VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, June 14, 2021 - 6:30 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Sattler

ROLL CALL
PRESENT
President Don Sattler
Admin Chairman Ron Quimby
Finance Chairman Eric Miller
Trustee Jeff Goings
Trustee Dan Cheek
Trustee Ed Wethington
Clerk Karri Anderberg
Deputy Clerk Katie Jaster
Attorney Aaron Szeto
Engineer Chris Dopkins
Treasurer Carina Boyd
Public Works Director Mitch Hilden

APPROVAL OF PHONE PARTICIPATION (Roll Call)
No Phone Participation

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice Vote)
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Finance Chairman Miller. Motion passed by voice vote
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Goings to move Old Business Administration to after New Business Administration. Motion passed by voice vote

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Voice Vote)

1. Motion to approve Committee of the Whole minutes from May 10, 2021
   Motion made by Trustee Wethington, Seconded by Finance Chairman Miller. Motion passed by voice vote.

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.*

A resident emailed the clerk and asked to have comments read to the board: I would first like to say that, while I do not mind if my concerns are shared at the board meeting, I respectfully ask that my name is not publicly shared. I am deeply concerned that the only thing our new village president seems to be focused on is the location of an intended playground in the neighborhood in which he lives. In addition to that, his behavior on Facebook, in our community group, is also very concerning & alarming. He gets defensive & verbally attacks anyone who asks questions, without actually answering their questions. He has repeatedly displayed defensive, disrespectful, nonsensical behavior in our community Facebook group. As a person who is now in a community leadership position, he had to know that he would be faced with many questions from his fellow community members. That is part of the job. It is unacceptable for a person in his position to verbally attack the people he has sworn to serve, simply because they ask him questions or hold an opinion that may differ from his own. Not everyone who asks Mr. Sattler a question does so as an attack, but I have come to learn that everyone who asks him a question is, in turn, verbally attacked by Mr. Sattler himself. I recently questioned the safety of putting the playground/park where he wants it to go, which would be a location surrounded by retention areas, according to the pictures he posted. I voiced a concern over mosquitoes being an issue & questioned the safety of a playground being surrounded by retention areas. I pointed out that toddlers can drown in as little as 2" of water. As a parent, these are two concerns that immediately jumped out at me. The very definition of a retention area is an area designed to collect surface or subsurface water and retain/hold it on a permanent basis. I asked 2 valid, genuine questions. I was respectful & well-intentioned. Mr. Sattler's response was insulting, defensive & disrespectful, & he twisted my words. I have seen him lash out & respond in similar fashion, time and time again over the last few months. His behavior is a disgrace to the position he holds. Perhaps he forgets that the people he is verbally attacking online, are **real-live** human beings, the very people in his own community. Perhaps he also forgets that there are many other concerns & issues of importance facing our little village, aside from where a playground will be going up in the subdivision that he lives in. All I know is this community member is embarrassed & frankly, saddened by the behavior of our new village president. I am deeply concerned about the future of this quiet, quaint village that my family has called home for the last 15 years.

Owen Costanza: Came to the board meeting to present a park bench in honor of James tindle for the Mansfield Park. Mr. Tindle was killed in a car accident November 2020 on 76 when he fell asleep at the wheel of his car. His wife Darlene Tindle lives in the Community and owns the hair salon in town.

Kurt Kanwischer- Lives on Boeing Trl and does not want the park to behind his house.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - ADMINISTRATION

3. Clerk, Karri Anderberg
   No questions for the Clerk
4. Code and Permit, B&F
   No questions for B&F

NEW BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATION

5. Discussion on Mansfield Park
   Aly Graham email the Clerk the following: My husband and I moved to the area two years ago in the Prairie Green subdivision. We have enjoyed living in the community and extremely excited and support the proposed development of the park that the previous village president was starting. As a young family we would love to see the plans be carried out in the original purposed locations. I would of loved to attend the meeting tonight to truly express the need in our subdivision for this park. There are tons of children that would get enjoyment for many years to come. Thanks for your consideration!
   Amber Bartelli - Does not want the park to go off of Woodstock and would like to see it stay on Saratoga lane. Also Mrs. Bartelli does not feel the retention area is a safe place for a park. Mrs. Bartelli stated that she lived behind a retention pond and found things like needles, drug paraphernalia, garbage and wallets that came out of the retention. Mrs. Bartelli does not feel that putting a park in the retention area would be a safe spot.
   David O'Donnell - Has worked for the Chicago Park district for over 30 years and wants to see a park go off of Saratoga lane.
   Lora DeWall - is neither for or against the park but would like to know why the Village entered into a contract to buy the lots off of Saratoga Lane on October 1, 2020 and the contract was approved in 5 mins on October 12, 2020.
   Trustee Quimby explained the process and what happened to Mrs. Dewall.
   Board discussed the proposed areas to put the park and looked at maps on where they should go.
6. Discussion on Lions Park
   Trustee Quimby gave a quick update on the Lions Park and the agreements with them. The Lions Club has been working off a 2016 Draft agreement that was never fully excecated between the Village and the Lions Club. Trustee Quimby will be bring a new agreement to the board in July or August.
7. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-36** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois approving rules for the village dog park.
   Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Goings. Motion passed by voice vote.
   Trustees are happy with with the fees and rules staff has come up with.

8. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Ordinance 21-17** An ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois amending various provisions of Title 1- Administration of the Village's code of ordinances, amending responsibility of nomination and appointment of Village Committee Chairpersons from the Village President to the Village Board of Trustees.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Goings. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Ordinance 21-18** an ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove authorizing the disposal of certain personal property owned by the Village of Poplar Grove
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Discussion regarding Trustee appointment Dean Svarc
Dean Svarc- Has lived in the Village for 6 years and would like to get involved with the village. Mr. Svarc thinks he would bring a lot to the Village Board.
Jeff Carlisle - District 2 Boone County Board Rep- Would like see Mr. Svarc as a trustee. Mr. Carlisle thinks Mr. Svarc has great character and would be a great addition to the Village Board.
Judi Zangs - Former Village of Poplar Grove Trustee- Mr. Svarc is Mrs. Zangs neighbor and would like to see him on the Village board. Mrs. Zangs stated is always volunteering at the Museum.
Paul Hornick - Neighbor of Mr. Svarc would like to see Mr. Svarc on as Village Trustee.
Brent Ward - a friend of Mr. Svarc thinks Mr. Svarc would be a great attention to the Village Board.
Walter SWIETLIK- Mr. Swietlik also applied for the Trustee appointment and is upset that he was not called or interviewed. Mr. Swietlik is wondering why the appointment is happening so fast.
Trustee Goings also is questioning why the appointment is happening so fast. Trustees were just notified late Friday night about the appointed. Trustee Goings would like to wait and look over all applicants
Trustee Miller asked Mr. Svarc why he put his ethics on the resume? Trustee Miller asked if someone instructed him to do so? Mr. Svarc stated that it was listed as a requirement on the press release. Trustee Miller asked if Clerk Anderberg could read the requirements to the Board. The requirements where as follows:
To qualify as a candidate for the appointment, the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the Illinois Municipal Code for the position of Village Trustee which is the following:

OLD BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATION

11. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-21** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois approving a registration and waiver of liability form for the dog park
Motion made by Admin Chairman Quimby, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - FINANCE

12. Treasurer, Carina Boyd
no questions for carina.
13. Wastewater, Test Inc.
Clerk Anderberg had a resident ask her if test needed or was required to do extra testing due to the Chemtool fire. Public Works Director Hilden stated NO that the Village was 14 miles out and currently only 3 miles away has been affected.
14. Engineer, McMahon
no questions for Dopkins
15. Public Works, Mitch Hilden
No questions for Hilden

NEW BUSINESS - FINANCE

16. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Ordinance 21-14** an ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois approving and authorizing the Village to enter into a first amendment to third renewal to lease agreement for the real property located at 100 S. State Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.

17. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Ordinance 21-16** an ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois amending the Municipal code by amending title IV - public ways and property, chapter 1- streets, sidewalks and public ways, section 6-1A-1 - construction requirements and specifications
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.
Attorney Szeto wanted the boards input on width of sidewalks. Current ordinance sates 4 feet. Dopkins would like to see it go to 5. Board stated that new sidewalks should be a 5. If someone is changing out of fixing an existing that is 4 feet then it should stay at 4 feet.
Attorney Szeto asked Engineer Dopkins if the new language about IDOT's geometric requirements was correct. Dopkins stated yes.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Admin Chairman Quimby to move Ordinance 21-16 to the Board of Trustees with updated changes .

18. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-37** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois approving quote from Dorner Company
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Admin Chairman Quimby. Motion was passed by voice vote.

19. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-38** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove resolving to award a construction contract for the Park Street/Main Street drainage improvements
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.
Dopkins stated that this project did come in over budget. Dopkins and Hilden are working with the bid winner to bring down the cost of the project.

20. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-39** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove resolving to award a construction for the West Grove Park improvements
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Admin Chairman Quimby. Motion passed by voice vote.
Dopkins stated George's Landscaping won the bid. Hilden is hoping this project will be finished by fall.

21. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-40** a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois highway code
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Admin Chairman Quimby. Motion passed by voice vote.

22. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board to approve **Resolution 21-41** a resolution of the Village of Poplar Grove resolving to award a construction contract for section number 21-00000-000-GM, 2021 Pavement Maintenance Program
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.

23. Motion to approve check disbursement in the amount of $123,950.28 in AP checks, $12,219.22 in Insurance Expense checks, and $7,853.15 in EFTS. Grand Total: $144,022.65.
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Chorostecki - Wanted to speak on the park issue. He stated he asked his questions to Mr. Sattler on social media and President Sattler did not answer his questions. Mr. Chorostecki would like to see a park go in the south end of town.

ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

KJA 06/12/2021
Motion made by Finance Chairman Miller, Seconded by Trustee Wethington. Motion passed by voice vote.
meeting adjourned at 8:57pm