

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2023**

Channahon Junior High School Student Council President Gyllian Sweeney and Village President Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. and Gwen Sweeney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Channahon Junior High School Student Council President Gyllian Sweeney, Student Council Treasurer Payton Budge and Student Council Secretary Kaitlyn Pietkiewicz present.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Chief of Police Shane Casey, Village Attorney Jim Murphy and Village Clerk Kristin Hall.

**Student Council President Gyllian Sweeney informed everyone present that anyone who speaks at the meeting shall be deemed to have given his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech. This meeting is being recorded.**

**CITIZEN/SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that we told the students today that every meeting we have an opportunity for Public comment, to follow the rules of the Open Meetings Act.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval – Minutes – Committee – February 20, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval – Minutes – Board – February 20, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval – Minutes – Executive Session – February 20, 2023**
- D. Approve Payment of the Bills List of March 6, 2023 for \$694,655.87**
- E. Approve Payment of Manual Checks of March 6, 2023 for \$42,608.15**
- F. Approve Payment of Net Payroll Expenses for the period ending February 19, 2023 for \$150,333.74**

Trustee Scaggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Trustee Perinar.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**Consider Approval – A Resolution to Recognize and Support Job Shadowing Day at the Village of Channahon**

Student Council President Gyllian Sweeney read the Resolution into the record.

Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve A Resolution to Recognize and Support Job Shadowing Day at the Village of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Host.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Announcement – Channahon State of the Village Address, Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center

VP Moorman Schumacher stated Sydney Thompson put a blast out on social media. There are still a few tickets available, so if anyone wants to attend the State of the Village address contact Sydney Thompson at sthompson@channahon.org.

**B. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Consider Approval – Extension of Landscaping Maintenance Agreement Between the Village of Channahon and Balanced Environmental, Inc.**

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the Extension of Landscaping Maintenance Agreement Between the Village of Channahon and Balanced Environmental, Inc. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consider Approval – Resolution Authorizing a Farm Lease with Bernie Bols**

**Consider Approval – Ratification of Approval of a 2 Year Contract for the Purchase of Electricity from the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider for Eligible Non-Street Lighting Accounts through Northern Illinois Collaborative Bid Process**

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing a Farm Lease with Bernie Bols and approval of Ratification of Approval of a 2 Year Contract for the Purchase of Electricity from the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider for Eligible Non-Street Lighting Accounts through Northern Illinois Collaborative Bid Process. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consider Approval – Hiring of Finance Accounting Clerk**

Jodi Denton, HR Manager stated the Board previously approved the hiring of a third Accounting Clerk. This was advertised at the end of December and at the end of January we put it out on again on our social media sites to try to increase the pool of applicants. Sixteen people applied and the applications were reviewed by her, along with Administrator Durkin and Finance Director Wagonblott. Five candidates were selected for interviews and we are recommending Raquel Frias. Her qualities and experience with Accounting and Finance is what the Finance Department was looking for. Everything is back already regarding background checks and she is here if anyone has any questions for her.

Trustee Perinar made a motion to approve the Hiring of the Finance Accounting Clerk, Raquel Frias. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consider Approval – Hiring of Public Works Working Foreman**

Jodi Denton, HR Manager stated that a working foreman position in the Public Works Department will become vacant with the upcoming retirement of Curtis Kratochvil. This advertisement was placed in house with a deadline to apply of February 28, 2023. Three internal candidates applied for this position. Applications were reviewed by herself, along with Dolezal, Fricke and Barrett. Interviews were conducted on March 3, 2023. Staff and Administrator Durkin are recommending Gordon Browning to move into this position.

**Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve the Hiring of the Public Works Working Foreman, Gordon Browning. Seconded by Trustee Greco.**

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs, Slocum, Budge, Pietkiewicz, Sweeney.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dolezal stated that now there is a vacant position for a Laborer and we would like to go ahead and advertise.

Board Direction was to advertise for the position of Laborer.

**C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION**

**Reminder – Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Channahon Village Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m.**

Petrick stated on the agenda currently is everything regarding the Villas of Keating Pointe Phases 4 & 5. If the board recalls, the developer was here with a concept plan a few months ago and have now moved through the design process. This will be before the Board at the next meeting, along with the continuation of the Public Hearing for the 32 acres out near Sandridge Road. Staff is working on some of the R1 and R2 zoning non-conformities and the next group of those that will be going forward in April.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that is for the property owners protection. If something would happen to a detached garage under the existing R-1 zoning, a property owner wouldn't be able to rebuild another detached garage.

**D. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Reminder – Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Proposed Budget on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Channahon Municipal Building at 8:00 a.m.**

Wagonblott stated the board has received a draft of the budget for fiscal year ending on April 30, 2024, for your review. She asked the board to reach out if there are any questions prior to the Special Board meeting on March 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

**E. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Consider Approval – Adoption if an Update Police Officer Hiring Process**

Casey stated that he would like to leave this item as a first read. If there are any suggestions from board members, it will be brought back to the next Board meeting in the form of an Ordinance.

## **F. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Dolezal stated he had no formal items for discussion.

## **G. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

Village Attorney Jim Murphy stated that he had no report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Trustee Sam Greco – Finance/Human Resources**

Trustee Greco stated that he met with Durkin and Wagonblott before the meeting and went over the proposed budget. He stated that they did a great job explaining it and he had a few questions. He is looking forward to the March 25<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. He was on the east side of town; at Donna and McClintock there is a utility pole and street light down. He asked if anyone reported that.

Dolezal stated that not that he is aware of, but it doesn't mean it wasn't. He will look into it.

### **Trustee Patricia Perinar – Community & Legislative Affairs**

Trustee Perinar stated that a recent bill has been proposed to allow internet gaming to become law in the State of Illinois. This will not only have a negative impact on revenue collected by municipalities but also small businesses that rely on the money to stay open. The IML is encouraging municipalities to discuss this issue with their legislators. Administrator Durkin is drafting a letter of opposition.

Durkin stated that he believed there are a lot of people that are opposing this. The letter will be sent not only to our representatives, but also the representatives of the surrounding areas.

### **Trustee Chantal Host – Public Safety/Emergency Support**

Trustee Host stated we had a change in our situation with our officers. Officer Hartman resigned and she was the School Resource Officer at the High School. Officer Vancura will be finishing out the school year at the South Campus of Minooka High School. In the new school year, in the fall, Officer Vancura will take on the full time SRO position for District 17.

### **Trustee Scott McMillin – Natural Resources and Open Spaces – No Report.**

### **Trustee Mark Scaggs – Public Works and Facility**

Trustee Scaggs stated that IDOT was picking up the trash, north of the DesPlaines River and he came back two hours later and they were done working. He didn't see anyone for 5-6 days, but today north of 113, there were six more trucks and twelve IDOT workers out there picking up garbage. At this rate, maybe by fall, they will have the few miles cleaned up. They are out there but not quick enough.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that Durkin talked to Dolezal about getting the Public Works guys out to clean up the medians at I-55 and Route 6.

### **Trustee Scott Slocum – Community Development**

Trustee Slocum stated that we finally got an appraisal back for the piece of property across from Subway. He stated that we will talk about that further in Executive Session, but hopefully we will be bringing that forward in the next couple months.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Patty Ritchey, resident of Remington Woods, stated that she is a taxpayer. She stated that each and every one of you tonight, she just wants to let it be known that General Flynn has asked her to come here and make sure that we abide by our Constitution, not by the Democrats and what they want to do to us. They want to shut us down. She will start coming and make sure she is going to watch and listen because she wants freedom back in our country. She further stated that we have a lot of problems in Remington Woods because of DOKA. They get semis coming in a lot.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that we have been over there several times and she has been in touch with Liz Reilly, who has a neighborhood group for Remington Woods. Remington Woods per their development agreement is supposed to be a gated community and they have not constructed that gate. We have talked to DOKA many times and we did put up No Parking signs.

Mrs. Ritchey asked about fines.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated that we absolutely can issue fines. We can have police officers over there, but not 24/7; She asked if there was a specific time of day where it happens more.

Mrs. Ritchey stated usually mornings. She stated that they go through the neighborhood at least twice a day.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon**
- 2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate**

Trustee Perinar made a motion to open Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Perinar made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum.**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Perinar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

**VERBAL ROLL CALL: ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by  
Kristin Hall  
Village Clerk

