

VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

ORIGINAL

Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 26, 2014 was called to order by Clerk Viola Mims at 7:04 a.m., in the Council Chambers at 125 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

Roll Call

Upon roll call by Viola Mims, Village Clerk, the following answered **Present:** Trustee(s) A. Jaycox, A. Dorris (7:07 p.m.), M. Rogers, M. Lightford, and R. Rivers. **Absent:** Mayor Edwenna Perkins and Trustee C. Ealey-Cross. **There being a Quorum Present, the Meeting was called to order.** *The purpose of the meeting is a discussion of the Illinois Department of Natural Resource Grant for the Village of Maywood – FY 2014, discussion of the use of Village Owned Properties, and discussion of the regulation of Village Buildings and Lands.*

Staff Attendance:

David Myers, Acting Village Manager
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney
Craig Bronaugh, Fire Chief
Valdimir Talley Jr., Chief of Police
Lanya Satchell, Finance Director
JoAnn Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk
Elijah Willis, Deputy Police Chief
Constance Thompkins, Administrative Clerk

Mr. Myers informed the Board that Mayor Perkins and Trustee Cheryl Ealey-Cross are unable to make the meeting and a Mayor Pro Tem would have to be selected to run the meeting.

MOTIONED BY TRUSTEE RIVERS AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LIGHTFORD TO NOMINATE TRUSTEE JAYCOX TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO TEM.

Discussion: None

Ayes: Trustee(s) M. Rogers, M. Lightford and R. Rivers

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee A. Jaycox

Absent: Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Trustee(s) C. Ealey-Cross and A. Dorris,

MOTION CARRIES

Trustee Audrey Jaycox took her place as President Pro Tem over the meeting.

Special Meeting of the Village Board:

A. Discussion of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant for the Village of Maywood – FY2014.

Mr. Myers stated he emailed everyone a memo from Chief Talley that outlined the description of the grant, payroll, background information and various emails, with hard copies being handed out at the meeting along with additional information from the Finance Department.

Discussion: Trustee Jaycox noted the information from Finance stated the Village received \$489,600.00, with expenses in the amount of \$216,468.00, and a balance of \$273,132.00. Chief Talley presented a time-line summary of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Grant. Trustee Rivers wanted confirmation the program ended, who and how was that decision made to cancel the program, clarification of gang concerns and classification of the youth as employee's of the Village. President Pro Tem Jaycox stated she was disappointed and felt the problem was a lack of communication with the Board, that there was additional work that could have been done, and also wanted clarification on the classification of the youth. Chief Talley stated the decision came out of the Mayor's office, he agreed with that decision and the program was ended. Det. Connor stated the program ended on August 16, 2014 with only 8 days left. He stated 96% of the students and 6 of the supervisors returned to school, along with one officer used for security going on vacation and the other returning to duties at Proviso East High School. Det. Connor stated liability and security became the primary concerns in the decision to end the program. He stated they had 100 youth, 10 supervisors out for almost 2 months without any incidents of gang activity or fights. He stated the IDNR does not penalize for returning funds but expects it, looks favorably on it with the knowledge of rain days, as long as intact records are included. He stated if they continued the program with less than 10 youth and 4 supervisors, the numbers would have been skewed due to every supervisor having to cover 10 youth, while still not being able to provide the same protection to the participants. He stated the IDNR grant specified that all participants had to be classified as employees of the Village, not temporary or contract workers, hence causing additional liability issues. Det. Connor stated he also agreed with the decision to cancel the program for all the above reasons. Chief Talley noted they did get a rider on the insurance from IPMG. Trustee Rivers questioned who made the decision to hire someone who could not pass a background check and if he (Chief Talley) had anything to do with it. Chief Talley stated all 100 youth and 10 supervisors passed background checks and another individual situation was brought to the attention of the Mayor, noting this was someone hired from the \$35,000.00 approved for staff and ancillary cost. Trustee Dorris concurred with President Pro Tem Jaycox' sentiment regarding communications, projected photos of areas she felt the program failed, requested an assessment of the duties of the youth and stated an attorney from the IDNR said it was imperative to get the youth to work this week due to the Village possibly not being able to hire the same number next year. She stated she received a call from a parent who had three youth workers with different pay checks, and questioned why the Old Timer's Picnic charges came out of the \$35,000.00. Mr. Myers pointed out a memo in the packet that explained the report, with Ms. Satchell stating when the \$35,000.00 was approved there was no line item in the budget for it so she put it under Village sponsorships and the same held true for the picnic costs which does not come out of the \$35,000.00. Trustee Lightford questioned why the grant administrator came out of the Mayor's office when the grant stated no elected officials are to be involved. President Pro Tem Jaycox wanted to know who was identified as the Mayor's staff on the timeline of April 16, 2014, if there was a way to get the youth back to work until the end of the month, if the Village Manager knew about the ending of the program, how were the youth notified of the grant opportunity, and stated she hopes next time a Trustee liaison could be put in place. Trustee Rivers questioned why Mr. Isiah Brandon could not withstand a background check as a supervisor, yet was put in the position of a coordinator and received several checks while the youth were still waiting on their second paycheck, and if the grant provided for lunches. Det. Connor stated no one in particular was identified to him from the Mayor's staff, and wanted the Board to be aware that the State was late in the approval of the grant by 17 days, and stipulated guidelines for hiring in proportion to male/female, race, and age which took time to compile the proper personal to be in compliance. Mr. Myers stated he was kept abreast of the day to day activities but was unaware of the program ending until after the fact. Chief Talley stated bringing the kids back would have been a good idea but the program has to end by August 30, 2014 which leaves only 3 days, and lunch was usually on the participants but they did hold seminars in which lunch was provided. He also stated everyone had a part to play in this opportunity and felt we need to do a better job at getting the

community involved and any future opportunities now having a report to refer back to. He felt there was a lot of good that came out of the program, the program itself did a pretty good job, and in the future he will make sure the Board is kept in the loop.

B. Discussion of the use of Village Owned Properties.

Mr. Myers noted there are a couple of policies in the board packet provided by the Attorney as requested by Trustee Rivers.

Discussion: Trustee Rivers brought up concerns of the use of the Council Chambers. He stated in the last 6-8 months the Council Chambers has been used by private for-profit companies. He stated he along with Trustee Lightford witnessed a staffing company conducting interviews and accepting job applications with a sign on the door that read Dempsey Staffing. He also mentioned the use of the facility by the Summer Youth Program and wanted clarification of use by for and not-for-profit organizations. Upon inquiring, he found the Village Manager nor the Police Chief were aware of the situation and proposed the Board get a hold of the situation and put a stop to it and insure the same does not happen at the 200 Building. For clarification, Mr. Myers stated he was aware of the Summer Youth Program using the chambers but was unaware of Dempsey Staffing utilizing the facilities. Attorney Jurusik stated we have a use policy for the 200 Building and Section 94.07 of the Village Code entitled Private Use spells out that any street, sidewalk or public place cannot be used for private purposes without Board approval. He stated there is no need to amend anything because we have this section, temporary use and zoning ordinances that address the issue, which even in the event of co-sponsorship with a for-profit or non-profit organization by the Village, requires a benefit to the community, with the bottom line being no public funds can be used for private use, which includes even plugging in a laptop in the council chambers by any individual. President Pro Tem Jaycox wanted to insure all were aware the Use of Gymnasium and Meeting Room Policy for 200 South 5th Avenue Building states promotional materials that includes the Village's phone number or states the Village's sponsorship shall first be pre-reviewed and approved by the Village Manager prior to distribution to the public or any news media or the internet, and the gymnasium and meeting rooms are not available for partisan political or religious purposes or any purpose that would violate the constitutional provisions regarding separation of church and state with activities and materials urging support of, or opposition to, candidates for public office, or respect to issues on any election ballot are prohibited. Trustee Rogers suggested taking key parts of the code, framing them and putting them up in front of the facilities, which he feels would make them easier to enforce. All were in agreement with this suggestion.

C. Discussion of the regulation of Village Buildings and Lands.

It was the consensus of the Board that this matter was discussed as part of Item 3B.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

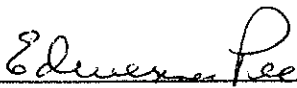
Comments from the Public – Comments were made by the following individuals: G. Clay

Response to Public Comments – Mr. Myers, President Pro Tem Jaycox, and Trustee M. Lightford responded to Public Comments.


ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro Tem Jaycox and the Board of Trustees adjourned the August 26, 2014 Special Board Meeting with a Motion by Trustee Rivers and Seconded by Trustee Dorris at 8:36 p.m. in the Village of Maywood Council Chambers.

The vote was affirmed unanimously by the Board of Trustees at 8:36 P.M.



Mayor Edwenna Perkins





Viola Mims, Village Clerk

- cc: Mayor Edwenna Perkins
- Trustees: C. Ealey-Cross, A. Jaycox, A. Dorris, M. Rogers, M. Lightford and R. Rivers
- Viola Mims, Village Clerk
- Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney
- David Myers, Acting Village Manager

UNRECORDED