



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

**August 12, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on August 12, 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: Walter Graf, David Hall, David Peterson, Kristin Purtill and Ann Somers. Also present were Comptroller Rick Haning, Clerk Tonia Gonzalez, and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP. Trustee Robert Antrim was absent.

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

***“The June 11, 2019 meeting minutes be approved with changes to sections 5.2, 5.5, 5.6 & 5.9”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **3.0 Public Participation**

Resident Chuck Gahler inquired about the repaving of Bluff Road, new stop signs in Trout Valley & pool maintenance issues.

### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **4.1 Lodge Signage Update**

The new lodge sign for posting Village notices is completed and to be delivered next week.

#### **4.2 Boat Ramp Update**

The Village is waiting for the project contractor to finish their current project, in order to set a start date for the Marina project. The original start date given was mid June.

#### **4.3 Riverfront Lights Update**

A new light pole was installed last week. TVA Maintenance did the trenching and the Village paid for the materials.

#### **4.4 Fish for Ponds**

Additional minnows & other fish will be placed in the pond in the Fall for a better chance of survival. The correct size of bass to place in the pond is currently under review. Approximately \$900 was raised by the GoFundMe page for the Trout Valley 5013C for this project.

#### **4.5 Turkey Trot Update**

President Baker reported that the President of the Turkey Trot race spoke with TVA President Brian Stille and the race organizers were only willing to pay \$750 to Trout Valley for use of the Lodge and the roads, otherwise they threatened to move the race to another location. The original agreement was for 15% of gross revenue, to begin with the 2018 race. The Turkey Trot organizers raised the participant price by \$5 to cover this payment. No agreements were signed at the time and Trout Valley worked with the race representatives in good faith. Discussions held regarding potential of Trout Valley organizing the race.

#### **4.6 Road Crack Sealing Update**

The crack sealing project is small and will be fit in the contractors schedule when able. No specific start date currently available.

#### **4.7 Lodge Expansion Update**

No report. President Baker is waiting to hear back from the Liautaud Foundation.

#### **4.8 Cary-Algonquin Road Pedestrian Crossing Update**

President Baker will follow up for next meeting.

#### **4.9 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party Update**

Trustee Purtill thanked President Baker and Mary Ellen Baker for a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party. \$4.9k was collected and expenses were \$3.2k for a profit \$1.7k.

### **5.0 Old Business**

#### **5.1 Storm Water Projects**

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

***“The Village pay \$3.8k for Storm Water project plus \$300-\$400 for cost of ripwrap. Total cost to be no higher than \$4.5k. TVA utilized 25% of ripwrap and will pay taxes for the entire cost of ripwrap”***

Discussions held regarding the above motion. Comptroller Haning stated he will not pay the \$900 invoice from Vulcan for the ripwrap. The Village tax exemption was used for this purchase and 25% of the ripwrap was used by the TVA. Comptroller Haning stated that the tax exemption should not have been used for the purchase of the ripwrap, since a portion of the ripwrap was used by the TVA. In addition, the storm water project should have been approved at the June Village board meeting, prior to any purchases made for the project. President Baker restated that the Village tax exemption can never be used for TVA projects and the entire Vulcan invoice should now be paid by the TVA.

Trustee Peterson feels the Village should pay for the entire amount of the project. He ordered the ripwrap without Village approval in hopes the Village would approve the project, based on prior support for storm water projects. President Baker felt the project could have waited until the August Village board meeting when it would be discussed and voted on for approval.

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

***“The Village pay up to \$4k for the Storm Water project, without paying \$900 for the ripwrap”***

Voting Aye: Trustees Graf, Peterson, Purtill and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Abstained: Trustee Hall. Motion carried.

#### **5.2 Country Club Gate**

The lock at the County Club gate has been vandalized many times and the gate is now left open. The TVA feels it costs too much to continuously repair the locks. Trustee Peterson would like the Village to fund the locks. Need a new lock with 45 keys or use the old lock and use a wireless camera to monitor vandalism. Comptroller Haning asked Trustee Peterson to obtain a written proposal for the cost of the lock and keys. President Baker will ask the TVA if they want the Village to maintain/pay for lock. Comptroller Haning feels the Village has historically not been involved with TVA maintenance issues.

### **5.3 Unsafe Trees**

Four trees were deemed unsafe by the Care of Trees and need to be taken down. Discussion held regarding the location of the trees and Village liability of the trees in the parkway.

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

***“The Village appropriate \$2.7k for removal of two trees across 145 & 127 Turkey Run, currently on the parkway.”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **5.4 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – Safe Community Grant**

Village applied for \$10k security grant and was denied. Trustee Hall will apply for Village membership in the McHenry County Council of Governments, to give Trout Valley a better chance of being awarded future grants.

### **5.5 Garbage Container at Country Commons Apartments**

There is currently no enclosure around the garbage container at the County commons apartments, a violation of deed restrictions. Trustee Hall will represent the Village to work with the Country Commons apartments to enclose the garbage container. Trustee Peterson asked President Baker to work with TVA in enforcing deed restrictions.

### **5.6 Red Light (Stop Sign) Cameras**

Discussions held regarding potential of a camera on the stop sign at Country Commons & Turkey Run and collect fines from violators. Restrictions make this project unfeasible.

### **5.7 Alternative Location for Village Hall & Museum**

Item removed by Trustee Hall.

### **5.8 Tree City USA**

President Baker stated that Trout Valley was officially recognized as a Tree City USA Community.

## **6.0 Reports, as appropriate**

### **6.1 Financial Report**

In a review of the Cash Receipts & Disbursements, all areas are good across the board. State Income tax payments are up 16% over the last year and are over budget. Upon investigation by Comptroller Haning, there are 53 identified businesses from which Trout Valley would receive Sales Tax. In 2019 Cash Receipts are up \$21k YTD, over a \$97k budget. In 2018, Total Cash Receipts were \$97k. The Total General Fund Disbursements are on target at \$96.8k. Total Cash Disbursements are \$149.1k YTD vs. \$146.5k budgeted. In a review of the Statement of Financial Position, it shows Cash Balances are currently at \$306.3k, down approximately \$24.4k from prior year.

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

***“To approve the June 2019 through July 2019 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”***

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

August 31, 2019 is the end of the fiscal year. The 2019-2020 Appropriations Ordinance needs to be approved prior to the end of the first quarter of the new fiscal year.

### **6.2 Security Report**

Trustee Hall distributed and reviewed security summaries. Matt Milczarski is no longer with Northwest Suburban Patrol and Joe Myles is now conducting patrols. President Baker to research security options with the McHenry County Conservation District.

### **6.3 Intergovernmental Report**

No report.

### **6.4 Forestry Board Report**

Discussions held regarding winter pruning of trees. Native trees donated by residents will be planted near the Village loop. Trustee Hall and the Forestry board will be nominating Trustee Purtil for the "Living with Trees" award.

### **6.5 Fen Restoration**

Approximately \$5k of the ComEd grant remains to be spent before the end of the year. It will be spent on buckthorn removal, exposing of concrete infrastructure to create a walking path, extension of boardwalk and planting of additional pollinator planting areas. Informational signs for the Fen are being reviewed for fabrication. Fen volunteers continue to meet Thursday and Saturday mornings. Trustee Somers noted the Land Conservancy sign for residents are available, with the requirements available online.

### **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 9:35 p.m. by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Purtil.

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Gonzalez

Village Clerk