



Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on February 10, 2020. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at two prominent places in the Village of Trout Valley.

Trustee David Hall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, Walter Graf, David Peterson, Kristin Purtil and Ann Somers. Also present were, Clerk Tonia Gonzalez, and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP. Absent were President Bob Baker and Comptroller Rick Haning.

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

“The December 2, 2019 meeting minutes be approved”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Public Participation

Phil Stanko, Cary Park District Commissioner, provided updates on the improvements to Lions & Kaper Park. The Cary Park District is focused on replacement of the swimming pool, which is expected to be completed in 2022. The new pool will be financed using grants and existing debt structure with no raise in taxes. 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the Cary Park District

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Turkey Trot – Link Removal from Website

Trustee Peterson informed the Board that the registration link for the Turkey Trot on the new Trout Valley website, directs users to the Cary Grove website. Due to uncertainty of the Turkey Trot race organizer for 2020, he requested the registration link be removed.

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

“The TVA remove the registration link for the Turkey Trot on the new Trout Valley website, until a race organizer is confirmed.”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4.2 Modification of Fen Lease with TVA

Discussions held regarding the Village potentially leasing all common grounds owned by the TVA to make planting/pruning trees and overall beautification projects easier to accomplish with Village funds. Counsel Kelly felt such a broad description would be problematic and recommended that the lease descriptions should be well defined and selective. The TVA should be held responsible for repair and

maintenance. Discussions held regarding potential modifications to the current fen lease. Counsel Kelly to revise Fen Lease Schedule B as agreed to at the December 2019 Village Board meeting.

4.3 Picnic Tables

Trustee Peterson purchased three additional picnic tables at \$300 each for placement in Trout Park.

4.4 2020 U.S. Census Update

Clerk Gonzalez asked the Board for support in purchasing a banner and poster materials to promote the upcoming U.S. Census. She will also seek the support of the TVA in encouraging residents to respond to the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 ComEd – Powering Safe Communities Grant

Trustee Hall will apply for the Powering Safe Community Grant on behalf of the Village for a \$10k grant with a \$10k Village match. The Grant would be used for security lighting.

5.2 5013C Donation

Trustee Peterson made a motion for a \$5k total donation to the 5013C to be used towards a new playground or the Trout Valley museum. A second was not received on the motion. Issue was deferred until the April Village Board meeting.

5.3 New TVA Website – Public vs. Private

Trustee Peterson requested all Village documents be made available to the public on the new Trout Valley website. Upon further review, all Village documents are available to the public

5.4 Additional Leased Land from TVA: Upper Pastures, Barn Complex Grounds; Riverfront Park; Lower Pasture and Baseball Area

Comptroller Haning requested the Village obtain a lease on any TVA land that the Village is funding the planting or removing trees.

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

“Request the TVA approve a lease drafted by Counsel Kelly for the land adjacent to the south side of Country Commons Road for a width of 50 feet on the south side of the road from Cary Algonquin Road to Turkey Run. The lease will specifically allow the Village to plant and remove trees as part of the work to be undertaken in accordance with the Urban Communities Forestry grant.”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Counsel Kelly also felt all liability with the property in the lease stays with the owner and no obligation on behalf of the Village.

5.5 Stormwater Management: Broken Pipe/Culvert Collapse Repair, 24” Pipe Study & Silt Removal

Trustee Peterson reviewed a spreadsheet for quotes for various storm water repairs/maintenance projects.

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

“The Village reimburse the TVA for up to \$6.5k for emergency temporary repairs to the 24” pipe that collapsed and resulted in a sinkhole under Trout Valley Road.”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Graf, Peterson and Purtill

Voting Nay: Trustee Somers Motion carried.

Discussions held regarding replacement of pipe at 170 Rainbow Lane to the center of the road. Six bids were obtained with Ringers was the lowest at \$1k. Replacement pipe will be PVC.

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

“The Village approve up to \$1.5k to replace the 24” pipe at 170 Rainbow Lane to the center of the road.”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

If the TVA utilizes a different vendor, the maximum reimbursement would be \$1.5k.

Trustee Peterson reviewed the three bids for scoping the section of the 24” pipe that runs under Trout Valley Road. In addition, he reviewed the bids for cleaning out the catch basins and dredging. Trustee Peterson prefers to utilize American Vactor for both projects. Counsel Kelly advised of the need for a stormwater management permit for the project.

Upon further discussion, the engineering portion of the project will be completed in 2021

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

“The Village approve up to \$1k for scoping of the 24” pipe under Trout Valley Road; up to \$7k for cleaning of catch basins and dredging of sediment buildup at 218 River Drive (due to pipe collapse).”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Graf, and Purtill

Voting Nay: Trustee Somers Abstain: Trustee Peterson and Hall. Motion carried.

5.6 Scanning of Village Documents

Clerk Gonzalez discussed the need to scan village documents to ensure retention and ability to have them loaded to the new Village website.

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

“Approve up to \$400 for the purchase of a document scanner”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6.0 Reports, as appropriate

6.1 Financial Report

Village board reviewed the financial documents submitted by Comptroller Haning. The Cash Receipts & Disbursements reflected Total Cash Receipts of \$49.6k vs a \$46.9k budget. Current Cash Balance is at \$317.5k vs. \$302.5k in 2019.

Trustee Hall requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Graf and seconded by Trustee Somers:

“Approve the December 2019 and January 2020 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6.2 Security Report

The summary report from the McHenry County Sheriff office was reviewed and reflected very little activity in the Village in December and January. The contract for Northwest Suburban Patrol needs to be renewed for 2020.

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

“Approve the 2020 Security Patrol Agreement with Northwest Suburban Patrol and increase the hourly rate to \$25 per hour.”

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Counsel Kelly to amend the contract to reflect the hourly rate increase. In addition, contract will stipulate that Mark shall serve as primary security patrol for Trout Valley. Discussions held regarding Northwest Suburban Patrol hours.

6.3 Intergovernmental

6.31 Report

Trustee Somers reported that Fox River Grove is now a golf cart community. Golf carts can cross Rte. 14 at traffic lights. She will be attending the Cary roundtable on February 20th.

6.32 Building Permit Enforcement

Trustee Somers reported a building permit was issued to a resident by the County without TVA approval. Clerk Gonzalez will forward the building permit ordinance for review.

6.4 Forestry Board Report

The Care of Trees completed the Winter pruning of 35 Hackberry & Burr Oak trees. Trustee Purtill reviewed the responsibilities of the Morton Arboretum grant use (signed on 12/6/19) to the Board.

Trustee Peterson will solicit bids for new trees.

6.5 Fen Restoration

Trustee Hall reported all funds from the ComEd Green Region grant were utilized and a final report was shared with the Village Board. The focus of the grant was used to create a butterfly waystation on the edge of the Trout Valley Fen. In addition, a 150ft. wooden boardwalk was constructed, invasive plants were removed and signage along the path was added. Over the next few weeks, volunteers will repair the bridge over the stream near Brookbridge road. In addition, woodchips will be placed in the pathway on the east side of Trout Valley road.

6.6 Other

Clerk Gonzalez reported the Trout Valley Scholarship in the amount of \$1k will be awarded.

Applications and scholarship details were sent to Cary Grove High School and are available on the Trout Valley website. The deadline for applications is Saturday, April 18th.

7.0 Presidents Report

None

8.0 Adjournment

There being no additional regular business to come before the Board, Trustee Hall requested a motion to adjourn, which was proposed at 9:46p.m. by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Purtill.

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Gonzalez

Village Clerk