



Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on June 11, 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 7:04 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, David Hall, Mike Murphy, David Peterson, Kristin Purtill and Todd Somers. Also present were newly elected Trustees Ann Somers & Walter Graf, Comptroller Rick Haning, Clerk Tonia Gonzalez, and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP.

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

“The April 15, 2019 meeting minutes be approved with changes to section 4.7 Appropriation Budget Resolution”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Swearing in of New Trustees

President Baker thanked both Todd Somers and Mike Murphy for their service on the Village board. Todd Somers has served 16 years on the Village Board and both brought their own knowledge and dedication to the role of Trustee. Reelected President Bob Baker was sworn in, along with Village Trustees Walter Graf, Kristin Purtill and Ann Somers.

4.0 Public Participation

Resident Jen Kuhner informed the board of issues involving her children being stopped while on mini bikes and/or golf cart. Resident Claudia Conroy asked that the boulders be removed in front of her home. Cary Park District Representative, Phil Stanko informed the board that Lions Park is now open and July 21st is the opening date for the newly remodeled Kaper Park. TVA Public Safety Director Bill Tranchita informed the board of flooding behind the home at 27 Marryat due to a 16” storm sewer pipe from the Village of Cary that dumps into Trout Valley. President Baker will contact the Village of Cary to try to resolve this issue. In addition, Mr. Tranchita informed the board that TVA spent \$3.2k to repair the culvert collapse at the end of Cahill Rd. He also stated that due to outside people fishing in the ponds, he was interested in having NW Suburban Patrol to monitor fishing badges.

**Due to large number of Trout Valley residents and their interest in New Business sections 6.3 Traffic Issues in the Valley, 6.4 Traffic Study Funding, 6.5 Enforcement of Road Regulations on Village Road and 6.6 Boulders on TVA Roads, these line items were moved up on the Agenda.

6.0 New Business **

6.5 Enforcement of Road Regulations on Village Road

Discussions held regarding concerns over underage golf cart and motor bike drivers in the Village. In a recent incident, a McHenry County Sheriff did not recognize the Loop as a public road and considered all of the Village roads as private. President Baker stated that the Sheriff currently has no control on

regulatory issues in Trout Valley, but can issue a DUI. Discussions held regarding potential Sheriff enforcement of traffic regulations on the Village Loop. Speeding on Trout Valley roads and continued driving of golf carts by underage children were a large concern for residents in attendance. TVA President Brian Stitle informed the board that he will obtain resident feedback on these issues, including potentially utilizing the Sheriff to enforce regulations. Matt of NW Suburban Patrol has concerns regarding the safety of children and drivers on Trout Valley roads. He asks that residents be respectful and civil when he approaches to enforce Village ordinances. Residents asked President Baker to consider additional hours for private security. Both the TVA & Village presidents agreed that all residents are to abide by all Village and TVA ordinances/rules. No residents/families will be considered "off limits". President Baker to locate previous agreement between TVA & Sheriff regarding enforcement of regulations.

6.6 Boulders on TVA Roads

Comptroller Haning asked the TVA to publish an explanation as to why the boulders were put in place around the Trout Valley roads. He cited misinformation on Trout Valley Facebook page. President Baker asked Mr. Tranchita to remove the boulders at Ms. Conroy's home per her request to reseed her lawn and due to low traffic on Little Marryat.

6.3 Traffic Issues in the Valley

Previously covered in discussion of Item 6.5

6.4 Traffic Study Funding

Trustee Peterson will place a summary of the traffic study he conducted (measured vehicle speeds and number of cars) on social media and in the Trout Valley Newsletter. He plans to conduct a "cut through" study along High Rd., River Rd, and Country Commons Rd, and needs to rent four traffic counting machines for this study.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Lodge Signage Update

The custom sign should be installed at the front of the Lodge in July.

5.2 Boat Ramp Update

All permits have been obtained and project is expected to begin in July.

5.3 Riverfront Lights Update

Due to delay in establishing electricity to the lights, the lights are expected be repaired in approx. 5 weeks.

5.4 Fish for Ponds

135 Trout were placed in the upper ponds, 200 Blue Gill in Tom Sawyer and an additional 180lbs of Fat Head Minnows will be released in July.

5.5 Turkey Trot Update

The Trout Valley 5013C will receive 15% of gross proceeds to include contributions from sponsorships. No formal contract was signed between Trout Valley and the Cary Grove Track Association. The 5013C has yet to receive the funds from the 2018 Turkey Trot.

5.6 Road Crack Sealing Update

Comptroller Haning requested two separate contracts & invoices.

5.7 Lodge Expansion Update

A application was submitted to the Liautaud Foundation, for consideration of support for the Lodge expansion project.

5.8 Trout Valley Scholarship Update

President Baker presented the 2019 Village of Trout Valley Scholarship to Alyssa Thallemer at the Cary-Grove High School Awards Night. Her full essay is available on the Trout Valley website.

5.9 Cary Rezoning Updates

Discussions held regarding concerns for proposed rezoning of the Country Commons Apartments/Businesses. The proposal to convert the property to all apartments must account for required number of parking spots.

5.10 Pedestrian Crossing across Cary Algonquin Road Update

President Baker is working with McHenry County Board member, Joe Gottemoller to resolve this issue.

6.0 New Business (Continued)

6.1 The Pumping Station – Parking Restriction, Chained Gate, TVA Dues

Discussions held regarding the Village of Cary enforcement of no trespassing and no parking on the Pumping Station Lot. Installation of a chain fence across the property was noted. Issue was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

6.2 Restrictions for Cary Village Hall

The Cary Village Hall was recently rezoned to R1 with no restrictions. The building has historical significance for Trout Valley. Discussions held regarding potential actions by the Village if Cary decided to demolish the building.

**** Agenda Items #6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 were discussed earlier in the meeting**

6.7 Parks & Recreation Month

Cary Park District Representative, Phil Stanko informed the board that July is proclaimed as National Parks & Recreation month. President Baker read the Proclamation to the board.

In recognition of this designation, President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Purtill and seconded by Trustee Somers:

“Approval of Proclamation to support the Cary Park District and declare July 2019 as Parks & Recreation Month”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.0 Reports, as appropriate

7.1 Financial Report

Comptroller Haning reviewed the State Income Tax Analysis sheet. He noted a 46.4% increase in tax receipts in April and a total YTD increase of 16.7%. The State Sales Tax receipts are also over budget. He will investigate for cause of the increase.

In a review of the Cash Receipts & Disbursements, Cash Receipts are up \$20k YTD, primarily due to increases in State Sales and Income tax receipts and Grants. The Total General Fund Disbursements are on target at \$81.7k. \$34.6k spent YTD on Storm Water Management. Total Cash Disbursements are \$131.8k YTD vs. \$130.4k budgeted. In a review of the Statement of Financial Position, it shows Cash Balances are currently at \$302.8k, down approximately \$30k from prior year.

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

“To approve the April 2019 through May 2019 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was noted that many of the additional expenditures during this period, were due to the spending of the Grant awarded for the Fen Restoration.

7.2 Security Report

Trustee Hall distributed and reviewed security summaries. President Baker recommended that Matt (security patrol for Northwest Suburban) contact the McHenry County Sheriff if he encounters residents who are abusive or uncooperative. Discussions held regarding the shifting of security patrol hours. The Northwest Suburban Patrol report and the McHenry County Sheriff log were reviewed, with no serious security issues noted.

7.3 Intergovernmental Report

Newly elected Trustee Ann Somers will assume responsibility for the Intergovernmental report.

7.4 Forestry Board Report

Discussions held regarding the budget and status of various trees and pollinators around the Village. Flowering trees will be planted along Country Commons road after removal of Box Elders and scrub trees.

7.42 Garden Plot Judging & Presentation of Prizes

Sheelagh Cooke thanked the Village for providing prizes for the garden plots, to be presented at the TV 4th of July party. A “people choice” category will be added.

7.5 Fen Restoration Report

Boy Scout Kolin Fadden completed his Eagle Scout project, the construction of the Fen boardwalk. Fen volunteers continue to plant wildflowers in the pollinator garden area with further shipments to be received in June & July.

7.6 Other

None

8.0 Presidents Report

None

9.0 Adjournment

There being no additional regular business to come before the Board, President Baker requested a motion to adjourn, which was proposed at 9:40 p.m. by Trustee Purtill and seconded by Trustee Graf.

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Gonzalez

Village Clerk