



VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Village of Norridge
4000 N. Olcott Avenue
Norridge, IL 60706
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Avino.

Clerk Krasinski called the roll.

Present:

President Tannhauser
Clerk Krasinski
Trustee Budnik
Trustee Ronstadt
Trustee Larson
Trustee Bielak
Trustee Avino
Trustee Gelsomino

Also Present:

Joan Cherry, Village Attorney
Brian Gaseor, Village Engineer
Wayne Schober, Interim Police Chief
Joanna Skupien, Village Administrator

A quorum was declared.

Trustee Avino asked all to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Finance Chairperson Trustee Avino noted:

No votes or actions will be taken, this meeting is for discussion purposes only.

Trustee Avino thanked everyone for staying late and attending.

In Discussion:

Trustee Avino asked Village Administrator Joanna Skupien to address the Grant Writing Process.

- Village Administrator Joanna discussed that the village works with a Grant writing company. The company sends Joanna a list of available Grants to review. Once grants are decided on the village and the company help with applying for the Grant. Currently there are 18 Grants on the list. One Grant we just received is the ComEd Grant.
- Trustee Bielak questioned when we applied for the ComEd grant and when we received what is timeframe of time lapse?
- Village Administrator Joanna - ComEd Powering Grant: by the time we apply and the time we receive the grant our purchasing price of equipment might have gone up so we have to adjust our purchases. The 50% will not cover the purchase of all the 3 speed signals at this time. The Grant company is looking into this time lapse. The Village may contribute to the cost if need be to cover the costs.
- Others Grant examples: Cares Act; FEMA Grant; IDOT Grants
- Frank Avino thanked Joanna for all the hard work that is put into applying and securing these

- grants for the village.

Trustee Avino asked what the expectations of the Finance Committee was from the other Trustee Committees.

- Trustee Ronstadt asked to remember the Senior Assistance Center.
- Trustee Avino said that they do have a budget for the Senior Assistance Center.
- Village Administrator did state that we also offer kind donations to the Senior Assistance Center.

Trustee Avino addressed the Financial Outlook of the Village and stated he wants to stay positive and asked if anyone had any discussion of the financial outlook of the village.

- Trustee Ronstadt mentioned with all the new development this will help with revenue for the Village.
- Trustee Bielak stated that President Tannhauser and the staff were able to weather the storm in the past year and did a good job keeping us on budget. What we did in the past year we kept our Village together.
- Village administrator stated we were able to keep the budget down last year.
- President Tannhauser mentioned that the Village froze expenses last year and the Village worked together to accomplish this.
- During the past year (COVID) we have attracted lots of new development in the Village
- \$50-\$60 million in new development since last year.
- Harlem and Irving Mall space is completely full.

Trustee Avino thanked everyone for their concerns and comments.

Comments from the Public.

1. Adam Garbulewski asked if the \$50-\$60 million budge included the new development . Trustee Avino stated it is not tied to the Village budget it is the amount of new development within the Village.
2. Michael Ciszewski asked to explain the ComEd Grant.
Trustee Bielak addressed that through the 2021 ComEd Powering safe Communities Municipal Grand Program. The Village of Norridge was awarded \$6,607.00 for 3 flashing speed signs that are scheduled to go up near Leigh, Giles, and the park. Through the installation of these flashing speed, directional and information signs will be a major step taken by the village and police department to ensure the motoring public is aware that on school days and when near the park they must reduce their speed and be extra cautious.
3. Nathaniel Ringelstein asked why the property price was included in the \$50-\$60 development costs.
President Tannhauser explained it is like purchasing a house you sell the property and development.
4. Jonathan Witkowski asked what is the role of a Trustee and are they all the same?
Each Trustee stated which committees they were chaired and co-chaired.
We are elected 4 year term officials.
5. David Ciszewski
David asked if the projects for the new development were big projects or all small projects. President Tannhauser stated they were two big properties that will have smaller

businesses on the properties.

6. Michael Przytulinski

Michael asked what stores will be coming to the Kmart property project? President Tannhauser mentioned that a Ross Store, a Grocery store will be located there with the third store still not rented.

7. Michael Ciszewski

Michael asked if these properties were purchased by one owner or several. Redevelopment of Kmart property is current owner and will lease to stores and the McKay property was a new owner.

MOTION: by Trustee Gelsomino seconded by Trustee Budnik that, there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 7:27pm.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.


Frank Avino
Finance Chairperson

ATTEST:


Gabriela Krasinski, Village Clerk

