

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
December 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Hampshire was called to order by Village President Michael J. Reid, Jr. at 7:15 p.m. in the Village of Hampshire Village Board Room, 234 S. State Street, on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk Josh Wray:

Present: Heather Fodor, Aaron Kelly, Toby Koth, Laura Pollastrini, Erik Robinson and Lionel Mott.

Absent: None

A quorum was established.

In addition, present in-person were Village Manager Jay Hedges, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Finance Director Lori Lyons, and Police Chief Doug Pann. Also, present electronically: Tim Paulson from EEI.

President Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Pollastrini moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2022.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PROCLAMATION

President Reid read a proclamation for "Petersen Family Day" on December 16, 2022. Mr. Petersen gave some remarks on his family businesses throughout the years, and he thanked the community for its support. Everyone wished the Petersen family well.

SWEARING

President Reid read Officer Carly Mayer's biography. Chief Pann sworn in Officer Mayer. Everyone congratulated her.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing for the Annual Tax Levy

Trustee Kelly moved to open the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:34 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Mott

Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: None

Ms. Lyons presented the annual tax levy process and the amount of levy recommended by staff. She noted that this is the first year the Village has been subject to PTELL since the CPI was higher than 5% for 2021. The total increase in Village-wide levy will be 8.5% which includes the value of new construction being added to the tax rolls. However, Ms. Lyons noted the individual property tax will actually decrease slightly assuming the value of a home stays the same. The trustees asked several questions.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Fodor moved to close the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:44 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Public Hearing for the for the Levy of SSA No. 7, Proposed for an Increase in Amount Over 5% Compared to the Prior Year

Trustee Robinson moved to open the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:45 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Fodor
Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Lyons presented the proposed work plans and levy for SSA No. 7, which will see an increase of 67% from \$7,494 in the current year to \$12,500 in the next year. This increase is a part of the continuing effort to remedy the current state of the stormwater management areas that were neglected for many years.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Mott moved to close the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:50 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini
Motion carried by voice vote.

A Public Hearing for the for the Levy of SSA No. 10, Proposed for an Increase in Amount Over 5% Compared to the Prior Year

Trustee Robinson moved to open the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:51 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Fodor
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Fodor, Kelly, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: None

Ms. Lyons presented the proposed work plans and levy for SSA No. 10, which will see an increase of 20% from \$13,841 in the current year to \$16,600 in the next year. This increase is a part of the continuing effort to remedy the current state of the stormwater management areas that were neglected for many years.

Trustee Kelly asked if the stormwater project on Highland Ave. caused stormwater to drain from that area outside of this SSA into this SSA's ponds. Mr. Paulson noted that the great majority of that stormwater is directed to the Centennial Dr. storm sewer and that the project on Highland Ave. provided an outflow to this SSA's ponds for additional stormwater generated from very intense rain events.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Kelly moved to close the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 7:59 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Fodor
Motion carried by voice vote.

A Public Hearing for the for the Levy of SSA No. 11, Proposed for an Increase in Amount Over 5% Compared to the Prior Year

Trustee Fodor moved to open the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 8:00 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Lyons presented the proposed work plans and levy for SSA No. 11, which will see an increase of 11% from \$9,950 in the current year to \$11,000 in the next year. This increase is a part of the continuing effort to remedy the current state of the stormwater management areas that were neglected for many years.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Kelly moved to close the public hearing for the annual tax levy at 8:04 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion to Approve the Use of the Consent Agenda for the Items Listed as 10(a)-(i)

Trustee Kelly requested that item 10(a), An Ordinance for the Annual Tax Levy, be removed from consideration in the consent agenda.

Trustee Fodor moved to approve the use of the consent agenda for the items listed on the posted agenda as 10(b)-(i).

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

An Ordinance for the Annual Tax Levy

Trustee Kelly moved to approve Ordinance 22-37: An Ordinance for the Annual Tax Levy.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson and Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

A Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Trustee Pollastrini moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Ordinance 22-38: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 2
- b. Ordinance 22-39: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 3
- c. Ordinance 22-40: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 6
- d. Ordinance 22-41: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 7
- e. Ordinance 22-42: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 8
- f. Ordinance 22-43: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 10
- g. Ordinance 22-44: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 11
- h. Ordinance 22-45: An Ordinance for Levy and Assessment of Taxes for SSA No. 12

Seconded by Trustee Robinson

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Fodor, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson

Nays: Kelly, Koth

Absent: None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

A Motion to Accept the Department of Justice FY 2022 Law Enforcement De-Escalation Grant Award in the amount of \$231,910.53

Chief Pann explained the purpose for this grant the Village has been awarded, which is to add a virtual reality center to the police department to train officers on de-escalation in many scenarios. There are already four other departments that are named in the grant as users of this simulator, and other communities could use it in the future if they have trained staff to facilitate. There was also discussion of the buildout in the next agenda item. Chief Pann explained the grant only covers the simulator equipment, so improvements to the building are needed to create the necessary space inside the police department.

Since the construction contract will be between the contractor and the building owner, Trustee Koth asked why prevailing wage was included in the quote for the buildout. Attorney Schuster explained that the State prevailing wage laws include projects that are paid for directly or financed by the Village. Given that the buildout will be included in the lease payments the Village makes to the building owner and that they are explicitly for Village purposes, he believes the contract must include prevailing wage.

Multiple trustees expressed concern that there was not a public bidding process even if not required in this case, so Mr. Hedges asked that the next item be tabled.

Trustee Koth moved to accept the Department of Justice FY 2022 Law Enforcement De-escalation Grant award in the amount of \$231,910.53.

Seconded by Trustee Kelly
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Robinson, Kelly, Pollastrini, Fodor
Nays: none
Absent: None

A Motion to Approve Construction Costs in the Amount of \$85,310.70 for Improvements at the Hampshire Police Department Associated with the DOJ FY 2022 Law Enforcement De-escalation Grant Award

Trustee Kelly moved to table this agenda item 11(b).

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by voice vote.

A Presentation on the Illinois SAFE-T Act as Amended - Chief Pann

Chief Pann presented the changes to the Illinois SAFE-T Act as amended by the trailer bill. The trustees asked several questions. President Reid asked for clarification regarding the rumor that people in jail would be let out on January 1st. Chief Pann responded that is not true. Rather, people in jail, not prison, will be given an opportunity to request to be released, and they are entitled to a hearing on the matter within 60 days of the request. Chief Pann noted that the law enforcement community is much more satisfied with this trailer bill as they believe it addresses many of the operational concerns caused by the original act.

A Resolution Adopting the Greenest Region Compact

Mr. Hedges explained he and Mr. Wray were made aware of this program from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and thought it would be a good program for the Village Board to consider given its interest in sustainability and since this program makes no requirements and costs nothing upfront to adopt.

Trustee Fodor moved to approve Resolution 22-20: A Resolution Adopting the Greenest Region Compact.

Seconded by Trustee Kelly
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Fodor, Koth, Robinson, Kelly
Nays: Pollastrini
Absent: None

A Motion to Authorize Staff to Bind Insurance Coverage Offered by Arthur J. Gallagher

Trustee Pollastrini moved to authorize staff to bind insurance coverage offered by Arthur J. Gallagher.

Seconded by Trustee Mott
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Mott, Pollastrini, Koth, Robinson, Fodor, Kelly
Nays: None

Absent: None

MONTHLY REPORTS

The trustees asked several questions regarding the monthly engineering and police incidents reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A Motion to Approve the December 15, 2022 Accounts Payable to Personnel

Trustee Kelly moved to approve the accounts payable in the sum of \$179.99 to be paid on or before December 21, 2022.

Seconded by Trustee Pollastrini
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Fodor, Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

A Motion to Approve the December 15, 2022 Regular Accounts Payable

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the accounts payable in the sum of \$477,550.31 to be paid on or before December 21, 2022.

Seconded by Trustee Mott
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Pollastrini, Robinson, Fodor, Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: None

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION REPORTS

- a) Business Development Commission - Trustee Kelly reported the BDC had further discussion of the Economic Development Strategic Plan and provided some feedback concerning the density of businesses downtown and in other geographic regions. They also received updates on the façade improvement projects and on new business.
- b) Public Relations - Trustee Fodor reported there was an excellent turnout for the name-a-snowplow contest, and the Committee chose the winning names. The winners will be contacted for a photo when the names can be printed on the trucks. She also noted the My Hampshire app now has 724 downloads. Trustee Kelly added that the Committee plans to engage with two independent contractors for social media and print advertising to promote the My Hampshire app.
- c) Public Works - No report
- d) Budget Committee - No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Reid thanked everyone for their participation in Jingle Bell Fest / Holiday on State. Trustee Fodor noted the parade route was great because it went through many areas where

people were able to watch from home that would not have otherwise been able to make it downtown. Trustee Robinson gave a big thanks to Santa. The kids loved it.

Trustee Robinson announced that students donated over 3,000 food and paper goods items at the Hampshire vs. Huntley basketball game.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Koth moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Robinson
Motion carried by voice vote.



Josh Wray, Deputy Village Clerk