

VILLAGE OF MANHATTAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 2, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Manhattan President and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adrieansen calls the Village of Manhattan Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, McDonough aye, Naughton aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Adrieansen aye (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Also present is Lewis, Palmer, Nelson, Brooks, Gehrke, Wold, Doyle, and Attorney Taylor.

PUBLIC HEARING/RECOGNITIONS/SPECIAL ITEMS:

Village Clerk Lewis swears in Robert A. Dilling for a (4) Four Year Term as Village Trustee.

Village Clerk Lewis swears in Thomas R. Doyle for a (4) Four Year Term as Village Trustee.

Village Clerk Lewis swears in Lucinda M. Neighbors for a (4) Four Year Term as Village Trustee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney, Tim McGrath, is representing Ken Atkinson, owner of property located at Smith Rd. and Kankakee in Manhattan Township. McGrath informs the Village Board that he is commenting on item 7F under new business on the agenda tonight. McGrath's client would like to build on the 6.5 acres that are currently zoned E-1. The Village previously objected to the rezoning of this property. The subdivision has now been reconfigured from a four-lot subdivision to a 3-lot subdivision with one access on Smith Rd. McGrath's client will be building a house for his daughter and son-in-law and their 4-5 kids. McGrath said the zoning already matches what is out there, residential. McGrath asks the Village Board to not object to the zoning. McGrath states that the County Zoning meeting has been pushed to June.

Dave Kestel states that opening Eastern Avenue north of Smith Road is going to cause problems. Traffic from Cedar and Route 52 will move onto Eastern Avenue causing more accidents, increased traffic, and crime. Kestel is against it.

Resident Tony Fehrenbacher would like to thank the board members for sitting down and talking with him recently. Fehrenbacher states that he has heard that some of his neighbors are complaining about his vehicle being parked out in front of his house. Fehrenbacher is upset about the harassment he is receiving about parking in front of his own house. He states that his vehicle complies with the Village of Manhattan code. One thing Fehrenbacher does agree with his neighbors on is that parking is an issue. There is a need for more parking in that area for when school gets out and after school activities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Young Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda which includes the meeting minutes from April 18, 2023, and the Bills list for May 2, 2023. Dilling Second. Roll Call: Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Board that the first several items on the agenda are the release of Letters of Credit for the Whitefeather subdivision. White feather has completed all the improvements to Unit 2A of the subdivision.

Beemsterboer Motion to Approve a Resolution Releasing Irrevocable Letters of Credit No. 6590128885002, No. 6590128885003, and No., 6590128885004 and Accepting Certain Public Improvements in the Village of Manhattan, Illinois (Whitefeather Unit 2A – Basic Rodway Improvements, Finished Roadway Improvements and Parkway Improvements). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Adamski Motion to Approve a Resolution Reducing Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 6590128885001 – Step 0 in the Village of Manhattan, Illinois (Whitefeather Unit 2B). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Beemsterboer Motion to Approve a Resolution Reducing Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 6590128885001 – Step 1 in the Village of Manhattan, Illinois (Whitefeather Unit 2B). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Young Motion to Approve a Resolution Reducing Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 6590128885001 – Step 2 in the Village of Manhattan, Illinois (Whitefeather Unit 2B). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Adamski Motion to Approve a Resolution Reducing Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 659028885001 – Step 4 in the Village of Manhattan, Illinois (Whitefeather Unit 2B). Dilling Second. Roll Call: Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item on the agenda will have no action tonight. The Mayor would like to have discussion about a Resolution Renewing and Restating the Village's Objection to the Rezoning of Certain Property Located in Unincorporated Will County and Within One- and One-Half Miles of the Corporate Boundaries of the Village of Manhattan (Northeast Corner of Kankakee Street and Smith Road) PIN: 14-12-11-300-024-0000. The Manhattan Township will be meeting next week to determine whether they will restate their objection or overturn it. Mayor Adrieansen would like to wait and see what the Township does.

Beemsterboer asks Attorney Tim McGrath if the owner of the property intends on building on one lot for his family and selling the other two lots.

Attorney McGrath confirms that is correct.

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item under new business is an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Police Regulations), Chapter 3 (Police Protection and Public Order), Section 9-3-1 (State Provisions Adopted) of the Manhattan Village Code of Ordinances. Mayor Adrieansen states that the Village Attorney reviewed the list of State statutes that are enforced as local ordinances and it was determined it would be appropriate to add retail theft and remove any violations that are classified as a felony.

Dilling Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Police Regulations), Chapter 3 (Police Protection and Public Order), Section 9-3-1 (State Provisions Adopted) of the Manhattan Village Code of Ordinances. Beemsterboer Second. Roll Call: Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item on the agenda is to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division and the Village of Manhattan (May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2027). The Village Board has discussed this agreement in Executive Session previously. The union members of this unit have approved the tentatively agreed contract. Mayor Adrieansen continues to say that this is a four-year contract for the Public Works employees.

Village Administrator Palmer adds that the employees are valuable resources. The Village is remaining competitive so that we don't lose these employees. The increases have been budgeted.

Beemsterboer Motion to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division and the Village of Manhattan (May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2027). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item under new business is the Eastern Avenue Extension Bid Results and Recommendation to Award the Bid. The bid opening was held on April 26th. Six bidders picked up the bids but only two were submitted. The Village Engineer estimated \$1.8M. PT Ferro Construction bid \$1,239,175.40 and Austin Tyler Construction bid \$1,414,995.04. Mayor Adrieansen states that this project is coming in \$600,000 less than anticipated which is a good thing.

Dilling asks Village Engineer, Brooks, how long the project will take.

Village Engineer Brooks states that the completion date in the contract is November 30, 2023.

Young states that he respects Mr. Kestel and his comments but wants to inform him that the Village Board has thought this project through. The previous administration had been working on this as well, so it is nothing new. Young would argue that it creates safety for the Village instead of going out on Rt. 52 or Cedar. There will now be a safe passage to get to New Lenox. The Village is trying to get a pharmacy in Manhattan but in the meantime, this makes the pharmacy in New Lenox a little more accessible.

Beemsterboer Motion to Award PT Ferro the Eastern Avenue Extension Contract in the Amount of \$1,239,175.40. Dilling Second. Roll Call: Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adriansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item under new business is an Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load. The Village of Manhattan ran a Municipal Electric Aggregation program with the help of NIMEC from 2012-2017. Currently the ComEd rate is 9.7 cents, with other suppliers as low as 7.45 cents. This could potentially save a resident up to \$200 per year.

Adam Hoover from NIMEC, Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative, provides the Village Board with an overview on how the program works. Residents currently using ComEd as their power supplier are automatically opted into the program to achieve savings and green energy. There are no next steps needed to participate in the program. Any resident participating in the program can opt out at any point with no cost or early cancellation fee. Residents with a different supplier will be informed about the program, but they will not be opted into the program. If they would like to join, they could contact the supplier.

Beemsterboer asks if a resident can opt out. Beemsterboer states that if the Village decides to do this he wants to make this as easy as possible on the residents.

Hoover continues to say that all residents receive notice through letters on Village of Manhattan letterhead. They will have 21 days to opt out or to opt in for the start of the program. NIMEC will help answer any questions from residents to take the burden off the Manhattan staff. You still get billed by ComEd. If you have an outage, you will still call ComEd.

Young Motion to Approve is an Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load. Adamski Second. Roll Call: Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adriansen informs the Board of Trustees that the next item under new business is a Resolution in Support of Certifying a Convention and Visitor's Bureau With the State of Illinois. The Village of Manhattan does not have their own Convention and Visitors Bureau which the State of Illinois roles and regulation requires to receive state grant funds for tourism. This resolution will certify that the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be the Village of Manhattan's certified bureau for the upcoming state fiscal year.

Village Administrator Palmer states that this will create the opportunity for grants. With the Round Barn, Wauponsee Trail, and Midewin, Manhattan could be a destination community where people want to come and spend their money. Palmer continues to say that this can also help with ways to promote local businesses and events.

Doyle Motion to Approve a Resolution in Support of Certifying a Convention and Visitor's Bureau With the State of Illinois. Dilling Second. Roll Call: Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Adriansen informs the Village Board that he has four reappointments for approval.

Young Motion to Approve to Reappoint Daniel Mooney to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a Four-Year Term (May 1, 2023 – May 1, 2027). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Beemsterboer Motion to Reappoint Guy Jendraszkiewicz to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a Four-Year Term (May 1, 2023 – May 1, 2027). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Dilling Motion to Approve to Reappoint Patricia Lucas to the Manhattan Police Pension Fund Board for a Two-Year Term (May 1, 2023 – May 1, 2025). Doyle Second. Roll Call: Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Beemsterboer Motion to Approve to Reappoint Alan Griffiths to the Manhattan Fire and Police Commission for a Three-Year Term (May 1, 2023 – May 1, 2026). Dilling Second. Roll Call: Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Mayor Adriansen states that when he was elected, he began speaking with McDonald's to bring them to Manhattan and at that time they weren't ready. After two years and with the help of staff and the Village Board they are finally coming. Mayor Adriansen thanks Community Development director Nelson for all his hard work in making it happen.

Mayor Adriansen informs the Board of Trustees that he would like to begin holding Committee of the Whole meetings throughout the year rather than a planning session at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Adriansen would also like to state that he believes that Eastern Avenue will be a safer route for residents, especially teenage drivers.

Doyle would like to thank everyone that voted for him. Thank you for the support and it feels good to be back.

All the Trustees congratulate Lucinda Neighbors, Tom Doyle, and Bob Dilling on their election and welcome them. All Trustees thank Erin McDonough and Mike Naughton for their time served.

Beemsterboer notifies the Village Board that he will be missing the next two board meetings for surgery.

Dilling wants to thank everyone that supported him in the election and for providing him with the privilege to serve another four years. Dilling encourages the Trustees to talk to the Mayor about anything they are passionate about and bring those ideas to the Committee of the Whole meetings.

Young would like to congratulate Kirby's Bakery for 34 years in business. Young also wants to congratulate everyone that was involved in getting McDonald's here.

Neighbors thanks everyone that supported her in the election and looks forward to serving Manhattan.

Village Clerk Lewis welcomes the new trustees. Village Clerk Lewis reminds the Village Board that prior to the Board Meeting on May 16th everyone will meet at D.Marie Photography for pictures at 5:15 P.M.

Village Clerk announces that the Village of Manhattan Open House and Touch-A-Truck will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE STAFF

Village Administrator Palmer congratulates & welcomes the newly elected board members. Palmer would like to thank the public works employees for the work they did in the meeting room relocating

the storage room door and installing the TVs. Palmer would also like to thank Finance Director Gehrke for his assistance with the new equipment which will allow us to broadcast the board meetings.

Community Development Director Nelson welcomes the new board members and looks forward to working with them. Nelson informs the Village Board that he issued a provisional permit last week to McDonald's. They have some minor plan review issues to take care of. They began working on the entrance from Rt. 52. McDonald's is looking to open sometime in August 2023.

Finance Director Gehrke informs the Village Board that he is working on programming the new cameras and switcher for the meeting room, and it will be up and running soon.

Chief Wold would like to welcome the newly elected officials and looks forward to working with them.

EMA Director Doyle welcomes the new board members.

Village Engineer Brooks welcomes the new board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Adrieansen informs the Village Board that there will be an Executive Session but no action from Executive Session.

Young Motion at 7:01 P.M. to Enter Executive Session for the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific: Employees, Appointed, or Elected Officials; and Collective Bargaining (5ILCS120/2(c)1-3). Dilling Second. Roll Call: Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye, Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

Adamski Motion to Reopen Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. Dilling Second. Roll Call: Young aye, Neighbors aye, Doyle aye, Adamski aye, Dilling aye, Beemsterboer aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Beemsterboer Motion to Adjourn. Young Second. All are in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Shelly A. Lewis, Village Clerk