



Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on April 15, 2019. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at two prominent places in the Village of Trout Valley.

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, David Hall, David Peterson, Kristin Purtill and Todd Somers. Also present were Comptroller Rick Haning, Clerk Tonia Gonzalez, and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP. Trustee Mike Murphy was absent.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Purtill:

“The February 11, 2019 meeting minutes be approved”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Public Participation

President Baker congratulated newly elected Trustees Walter Graf, Kristin Purtill and Ann Somers. They will be sworn in at the June 11, 2019 Village board meeting.

Matt Milczarski, from NW Suburban Patrol introduced himself to the Village board. He will be on patrol in Trout Valley while Mark is currently on leave. He is a retired Army provost marshal, with additional experience as a paramedic and a private investigator. He offered to drive by resident homes while they are on vacation, for additional security. He can be contacted at (331) 588-7480 or via email at m.milczarskinwsp@gmail.com. He encouraged residents to still call 911 if there is an emergency.

Residents Linda & Rodger Stelle updated the board on the public hearing of the zoning of the Cary Village Hall building. The zoning board voted to change the zoning to R1. President Baker will continue to look for the contract that turned over the property to the Village of Cary. It was a gift and there may be some restrictions in the contract on the use of the property. A public hearing regarding the Country Commons apartments will be held on 4/25/19 @ 7:30 p.m. They want to increase the number of apartments from 8 to 18 & reduce parking. The Village has concerns of density issues. TVA deed restrictions cover the Country Commons Apartments and the former preschool. Counsel Kelly informed the board of their response options and discussions were held regarding the potential actions by the Village.

President Baker congratulated Phil Stancko on his re-election to the Cary Park District board. Phil thanked Linda Stelle and the Village Board for their support in his re-election.

Resident Lori Morgan approached the board regarding damage to her home from a tree in the Trout Valley Fen falling on her home. President Baker will discuss issue with TVA President Stitle.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Lodge Signage Update

Trustee Peterson requested a motion to approve a quote for Lodge signage. Comptroller Haning has a

agenda item to transfer appropriation funds to provide funding for the signage. Decision needed as to which fiscal year to purchase the signage.

4.2 Boat Ramp Update

Trustee Peterson informed the board that construction may begin in early June. They are changing the angle of the ramp, installing a new dock, dredging, installing ripwrap, and widening the boat slips. Trustee Peterson signed contracts for the marina project as an agent for the TVA. Comptroller Haning discussed the need for invoices to come directly to the Village for material purchases.

4.3 Riverfront Lights Update

Trustee Peterson informed the board that a street light on the basketball court fell in a windstorm. The TVA asked the Village to replace. New pole needed & trench for electrical at a cost of \$2.2k. Comptroller Haning requested the approval be delayed until later discussions regarding the appropriations.

4.4 Fish for Ponds

Trustee Peterson stated that there was a fish delivery on 4/17/19 of small minnows to pond 1, trout to upper ponds and bluegill in lower ponds. TVA will purchase & Village will contribute up to \$1.5k.

4.5. Turkey Trot

President Baker stated the event had 530 participants last year and the event coordinators have increased the cost by \$5 for race participants. The Village 5013C will receive 15% of gross proceeds, since they utilize the lodge, TV roads and parking. The 5013C has yet to receive the funds.

4.6 2019 Consolidated Elections Update

Clerk Gonzalez informed the board that the unofficial results of the 4/2/19 Consolidated elections resulted in the election of Robert Baker as Village President and Walter Graf, Kristin Purtill, and Ann Somers as Village Trustees. All newly elected Village board members will serve 4 year terms.

4.7 Appropriation Budget Resolution

Comptroller Haning informed the board that corrections to the 2018-19 appropriations budget are needed to ensure funding of priority projects this fiscal year. A transfer of appropriated funds from Stormwater Mgmt. to three other line items are needed. Once the funds are moved then approval for spending would be required.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Purtill and seconded by Trustee Somers:

“Approval to Transfer \$7k from the Stormwater Management General Fund to Line Items #01-550 External Communications - \$2k, #01-870 Building - \$2k and #01-910 Community Development - \$3k”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Antrim:

“Approval of signage purchase for Lodge up to \$1.5k”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Somers:

“The payment of \$1,950 for final invoice of the Lodge drawings be approved”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Somers:

“Approval for replacement of basketball court east light and electric to west side light at Riverfront Park, not to exceed \$2.5k”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Antrim:

“Approval of spending for Village of Trout Valley 4th of July party of up to \$2k contingent on matching funds by TVA”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4.8 4th of July Event

President Baker currently has ten residents involved on the 4th of July party committee. He and Maryellen are heading this year’s committee. The TVA no longer funds Trout Valley social events. He will approach TVA for support of \$2k to match the \$2k of Village funds, with hopes of reimbursing financial support through food & drink sales.

4.9 Cary Rezoning Updates

See below

5.0 New Business

5.1 Cary Rezoning: Old Day Care & Country Commons Strip Mall

Discussions held regarding Cary rezoning plans. The Village of Trout Valley was not notified of the zoning changes. Counsel Kelly suggested President Baker contact Cary Village President to find out what the plans are for the Village Hall building. In addition, a FOIA request will be sent for copy of gift contract. Trustee Purtil noted that the Cary board would not acknowledge the Village Hall as a historical building and they wanted to pass a R1 designation.

Counsel Kelly recommended that the TVA work with Cary on enforcing deed restrictions when Country Commons Apartment buildings are considering increasing the number of apartments. The Village has influence regarding density concerns 1 ½ miles outside of its borders.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Hall:

“The Village of Trout Valley formally rejects the rezoning of the County Commons Strip Mall by the Village of Cary”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Murphy, Peterson and Somers
Voting Nay: None. Motion carried

5.2 Road Crack Sealing

Trustee Hall wanted to have cracks sealed on Turkey Run & Turkey Hill roads. Trustee Peterson stated the TVA has no budget for this and will not commit funding to seal coating. Comptroller Haning confirmed that the TVA is responsible for maintenance of TVA roads. Trustee Peterson will approach TVA again for additional funding. This project is small, with some concerns in obtaining quotes.

5.3 McHenry County Council of Governments – Membership Renewal

Trustee Hall is currently applying for a grant by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact that gives additional consideration to members of MMCOG – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus of Governments. President Baker will research membership opportunities.

5.4 Northwest Suburban Patrol Inc. – Hourly Rate Increase

Trustee Somers reported that Northwest Suburban Security was asking for a 50 cent hourly increase. Both he and Trustee Hall see the upgrades, with a newer patrol car. Comptroller Haning feels this is not a substantial amount and over ten years, there has only been a total increase of \$1 per hour. A new Insurance certificate and a new contract are needed.

5.5 Diamond Day

President Baker made request twice to TVA for a “diamond day”. TVA will hold under advisement with no date given.

5.6 Fallen Tree at 125 Turkey Hill Road

President Baker will approach TVA President Brian Stitle to obtain further information on this issue.

5.7 Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ComEd Green Region Program for the Leading the Way: Enhancing Suburban Pollinator Habitats Project

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Hall and seconded by Trustee Purtill:

“Approval of resolution authorizing participation in the ComEd Green Region Program for the Leading the Way: Enhancing Suburban Pollinator Habitats Project”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers
Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5.8 Approval of Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Hall and seconded by Trustee Purtill:

“Approval of resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers
Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5.9 Approval of Arbor Day Proclamation

Arbor Day Proclamation is needed to maintain Tree City status for the Village of Trout Valley. A tree will also be planted in Trout Valley, in honor of this day.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Hall and seconded by Trustee Antrim:

“Approval of Proclamation of May 1, 2019 as Arbor Day in the Village of Trout Valley, endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Greenest Region Compact”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5.10 Census 2020

Clerk Gonzalez presented information regarding the 2020 U.S. Census. April 1, 2020 is Census Day. Census data determines funding support to Trout Valley. There will be an online option to submit census information. Clerk Gonzalez will place information in the Trout Valley Newsletter and will serve as the Village Representative for the 2020 U.S. Census.

6.0 Reports, as appropriate

6.11 Financial Report

Comptroller Haning reviewed the Cash Receipts & Disbursements that are at or above what is budgeted. Cash Receipts are \$72.2k YTD vs. \$58.1k budgeted primarily due to Fen Grant. Discussions held regarding spending of the Fen grant. Total Cash Disbursements are \$114,940 YTD vs. \$114,935 budgeted. Cash Balances are currently at \$294.6k.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Purtil and seconded by Trustee Hall:

“To approve the February 2019 through March 2019 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6.21 Security Report

Trustee Somers reviewed the Northwest Suburban 2019 Patrol Schedule for the Village of Trout Valley. The Northwest Suburban Patrol report and the McHenry County Sheriff log for April were reviewed, with no serious security issues noted.

6.31 Intergovernmental Report

Trustee Murphy absent.

6.41 Forestry Board Report

Trustee Hall reported Bill Tranchita is now in charge of TVA Maintenance. A Hornbeam tree for the Fen and a Yellow Flower Magnolia for the Country Commons entrance will be planted for Arbor Day. Approval was given for Trustee Hall to be reimbursed for the removal of logs from the Fen.

6.51 Fen Restoration Report

Trustee Hall reported plant plugs will be planted in May/June. He is working with a Boy Scout to build a wood walk leading past the pollinator habitat and into the Fen, for his Eagle project. A tree removal company will remove buckthorn and other invasive trees on approx 12k sq. feet at the corner of Brookbridge and River.

6.6 Other

None

7.0 Presidents Report

None

8.0 Adjournment

There being no additional regular business to come before the Board, President Baker requested a motion to adjourn, which was proposed at 10:17 p.m. by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Hall.

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson, Purtil and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Gonzalez

Village Clerk