



**MINUTES FOR VILLAGE OF PINGREE GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Municipal Center, 555 Reinking Rd, Pingree Grove, IL 60140
Second Floor, Board Meeting Room**

**Monday, June 21, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wiedmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Gray called the roll. Answering present were President Wiedmeyer and Trustees: Hall, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski and Lemus. Trustee Pearson was absent. Also present were Village Manager Jeff Cook, Police Chief Jeffrey Parsons, Finance Director Karen Plaza, Incoming Finance Director Albert Walczak, Public Works Director Pat Doherty, Village Attorney Michael Smoron, Village Engineer Mick Gronewold, Police Lt. Chris Harris, and Village Clerk Stephen Gray. Fire District Chief Kieran Stout was in the audience.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / ITEMS

a. Events Committee recognition of Goebbert's

The Events Committee recognized Goebbert's Farm for their interest and support of the Village Events Committee. Chairperson Karen Weeks presented Jacob Goebbert with an honorary plaque to commemorate the generosity of Goebbert's Farm.

b. Swearing in ceremony – Incoming Finance Director Albert Walczak

President Wiedmeyer administered the oath of office for new Finance Director Albert Walczak.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes from Village Board Meeting of June 7, 2021.
- b. Approval of Warrant List, June 21, 2021 in the Amount of \$368,009.07.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve the consent agenda.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Kubiak, Hall, Lemus, Hirschbein, and Dulkoski answered aye. Trustee Pearson was absent. The Roll Call vote passed 5-0-0.

7. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

- a. Approval or Rejection of settlement agreement between Mr. Caveny and the Village of Pingree Grove

Manager Cook presented the proposed settlement agreement regarding ongoing litigation. The Board discussed the settlement agreement, insurance matters, cost factors to proceed to trial, and their confidence in defending the Village's position. Attorney Smoron provided his summary of the situation and responded to the Board's questions regarding expenses the Village would or might incur under various scenarios contemplated, noting under the circumstances, the Village's insurance will not cover attorney's fees incurred in connection with a trial.

Following deliberation on the subject, Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hirschbein, to approve the resolution authorizing the Village of Pingree Grove to enter into a settlement agreement with Mr. Joseph Caveny.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Lemus, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Hall, and Dulkoski answered aye. Trustee Pearson was absent. The Roll Call vote passed 5-0-0.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wiedmeyer updated the Board that his meeting with Representative Ugaste for Tuesday June 22nd was canceled. President Wiedmeyer anticipates it will be rescheduled.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Manager

Manager Cook welcomed new Finance Director Albert Walczak to the staff. Manager Cook also advised the Community Project Funding application was finalized through Congresswoman Lauren Underwood's office to request funding support of the new water treatment plant.

- b. Police
Chief Parsons advised the Board there are two potential candidates for the full-time officer position. He noted the department is receiving increasing complaints about fireworks.
- c. Finance
Director Plaza said the auditors are on site this week.
- d. Public Works
No report. Director Doherty answered questions regarding 'Engine Breaking' signs and advised they arrived and are scheduled to be installed soon. Director Doherty also stated there are no job applicants for the "summer help" position. The Board discussed alternative methods to attract attention to the employment opportunity.
- e. Engineering
 - i. Engineering report
No additional report. Engineer Mick Gronewold responded to an inquiry regarding the reimbursable status of a report item in neighborhood A31, noting it appeared to be a typographical error. Mr. Gronewold indicated he would investigate and confirm the item is reimbursable.
- f. Legal
No report.
- g. Planning
No Report.
- h. Clerk
No report.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kubiak inquired regarding the US 20 roundabout and the Anchor Pool & Spa development agreement. Discussion ensued regarding the road project and activity concerning the redevelopment of the Anchor Pool & Spa property.

Discussion continued regarding the status of D.R. Horton's response to the Planning & Zoning Commission workshop meeting held earlier in the month. Trustees discussed various concerns, including viability of the proposed single-family rental product, diversity of product offerings, the quantity of townhomes, quality indicators, sales and marketing matters, amenities and impact fees.

President Wiedmeyer inquired how the Village's water and wastewater treatment projects are affected with and without continued growth and development. Manager Cook and Finance Director Plaza discussed the estimated water and sewer rate increases necessary to proceed with these capital projects in the absence of new users and connection fees. Manager Cook described additional challenges faced if expansion of the wastewater plant does not proceed timely and anticipated cascading effects on future capabilities of the Village, to which Village Engineer Mick Gronewold concurred.

Discussion continued with Trustees expressing desire to provide direct input to D.R. Horton concerning the proposal. Manager Cook offered to collect and transmit comments from the Board.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 pm Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall to adjourn the meeting.

A Roll Call vote determined by Trustees: Kubiak, Hall, Lemus, Dulkoski, and Hirschbein, answered aye. Trustee Pearson was absent. The Roll Call vote passed 5-0-0.