



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, February 09, 2022 - 7:00 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Sattler called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Don Sattler

Finance Chairman Eric Miller

Admin Chairman Ron Quimby

Trustee Jeff Goings

Trustee Ed Wethington

Trustee Dan Cheek

Deputy Clerk Katie Jaster

Attorney Dave Kurlinkus

Mitch Hilden

Chris Dopkins

Carina Boyd

Ion Stear

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PHONE PARTICIPATION (Roll Call)

N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.

PUBLIC COMMENT *Public Comment is encouraged. The Village Board will receive comments from the public, pursuant to State Statutes. Comments will be limited to five minutes on topics relating to the Village of Poplar Grove. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion or consideration.*

Paul Krella addressed the Board members about conflict of interest.

David Allgood address the audience and Board members about facts and leadership.

Debra Korta address the Board members about the governing body and how this should look.

Jeff Goings address the audience with the following statement:

For the last few months, the tone of the Village Board meetings with President Sattler running the meetings have become extraordinary contentious.

On December 13th, at a Village Board meeting, President Sattler used his position on the Village Board to personally attack members of the Village Board with accusations and lies. At that meeting, I left the Board table and raised my voice in a manner I regret due to my frustration.

Again, on January 19th, the Village President launched in to a series of statements that personally attacked my fellow members of the Village Board. That concerned me so I moved to adjourn the meeting to avoid any further personal attacks. These personal attacks had been previously sent to me, and every other Village Board member, in an email, by the Village President earlier in the week. Given the fact that the Board had already received. This statement from President Sattler which was full of personal attacks, I felt it would be better to adjourn the meeting than allow him the floor to again attack fellow board members publicly.

At nearly every single Board meeting since taking office last year, Don Sattler has attempted to create division or attack people personally while claiming that he is on the side of the residents or only raising valid legitimate questions of policy. There is always a place for polite courteous debate of issues of public concern. The Village has had a LONG history of that.

Unfortunately what has gone on lately is the Village President using his office to accuse people of crimes and nepotism rather than bringing up matters to discuss respectfully. The Village President accuses this Board of requiring homeowners to get a permit to change a toilet. This is one example of a statement that he has made that was untrue. What is true is that a contractor for a commercial property applied for a permit to change a fixture. This is just one example of how the Village President has stretched the truth in an attempt to create division when its not necessary.

During the campaign the Village President handed out flyers all over town calling the former Village President a "criminal". In March of 2021, he posted a video on You Tube calling attention to criminal arrests that had, in some cases, occurred 28 years prior. While President Sattler is within his right to have opinions of prior elected officials, these types of personal attacks have continued into his service on the Board and are now directed at my fellow Board members.

At the same time, President Sattler refuses to do his job here at the Village. During the campaign he promised not to take a salary, yet he has accepted every paycheck since April 2021. Many of the daily tasks he is responsible for he fails to respond to requiring other members of the Board to step up and take care of (approving payroll is one). To date, he has never signed a single check for the Village.

My point today is that I think it is important that my fellow members of the Village Board and myself stop allowing ourselves to be dragged in to President Sattler's personal attacks and instead focus on the work that needs to be done for the Village. I do not plan to engage in any argument with Don Sattler in which he alleges something that I know to be untrue. I think its important to simply focus on the needs of the Village and that is what I intend to do.

President Sattler spoke his opinions and concerns.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Engineering Report, McMahon
N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - (c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby to enter into executive session, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Trustee Miller recused and abstained from any part of this agenda item.
Attorney Dave Kurlinkus spoke on behalf of Sosnowski Szeto asking President Sattler to recuse himself from participating in the executive session.
President Sattler declined.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
Voting Abstaining: Finance Chairman Miller
Adjournment at 7:40pm to go into executive.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby to reconvene, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
Voting Abstaining: Finance Chairman Miller
Reconvene at 8:04pm.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and Motion to approve engagement agreement with HolmstromKennedyPC
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Trustee Miller abstained from all conversation and voting.
Board members made it noted that hiring HolmstromKennedyPC would be at the rate \$250 per hour.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
Voting Abstaining: Finance Chairman Miller

4. Discussion and Motion to approve the replat of lots 142, 143 and 144 of Candlewick Lake Unit No. 10 into Lot M.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
5. Discussion and Motion to approve **Resolution 22-04** A Resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois to approve and authorize the Village President to execute and agreement with RBG Janitorial for Village Hall cleaning services.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Goings.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
6. Discussion and Motion to approve **Resolution 22-05** A Resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove resolving to enter into a professional service agreement for design & construction engineering services for the 2022 Pavement Maintenance program.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Finance Chairman Miller.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
7. Discussion and Motion to approve **Ordinance 2022-03** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois establishing the revised meeting dates and times of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Poplar Grove and its Committees and Commissions for calendar year 2022.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
8. Discussion on dates for Budget Workshop
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.
Board members decided on February 24 at 5pm for the Budget Workshop.
9. Discussion on possible date change for 9th Annual Neighbors' Fest
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby to push item to Board Meeting February 16, 2022, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Motion passed by voice vote.
10. Discussion on sight tight ordinance
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Admin Chairman Quimby.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller to table indefinitely, Seconded by Trustee Goings.
Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

11. Reconsideration of veto **Ordinance 2021-43** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois amending Title 1 - Administration, Chapter 6 - Village Officers and Employees of the Village Code.
Motion made by Trustee Cheek, Seconded by Trustee Goings.

President Sattler voice his opinion about this Ordinance.

Attorney Kurlinkus spoke about the veto process.

Voting Yea over veto: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek

12. Motion to approve **Ordinance 2021-43** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois amending Title 1 - Administration, Chapter 6 - Village Officers and Employees of the Village Code
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Finance Chairman Miller.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
13. Reconsideration of the veto **Ordinance 2021-45** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove amending article VII, building regulations, of the Village of Poplar Grove Code of Ordinances.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.
Voting Yea over veto: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
14. Motion to approve **Ordinance 2021-45** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove amending article VII, building regulations, of the Village of Poplar Grove Code of Ordinances.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
15. Reconsideration of veto **Resolution 21-69** A Resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois to approve the professional service agreement with B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. to provide a Village Zoning Administrator
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Finance Chairman Miller.
Voting Yea over veto: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek
16. Motion to approve **Resolution 21-69** A Resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois to approve the professional service agreement with B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. to provide a Village Zoning Administrator
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.
Voting Yea: Finance Chairman Miller, Admin Chairman Quimby, Trustee Goings, Trustee Wethington, Trustee Cheek

ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Trustee Goings, Seconded by Trustee Wethington.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Adjournment at 8:50pm.

KJ 03/02/2022