



VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD HILLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Date: March 14, 2019

- I. Call to Order:** Village President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- II. Roll Call:** Clerk LoSasso conducted a roll call at this time. Present were as follows: Village President Paul Smith, Trustees Rider, Zahorik and Salvo. Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise were absent.
Also present were Village Attorney Lisa Waggoner and Chief Nash.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was administered at this time.
- IV. Moment of Reflection**
- V. Changes and/or Additions to Agenda:** None
- VI. Consider Minutes of February 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**
Motion: Trustee Zahorik
Second: Trustee Rider
Discussion: None
Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith
Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise
Motion Carried.

Consider the Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Special Board Meeting
Motion: Trustee Rider
Second: Trustee Salvo
Discussion: None
Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith
Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise
Motion Carried.



VII. Consider Bill List Dated January 30, 2019 in the amount of \$21,553.62

Motion: Trustee Zahorik

Second: Trustee Rider

Discussion: Trustee Zahorik asked if Seecom is billed quarterly.

Discussion: None

Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith

Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise

Motion Carried.

VIII. Consider Acceptance of February 2019 Financial Statements

Motion: Trustee Zahorik

Second: Trustee Rider

Discussion: None

Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith

Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise

Motion Carried.

IX Public Forum: None

X. President's Report

President Smith read a statement responding to statement read and submitted by Mr. Studer at the February meeting. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

XI. Motions, Resolutions and Action Items: None

XII. Communications from Trustees, Department Heads and Consultants

Trustee Rider: Summarized the 2/27/19 meeting. Still working on PD hiring process.

Trustee Zahorik: Next meeting TBD. Reminded all to work on budgets.

Trustee Salvo: Working on beach staff hiring.

Chief Nash: Monthly reports were submitted.

Building Dept.: There were no building permits issued in February.



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XIII. Executive Session: [SILCS120/2(c) (21) of MA to review//discuss September, October & November 2017 and February & August 2018 minutes.

Motion: Trustee Zahorik

Second: Rider

Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith

Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise

Motion Carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50PM

The Board resumed regular session at 8:03PM. Clerk LoSasso conducted a roll call at this time. Present were as follows: President Paul Smith, Trustees Rider, Zahorik and Salvo. Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise were absent. Also present was Village Attorney Lisa Waggoner. President Smith stated that the Executive Minutes will not be released

XIV. Adjourn. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Motion: Trustee Zahorik

Second: Trustee Salvo

Roll Vote: Ayes: Trustees Rider, Zahorik, Salvo and President Smith

Absent: Trustees Riley, Ruhnke and Wise

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl R. LoSasso, Village Clerk

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3.14.19 Statement

At the previous Village Board meeting a resident of Chalet Hills, Mr. Studer, presented again a number of unfounded allegations, charges, and complaints against the Board regarding the funding of road projects. As President, like the rest of the Board, I take constituent comment seriously.

I am concerned; however, that no matter the time, attention, or expense we have given to Mr. Studer's concerns - which have lasted nearly a year - he will remain unsatisfied. His comments, whether intended or not, make the implication the Board or myself have acted in an inappropriate, secretive, or illegal manner. I unequivocally reject this implication. It is not the case.

The Village staff, Administration, and its Elected Officials have and are acting for the benefit of the *entire* Village of Oakwood Hills. All matters of public policy are transparent, accountable, and in keeping with State and Federal laws. In fact, the Village has not only complied with the Open Meetings Act, it has gone beyond its requirements to try to provide increased transparency. Finally, as proof of the Village's sound financial footing, the Village is subjected to a yearly outside financial audit.

The Village Board has taken several positive steps over the past 4 years to address the larger needs of the Village. Those needs are interconnected and include things like ensuring we have a professional Police Department, maintaining Village assets like our lake & fen, and ensuring the repair and maintenance of our 11.5 miles of roads.

As we have stated numerous times, the Board held many committee meetings and discussed ways to address these issues. In regard to the need to find a way to fund larger ticket capital projects in the Village, which includes Mr. Studer's concerns about roads in his neighborhood of Chalet Hills, the Board provided a solution. The Board voted unanimously to create a revenue source to be maintained in a separate Capital Fund. As needed, this Capital Fund, when appropriate, combined with the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and possibly General Funds, can be used for road projects. Of course, the Capital Fund on its own or combined with General Fund monies can be used for other projects too. These activities require a transfer into the General Fund to pay bills associated with said projects. As shown via audits and our Treasurer, these are normal and usual and acceptable practices. Moreover, the creation of this Capital Fund has allowed the Village for the first time to have the ability to have real monies in hand to plan for and fund those larger capital projects. As we have said before, the first year this Capital Fund was created, the Board agreed to a six figure road project and road repairs based on funds that were anticipated to

be received in the future. The Board and the Finance Committee does not support continuing operating in that matter; thus we have allowed the Capital Fund to grow over the past fiscal year.

Another benefit of waiting, allows for better planning – particularly as we plan for our road projects. As has been explained, the Village over the past few years has been well ahead on its budgeting and planning process. The fiscal year ends April 30th , and the Village has until the end of July to present a budget and then an appropriations ordinance. We have been well ahead of the budget and appropriations process, as much as we can.

The Village Board has been transparent. The Village Board has engaged in long term planning – both financially and for projects. The Village Board has appropriately and responsibly used funds. Finally, the Village Board has continually responded to Mr. Studer - both to his numerous FOIA requests and remarks before the Board. I further understand Board members have also taken time to address them.

I will repeat my previous statement - I am concerned no matter the time, attention, or expense we have given to Mr. Studer's concerns, he will remain unsatisfied. My hope is we can move beyond this disagreement and continue our shared focus on improving and doing the best for the entire Village.