

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

Monday, April 20, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Launched from the SB Village Hall 30 S. Barrington Road South Barrington, IL

This meeting was held through video conferencing to provide remote access for Board members, staff, and the public during the COVID-19 period. People could connect through the internet for audio-video imaging or dial up by telephone for voice conversation, thereby participating while maintaining the requirement of social distancing.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President McCombie called the Special meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Clerk Wood took roll:

Present: President: Paula McCombie

Trustees: Joseph Abbate, Edgar Alvarado, Steve Guranovich,  
Bernard Kerman, Anthony Stagno

Absent: Trustee: Hina Patel

A quorum was present.

Also present were Village Administrator Bob Palmer, Village Engineer Natalie Karney, Finance Director Michelle Bodie, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Melissa Moeller and Police Chief Tom Roman.

Throughout the meeting, President McCombie asked if there were any questions or comments after the motion on each agenda item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President McCombie asked if anyone dialed in had questions or wanted to address the Board. There were no public comments or questions at this time. It was noted that residents from Mohawk Drive were participating in the meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Pho Restaurant**

Tom Walsh, broker for the restaurant, began by explaining the concept for the new restaurant, based primarily around pho, but with some other authentic Vietnamese cuisine as well. He electronically sent a floor plan to help the Board understand the layout. There will also be a tea house next door.

Owner Lam Nguyen joined the conversation to talk more about his restaurant and answer questions from the Board. Weekday hours for both Pho and the tea shop will probably be 11-9, except staying open until 11 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours might be 9-11, and Sunday 11-9. There is a very small bar area, under 10 seats, which will not have food served there. They expect 90-100 seats in the restaurant area. There is also a private dining room.

This is the owner's first experience with a restaurant, but he is calling on the experience of family and friends, and will having a prize-winning pho cook to train the staff. They will also have other restaurant professionals in to work with them during the first two weeks. The tea house also has an experienced corporation to draw on. They feel they are both financially and professionally secured to survive a new restaurant startup.

Cory Born, of The Arboretum, said that parking is based overall, not by tenant, and they are within the parameters set by the Village.

President McCombie asked if there were any other questions, and asked the Board how they felt about granting a liquor license. The Board liked the plan, and is looking forward to the

Vietnamese food. The Board thanked Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Walsh for their presentation and the restaurateurs thanked the Board for their attention.

### **Plymouth Brethren Christian Church**

Steve Johnstone, of Apex Design Build, addressed the Board on the possibility of building a church on property by Mundhank and Freeman Roads. He is a member of, and represents here today, a small Christian church based in Chicago in the 1860's. The church has gradually moved westward and is now looking for a new facility. He came to see if South Barrington would welcome another church in the town. He gave information on plans for the facility and its use. The church has service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m., and sometimes adds a Gospel preaching at 3:00 p.m. Monday there is a prayer meeting with a handful of members, and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 the facility is used by the full 193-count congregation. Approximately twice a year, the church hosts families from across the country, and then accommodates 500-700 people. They always co-ordinate with local Police when they have this function. They would like to have parking available on their property for this amount of people, and would follow all Village parking ordinances.

Discussion ensued with questions from the Board. Mr. Johnstone estimates the Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday traffic and parking to be approximately 50 cars. He also electronically sent floor plans to the Board for their information. The timeframe to start building would be fairly soon. They have the finances in place, as well as the most of the building plans. They were ready to build in Bensenville, until new local government came in that wanted to build homes rather than a church on the selected property. This parcel of land is larger than the original lot in Bensenville, so he asked the Board to imagine the plans with more green space. When asked if the location would be used for other purposes, for example a food pantry, Mr. Johnstone said that they work with food pantries that have their own locations, but would be open to discussing other uses if that is what South Barrington would like. No other organization groups meet at the church other than their own congregation. Chief Roman did not think 193 congregants would be a traffic problem. Nor did there seem to be any problem with proximity to Willow Creek.

After Board discussion, President McCombie open discussion to any public members.

Neighbors of the property location had been notified of the presentation.

One resident asked if the church has plans for a graveyard. Mr. Johnstone said that there were no such plans, and President McCombie added that a cemetery (except for Federal) requires at least 60 acres in the Village.

President McCombie said that residents could see the building plans, and added that the Village did not want the church immediately in anyone's backyard, etc. Mr. Johnstone agreed and said they would absolutely work with the neighbors. In fact, the site plan is the first thing they would work on. The main entrance location is not known yet, because they must look at the elevations, etc.

President McCombie noted that this meeting was to see if residents were opposed to the idea, as Mr. Johnstone did not want to come into an area where residents would not want a church.

Another resident asked if there would be church bells. Mr. Johnstone said there were not bells, and added that residents were welcome to come inside to hear the singing.

Mr. Johnstone said it would be a one-story, low profile building.

President McCombie reiterated that the church wants to be sure they would not be turned down (on the basis of being a church) before they finish their design plans, do property engineering, test soil samples, etc. The Village will put together preliminary plans for the nearby residents to look at and asked the residents in the meeting today to please talk to their other neighbors about the proposal.

One resident asked about any runoff, and Mr. Johnstone said that would all be looked at with engineering to ensure that there is no runoff onto other properties. In fact, he happens to be personally very sympathetic to that concern.

A resident asked about lighting for the parking spaces. Mr. Johnstone said that part of the engineering would include photoelectric studies to ensure light does not shine into adjacent property.

President McCombie asked for any more questions; there were none. Mr. Johnstone said that he will start the site plan for that property location, but added that he will need to wait for some people to come in from out East, and was uncertain about travel with the COVID-19 restrictions. Mayor McCombie asked where else the church was looking at property. Mr. Johnstone said they were looking at property by Roselle, but it turned out to have a lot of wetland issues. Mr. Johnstone thanked the Board for their time this morning, and the Board thanked him for the interest in the Village.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

In place of the agenda item listing 'authorization to enter into an agreement with Flock Safety', President McCombie asked for authorization to negotiate with Flock Safety, concerning cameras for the roadways. She has contacted all the Home Owner Associations, and while she is still waiting to hear back from some, some have said they definitely want cameras in their subdivisions, others want more information, and some would like to swap out the cameras that they already have. President McCombie is waiting to find out the number range of cameras so she can negotiate price.

**MOTION to AUTHORIZE MAYOR MCCOMBIE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY** was made by Trustee Abbate.

**SECONDED** by Trustee Alvarado.

There was no further discussion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION R-2020-1972 Resolution Authorizing and Accepting a Proposal from Innovative Underground for Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the Village of South Barrington**

**MOTION to AUTHORIZE AND ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM INNOVATIVE UNDERGROUND FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON** was made by Trustee Guranovich.

**SECONDED** by Trustee Kerman.

There was no further discussion. Roll call was taken:

**AYES:** Abbate, Alvarado, Guranovich, Kerman, Stagno

**NAYS:** (None)

**ABSTAIN:** (None)

**ABSENT:** Patel

Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE O-2020-1237 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2020-1236, Entitled "Authorizing the Sale and Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Consisting of One Patrol Vehicle from the Village of South Barrington Police Department"**

**MOTION to AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1236, ENTITLED**

**"AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE PATROL VEHICLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT"** was made by Trustee Abbate.

**SECONDED** by Trustee Kerman.

**DISCUSSION:** Finance Director Bodie noted that the 'TBD' (to be determined) price in Section 3 should be replaced with the actual sales price of \$5300. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Moeller will correct the scrivener's error.

Roll call was taken:

**AYES:** Abbate, Alvarado, Guranovich, Kerman, Stagno

**NAYS:** (None)

**ABSTAIN:** (None)

**ABSENT:** Patel

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE O-2020-1238 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2019-1204, Entitled "Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of South Barrington for Fiscal Year 2019-2020" by Providing for a Supplemental Appropriation**

**MOTION to AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1204, ENTITLED "ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020" BY PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION** was made by Trustee Kerman.

**SECONDED** by Trustee Guranovich.

**DISCUSSION:** President McCombie asked Finance Director Bodie to explain the proposed ordinance. Finance Director Bodie clarified that municipalities in Illinois have the opportunity to pass a supplemental appropriation for their budget. The proposed ordinance makes changes for the Police Pension Board switching advisors and having a new fee structure, and for legal fees incurred during the processing of a police officer's disability pension.

Trustee Stagno asked about (non-Chicago) Police pensions being combined in Illinois. Finance Director Bodie reported that the State is still working on getting the administrative staff set up and noted that Lauterbach & Amen did not have information on a timeframe.

Roll call was taken:

**AYES:** Abbate, Alvarado, Guranovich, Kerman, Stagno

**NAYS:** (None)

**ABSTAIN:** (None)

**ABSENT:** Patel

Motion carried.

**MAYOR DISCUSSION ITEMS**

President McCombie informed the Board that churches were a permitted use for the zoning of the property discussed earlier, so the matter would not need to go before the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeal.

She stated that, in listening to comments from Chicago's Mayor Lightfoot, it seems likely that the Governor will maintain the current shutdown until the end of May, although Mayor McCombie hopes that will not happen.

President McCombie summarized that everything is going well at the Village, and it is functioning normally with the exceptions of in-person meetings and people physically coming to the Hall. Police Chief Roman and the Mayor have been very busy looking for PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment) for the Department.

She does hope that the shopping center will be able to open soon. Trustee Guranovich asked if

any more restaurants have added take-out service. The Hampton Social has not. President McCombie referred to the weekly update on the Village website, which does list open businesses and any specials they may be running.

President McCombie encouraged residents to participate in the "Front Porch" charity fundraiser, where your family can have a fun, quality photo taken outside your home.

President McCombie asked if there were any other questions or comments. Trustee Guranovich asked if either the Park District or The Arboretum did put up encouraging signage. Executive Assistant/ Deputy Clerk Moeller said that both locations have posted messages which she will forward information on to the Board; the Park District sign thanks Police Officers and First Responders.

President McCombie announced that there would be no Executive Session this morning.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION to ADJOURN** was made by Trustee Kerman.

**SECONDED** by Trustee Guranovich.

There was no further discussion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

  
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Donna Wood, Village Clerk

These minutes were approved this  
14<sup>th</sup> Day of MAY, 2020