owner will not sell without the deed restrictions, she recommends that the village go in the direction of utilizing eminent domain. Trustee Kunze stated that he is not sure this parking garage will be beneficial to the residents. He does not feel that this garage is an urgent need. He suggests amending the motion to eliminate the restrictions by the owner. Attorney Gandurski suggested not approving the motion and coming back with a version that the Board would approve. Trustee Saviano is not in favor of utilizing eminent domain at this point in time. Trustee Brittin would like more clarity with a signed agreement in hand and prefers to postpone until such time. Trustee Treiber stated that other towns charge for parking which is mainly to the visitors.

Motion to Postpone the Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Sale Agreement and Purchase of Real Property (304 Hill Street & 309 Jackson Street) to the December 4, 2023 meeting by Brittin/Kunze.

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

**f. Discussion of the Proposed FY2024 Budget and Provide Direction to Staff on Budget Allocations in Addition to the Cash Balance Policy, the Assignment of Cash Reserves, Staffing Levels, Salary Increases, and Water, Sewer and Refuse Rates**

Finance Director Martin presented the Fiscal Year 2024 budget overview. She provided highlights of the debt obligations, expenditures, and general fund revenues. Martin reminded that a decision still needs to be made on the refuse sunset clause. Administrator Storlie advised that a follow up budget discussion will be scheduled for November 20. She stated that the budget hearing will occur at the December 4 meeting and the

budget adoption will occur at the December 18 meeting.

**REPORTS: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD**

**Lynam:** Expressed well wishes for Chief Kruger.

**Brittin:** None

**Kunze:** None

**Mahony:** Reported that she attended a Township Board meeting on October 18. She stated that other governmental agencies attended and shared good information. This included a new gun lock safety act presentation by the Kane County Sheriff's Office and an update on the spring completion of the Longmeadow Parkway project presented by Chris Kios of the Kane County Forest Preserve. Trustee Mahony also reported that she attended the Riverfront Master Plan open house. Lastly, she reported that the Depot Market ended last weekend and a postcard has been printed to inform the vendors and the public of the 2024 season.

**Sauder:** None

**Saviano:** None

**Treiber:** None

**REPORTS: STAFF**

**Village Administrator:** None

**Village Attorney:** Gandurski reported that Springfield is going into a veto session in the next few days. One topic that will be addressed will be the "Paid Leave for all Workers" act.

**Police Chief:** None

**Public Works Director:** None

**Building Inspector:** None

**Finance Director:** None

**Village Engineer:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yes**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. to Executive Session for (c)(21)  
Discussion of Minutes and (c)(5) Acquisition of Property by Kunze/Saviano.

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



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village President, Jeffrey Lynam

Attest: Katherine Diehl  
Village Clerk, Katherine Diehl