



## **Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 2, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on December 2, 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 7:05 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, Walter Graf, David Hall, David Peterson, Kristin Purtil and Ann Somers. Also present were 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 Hall and seconded by Trustee Purtil:

***“The October 14, 2019 meeting minutes (with changes to sections 4.1 & 5.1) be approved”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **3.0 Public Participation**

Mr. Johnson from Kedzie Lynn Designs inquired about vehicles to promote their business within the Village. Use of the new TV Website and community Facebook page recommended.

Linda Stelle is interested in a event/speaker to celebrate Earth Day on Wed., April 22, 2020. Jens Jensen landscaped Trout Valley for the Hertz estate and Julia Bachrach is an expert on Mr. Jensen. She will approach the TVA about using Ms. Bachrach as a guest speaker.

### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **4.1 Turkey Trot Update**

Trustee David Hall was awarded the 2019 Carmel Apple award in recognition of his defense and ongoing contributions for the trees and landscape in Trout Valley. Trout Valley received \$1.2k from race organizers for the 2018 Turkey Trot. The 2019 Turkey Trot had over 600 people participating. Discussions held regarding the use of other race organizers to run the Turkey Trot in 2020. TVA is looking into forming a committee for the 2020 Turkey Trot.

#### **4.2 Road Crack Sealing Update**

Project is incomplete since Turkey Hill & Turkey Run roads were not crack sealed. Trustee Peterson will follow with vendor.

#### **4.3 Unsafe Tree Removal**

The Care of Trees identified numerous trees throughout the Village that need to be removed due to safety concerns. Quotes to be obtained for the tree removal.

#### **4.4 Replacement Plaque for Kerry Johnson Update**

The replacement plaque will not be installed until the Spring 2020. The installation cost will need to be approved at a later date.

## **5.0 Old Business**

### **5.1 Earth Day 2020**

Discussion on topic held under Public Participation.

### **5.2 Proposed Revisions to Schedule B of the Fen Lease**

Discussion held regarding the proposed revisions to schedule B of the Fen lease, especially as it pertains to fallen trees and the potential legal implications. Counsel Kelly to review the proposed Fen lease and will provide a revised Schedule B at the February 2020 Village Board meeting.

### **5.3 Replacemene Plaque for Kerry Johnson**

Discussion on topic held under Item 4.4 Old Business.

### **5.4 Tree Decorating and Lighting**

The official tree lighting and decorating will take place on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Additional lighting was placed in the surrounding trees.

### **5.5 Holiday Gifts**

Comptroller Haning led in a review of the 2014-2018 gift giving schedule. Discussions held for 2019 gift giving.

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

#### ***“Approval of the 2019 Village Christmas Gift Schedule”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

## **6.0 Reports, as appropriate**

### **6.1 Financial Report**

Comptroller Haning reviewed the Cash Receipts & Disbursements. All are within budget. State Income taxes are just over 4% from prior year. If receipts continue to fall, Village may be impacted, since over ½ of the receipts come in through the State Income tax. Current Cash Balance is at \$304.5K, \$42k less than prior fiscal year end, due to Village participation in the road resurfacing project.

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

#### ***“Approve the October 2019 and November 2019 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Comptroller Haning informed the Board of the importance of the upcoming U.S. Census. The 2010 headcount for the Village of Trout Valley was 537 residents. The Village received a total of \$95k on revenues for State Income tax, MFT, and local share of State Use tax, for a per capita benefit of approximately \$178 per person. Every person counted leads to additional funding used for benefit of the residents in Trout Valley. Clerk Gonzalez will draft an article for the Trout Valley Newsletter.

### **6.2 Security Report**

Reports from Northwest Suburban Patrol and the McHenry County Sheriff were distributed and reviewed.

Reports show very little activity in the Village over the last two months. Trustee Hall to provide Comptroller Haning and Counsel Kelly with a copy of the NW Suburban Patrol contract for review.

### **6.3 Intergovernmental Report**

President Baker contacted McHenry County Sheriff Bill Prim regarding his support for a letter of intent to install a crosswalk at Country Commons Road and Cary-Algonquin Road intersection. Since 2014, 18 accidents have been recorded at the intersection. Over 8k cars travel on Cary-Algonquin road each day.

Trustee Somers discussed the difficulty of enforcing the building permit guidelines for residents. President Baker asked Counsel Kelly to look into a potential agreement with the McHenry County Planning & Development Dept., for the enforcement of building permit guidelines for the Village.

Trustee Somers felt the reflectors placed at the entrance should be larger and one of each color for maximum visibility.

### **6.32 TVA Dues Increase**

Trustee Graf encouraged the Village to provide a statement on the proposed TVA Dues increase. President Baker feels Village board will discuss this issue once a dues increase proposal is formally introduced.

### **6.4 Forestry Board Report**

Winter pruning of trees is scheduled for February 2020. ComEd is currently pruning trees in Trout Valley. Comptroller Haning would like a TVA member on the Forestry board. Discussions held regarding tree trimming on TVA property and the potential for the Village to lease additional land from the TVA. President Baker to discuss these issues with the TVA.

### **6.5 Fen Restoration**

In November, President Baker unveiled the Fen's new information sign, installed adjacent to Pond #3 next to the bridge on Trout Valley Road. Trustee Hall reported that the work required under the terms of the ComEd Green Region grant has been completed and a final report will be submitted prior to February 2020.

### **6.6 Other**

Trustee Purtill feels the increased rental fees for the Lodge & Barn will impact the Village residents ability to utilize the amenities for small family gatherings.

### **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 9:08p.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