

Village of Olympia Fields Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

March 15, 2023

Commenced: 7:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Call to Order & Pledge

President Burke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Village Clerk Stephanie Mills conducted the roll call and announced that there was a quorum:

Present: Trustees Victor Blackwell, Sandra Finley, Kelvin Oliver, Willis Pennington, Desiree Watkins, and Howard White; President Sterling M. Burke; Village Administrator/Chief of Staff Drella C. Savage; Village Clerk Stephanie Mills; Building Commissioner John McDonnell; Chief of Police Derrick Blasingame; Finance Director Betty Zigras; Public Works Director Terry Lusby, Jr.; Deputy Village Clerk Jessica Washington

Absent: None

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting:

Trustee Pennington moved, seconded by Trustee Oliver, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

Bills for Approval

March 2023 Bills for Approval – \$427,568.89:

Trustee Watkins moved, seconded by Trustee Pennington, to approve payment of the bills for March 2023 in the amount of \$427,568.89.

Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda comprising Ordinances #2023-03, #2023-04, #2023-05, #2023-06, #2023-07, #2023-08 related to the abatement of the 2022 tax levy for general obligation bonds, and Resolution #2023-02 related to the retirement of FY2023 general obligation alternate revenue bonds under the Phase I Road Repaving Program.

Ordinance #2023-03 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia Fields

Ordinance #2023-04 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Olympia Fields

Ordinance #2023-05 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the 2011 A & B General Obligation Bonds of the Village of Olympia Fields

Ordinance #2023-06 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, of the Village of Olympia Fields

Ordinance #2023-07 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B, of the Village of Olympia Fields

Ordinance #2023-08 – An Ordinance Abating the 2022 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B, of the Village of Olympia Fields

Resolution #2023-02 – FY2023 Obligation Retirement Resolution Section Number 13-000-31-00-GB for General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A, for the Phase I Road Repaving Program

Finance Director Betty Zigras provided an overview of the Ordinances and Resolution under the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Blackwell moved, seconded by Trustee Oliver, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

Administration Reports

Report of the Village President – Sterling M. Burke

President Burke announced the proposed annexation of the Olympia Fields Country Club to the Village. He discussed the benefits of the proposed annexation. A brief discussion ensued.

Report of the Village Administrator/Chief of Staff – Drella C. Savage

Ordinance #2023-09 – An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing to Consider Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois (Governors Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing District #2)

Village Administrator/Chief of Staff Savage explained the Governors Highway/Vollmer Road TIF #2 Scheduling Ordinance and process. She clarified that the Joint Review Board would meet on April 12, 2023, not April 6, 2023, as originally noted in the ordinance.

Trustee Pennington moved, seconded by Trustee Finley, to approve the Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing to Consider Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois (Governors Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing District #2).

Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

Village Administrator/Chief of Staff Savage also provided an update on the monthly billing program.

Department Head Reports

- **Betty Zigras – Finance Director**

Director Zigras reminded the Trustees about the budget meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023.

- **Derrick Blasingame – Chief of Police**

Nothing to Report.

- **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**
Commissioner McDonnell reported on the status of the VCA Animal Hospital project.
- **Terry Lusby, Jr. – Public Works Director**
Director Lusby announced the schedule for the Department of Public Works branch pick program.

Trustee Liaison Reports

- **Planning & Zoning Commission/Human Resources Committee – Blackwell**
Trustee Blackwell reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on March 21, 2023, regarding the proposed Olympia Fields Country Club annexation.
- **Public Works Committee/Beautification Committee – Finley**
Trustee Finley provided an update on the Department of Public Works, Beautification Committee grants, Arbor Day, and the Village's Tree City USA award. Discussion ensued about the Village's tree program.
- **Public Safety Commission/Police Pension Board – Oliver**
Trustee Oliver discussed the Public Safety Committee's budget.
- **Finance Committee/Building Department – Pennington**
Trustee Pennington presented the January 2023 Financial Report. Discussion ensued about the Village's finances.
- **Park District/Library Board – Watkins**
Trustee Watkins reported on the Library Board's plans to replace the Little Free Libraries.
- **Educational Commission/Community Relations Commission – White**
Trustee White discussed the collaboration between the Community Relations Commission and the Public Safety Committee on the CodeRed program. He announced that OctoberFest is scheduled for October 14, 2023.

Miscellaneous Reports

Nothing at this time.

Public Comment

Several members of the public addressed the Board of Trustees during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Resignations and Appointments

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

Trustee Watkins moved, seconded by Trustee Pennington, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

President Burke adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Washington, Deputy Village Clerk