

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

February 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of February 8, 2021, was held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois and called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Gary Grasso.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by the Acting Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Mayor Grasso, Trustees Paveza, Schiappa, and Mital via Zoom. Present in the Board Room were Trustees Franzese, Mottl, and Snyder.

In addition, present in the Board Room were Interim Village Administrator Evan Walter, Police Chief John Madden, Deputy Police Chief Marc Loftus, Acting Finance Director Amy Nelson, and Public Works Director Dave Preissig. Village Attorney Mike Durkin attended via Zoom.

Mayor Grasso read the following declaration.

“I hereby declare as Mayor of the Village of Burr Ridge that I have determined that an in person meeting is neither practical nor prudent on account of the disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker because of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

PRESENTATION OF 2020 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Police Chief John Madden provided crime statistics from 2015-20, which included overall violent crime and overall property crime. More detail will be available when the annual report is published in March. There has been a three year decrease in property crime; violent crimes remain in single digits. Property crime is defined as burglary, arson, theft, and motor vehicle theft. Overall, for property crimes, the highest was 182 incidents in 2018, as there was a spike in identity theft cases. Violent crime is defined as aggravated battery, robbery, rape and murder. From 2015-2020, we did not experience a murder, other areas continued to be low in single digits.

One of the crime prevention, investigative tools presented at the end of 2020 was a proposal to integrate the Flock safety “wing” integration into 42 of the 82 passive cameras in the Village. Burr Ridge is the first municipality to use the Flock wing program interface for license plate recognition. In 2022 there are plans to expand this technology to prepare for threats that may be coming to the Village. Chief Madden noted a 65-page intelligence report outlining recent crime due to European travelers previously known as gypsies, who perform ruse burglaries where they gain entrance to the house, mostly in northern Illinois.

Chief Madden mentioned that body worn cameras would be mandatory for all police officers by 2025 provided the Governor signs HB3653 into law, which is a significant expense that has been deferred several times due to the expense in the data collection and storage. Axon integration with Fleet mobile cameras have been proposed, which will result in a costs savings as the older existing car cameras will be removed, and all patrol vehicles will be able to be equipped with mobile cameras.

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Axon Fleet will have integration into the Flock Safety system, for Taser devices. When a Taser device is used or a gun is drawn, the body camera automatically goes on. It is important to have the cameras on, as House Bill 3653 (HB 3653-SA2) has been proposed and is expected to be passed. So as of July 1, 2021, it will be a class 3 felony if an officer's camera is not turned on under certain circumstances, and this technology will give them the equipment for success. The Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (IRMA) is also offering one-time grant funding of \$10,000. The State of Illinois may also have grants available to offset this cost but such details are presently unavailable.

Chief Madden also covered some of the new items in HB 3653-SA2, titled the Criminal Justice Reform Bill. The Illinois Associations of Chiefs of Police have expressed some priority concerns. The bill is over 700 pages, which covers a lot of information. There are some concerns relating to the use of forced language that restricts an officer's ability to make arrests, and the body camera compliance that makes it a class 3 felony for an officer not to comply with laws regarding body cameras. It also does not allow the officer to review his camera video before writing a report. In addition, people cannot removed from a property or business, they can only be issued the trespasser a ticket. The bill also contains a bail elimination clause that has been recast as pre-trial release with very specific parameters, limiting the ability for a judge to detain. The bill is on the governor's desk and it is expected to be signed soon.

Some of the items in the bill are positive reforms, but Chief Madden thought that most of the new language may be of concern for residents and police. He gave the example that it will be hard for a police officer to be unable to review his body camera when writing a written report that is challenging after any high stress interaction. In Burr Ridge, this also means that the police cannot take anyone into custody for a class B or C misdemeanor. Chief Madden was also concerned about the bail elimination as it relates to some of these cases.

In 2020, officers responded to 16 incidents of trespassing (class B misdemeanor). With the new bill, if the trespasser does not want to leave, he cannot be forced to leave unless there is a risk of danger to the property owner. This includes solicitors.

Chief Madden gave an example, where in Burr Ridge, on August 31, person "A" was arrested in Cook County, for unlawful use of a weapon, with a loaded UZI carbine with a 50 round drum magazine. He was arrested and released on \$300 bail. On December 13, he was in Crown Plaza Burr Ridge, at the location of the shooting. After July 31, there will also be no cash bond required. For carjacking's that have occurred all over the state, there will be no consequences any more.

Mayor Grasso asked the Trustees for question.

Trustee Mottl read a comment from a resident that he was asked to read at the meeting. Mayor Grasso asked who the resident was, asking that Trustee Mottl identify the resident. Trustee Snyder also asked who the resident was. Trustee Mottl refused to disclose the name of the resident. He asked why was the threat of an armed man not put via Nixle, as he was told there were told that there are over 6,024 Nixle subscribers, and the incident happened on Dec. 4, and was posted in the E-Briefs on Dec. 11.

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Mayor Grasso gave some background that there was an incident, it was investigated, and the resident was contacted and they were satisfied with the resolution. Chief Madden stated that the incident was significantly delayed, being reported with a five hour delay. He directed officers that were the homeowner liaisons to talk to the HOA directly and he did not want to rely on text or e-mail, and also asked that a full color document be documented immediately. Nixle is used to relay general crime reminders. Chief Madden did not agree that there were over 6,000 Nixle subscribers and subscribers are counted once for each manner of contact (for example, if you sign up for text and e-mail alerts, they are counted as two subscriptions), and that there are a lot of people on Nixle that are not village residents. He stated he was very concerned about this incident and spoke to the home owner and said that the homeowner and the HOA were both satisfied with how it was handled. Trustee Mottl asked that incidents get reported on a timely basis and Chief Madden clarified that there was a significant delay in the incident being reported, being over five hours before the police were made aware of the incident. Trustee Mottl thanked the Chief for the overview, and for the report. He expressed concern about the reform items mentioned and that he supported the work which was done.

Trustee Franzese thanked the Chief and the entire Burr Ridge Police Department for their excellent work. With crime rising in surrounding areas rising, village crime numbers remain the same or are going down. He thanked the police for making the village a safe place to live. He agreed that HB 3653 is troublesome, that it handcuffs our police and we have to fight these reforms. He said that the body worn cameras are a great technology, and he applauded the speed in which the flock camera system was presented to the village in such a timely manner.

Trustee Mital thanked Chief Madden and all the staff on the fine work which was done to adapt to new technology and for looking into grants. She commented on the low crime statistics in Burr Ridge and thanked the Police Department. Trustee Schiappa thanked Chief Madden and Deputy Police Chief Loftus for running a great department, having a department that is CALEA certified, and thanked them for their work to make the village safe. Trustee Schiappa commented on the great police presence in the community. He said he has received positive comments from residents as well.

Mayor Grasso asked for public comment.

Resident Russell Smith said that he has been a homeowner in Burr Ridge for over 14 years. He heard the presentation and after COVID, the social unrest and all we have gone through this year, he feels safe in the Village, and applauds the job that has been done here by the police and the staff.

Mayor Grasso said that he felt the Village was very fortunate to have such a well-run Police Department. He was thrilled that Chief Madden recognized the opportunity to increase the safety in the Village with the Flock system and has no doubt that this will better protect residents and also the identification of suspicious cars. Mayor Grasso commended Chief Madden on a job well done. He also said that at the last DuPage Mayors and Managers meeting, the crime bill was discussed and all were unhappy at the criminal justice reform and that none of them were involved, noting that he hoped revisions would be possible. One item discussed also discussed the cost of maintaining and collecting data to explore a communal option to reduce the costs and store the Flock camera information economically. There are about 25 communities in DuPage, and that it was not a big expense for the cameras themselves, but storing the data. Mayor Grasso asked Chief Madden to emphasize the reality and perception of DuPage and Cook County and the incident where the Burr Ridge police. Chief Madden said that there were burglars that were being pursued on I55 and crashed on the DuPage side of Burr Ridge. They were apprehended, and one suspect wanted to know what county he was in and was very

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unhappy that he was in DuPage County. This illustrated that criminals are aware of laws and police presence in the area. Mayor Grasso thanked the Chief and said that we will have this presentation again next year.

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

After reading the Consent Agenda by Mayor Grasso, motion was made by Trustee Mital and seconded by Trustee Schiappa that the Consent Agenda – Omnibus Vote (attached as Exhibit A) and the recommendations indicated for each respective item be hereby approved. Any item removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed by the Board, opened for public comment, and voted upon during this meeting.

Mayor Grasso asked for public comment. There was none.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Snyder, Schiappa, Paveza, Mital, Mottl, Franzese

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021 were reviewed for publication under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote,

APPROVAL OF PATHWAY COMMISSION OF JANUARY 26, 2021 were reviewed for publication under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote,

APPROVAL OF VENDOR LIST DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,155.37 FOR ALL FUNDS, PLUS \$180,395.39 FOR THE PAY PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 23, 2021 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$412,550.76, WHICH INCLUDES SPECIAL EXPENDITURES OF \$28,434.88 TO SCHROEDER ASPHALT SERVICES FOR THE 2020 ROAD PROGRAM; AND \$32,434.92 TO COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA FOR BULK ROCK SALT The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Vendor List for the period ending February 8, 2021 plus Payroll for the Period Ending January 23, 2021.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE HALL INSPECTIONAL SERVICES TO LEGAT ARCHITECTS OF OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT \$16,000

Interim Village Administrator Evan Walter stated that this was a request for building inspection services, and that the Village Hall has not been reviewed in over ten years that he was aware of. The building is over 35 years old. He said that staff contacted several architectural firms to provide a basic space-needs assessment and a complete condition inspection of the building, including the detached garage and exterior areas of the property, to create a comprehensive maintenance plan for Village Hall. In preparation of the Village's Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget, several proposed budget goals related to the condition of Village Hall, including bathroom remodeling, mechanicals, roof, unused working spaces, etc. Many of the capital items scheduled for replacement in the near future had useful life projections and/or replacement cost estimates that were based on years-old information. None of the budget goals related to Village Hall were included for consideration in this year's goals discussion, as none of the goals presented imminent risk to the building or its inhabitants through temporary delay.

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Legat Architects, from Oak Brook (who the Village has already hired to perform a facilities assessment for Public Works' facility needs) was the lowest responsive bidder at \$16,000. The report would include options for renovation in the event that any structural issues are found. Staff estimated that the timeframe to receive a final report from the contractor would be 8-12 weeks.

Trustee Schiappa asked if any inspection had ever been done on the building. Mr. Walter said that there had not been a thorough physical inspection of the building for some time, just spot inspections of areas like the roof and HVAC. The building was built in the 1980's, so it is a good idea that building is kept up to date and has a more comprehensive evaluation. Mayor Grasso added that in 2010, an extensive study was done over determining that the Village Hall building was antiquated for police needs. As a result of that study, the new Police Department building was built. The Board Room was updated recently but the building is not up to par with other Village building, therefore it was more than past time to see what should and can be done.

Trustee Mital had a question on the language and if the conceptual design was the cost to date or over ten years. Did that mean the firm would give a cost to remodel the entire thing or in stages? Mr. Walter said that the report is a ten-year capital plan for all elements of the building that will allow the Village to account for any potential needs and to have a good grasp of those needs as repairs are needed. Trustee Schiappa asked about the four phases of this project and if we would be paying one lump sum or in phases. Mr. Walter said that the payments would be in phases. Trustee Mottl asked how many bids were obtained. Mr. Walter stated that there were four bids, two companies responded and that this company was chosen. Trustee Mottl asked if the company would look at the structure and also how the building is being used, not just the structure. Mr. Walter said that they would address where people work including a facility needs assessment. Trustee Franzese supported this expenditure, stating that it was a good path to determine space needs, and that a long-term plan will give us enough time to get these items done when they are needed.

Mayor Grasso asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Trustee Snyder and seconded by Trustee Paveza.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 - Trustees Snyder, Paveza, Mital, Mottl, Franzese, Schiappa

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

There being six affirmative votes the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2021-22 BUDGET GOALS

Mr. Walter presented budget goals to the Board for consideration prior to release of the draft budget. Budget goals are projects requiring funding approval that provide an upgrade or replacement of capital items, comply with a law or mandate, or other such directive relative to the Village's overall service structure. Staff has condensed the number of budget goals for consideration in Fiscal Year 2021-22, as many previous years' goals contained smaller expenditures related to day-to-day operations of the Village and not interpreted to rise to the level of needing Board attention. Additionally, staff provided a greater level of detail regarding budget goals in an attempt at providing better public clarity and context as to the purpose and intent of each goal as well as goals that may not involve the purchase of an item, but rather are included for purposes of long-term planning

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beyond the current budget year. Two budget goals have already been included in the FY 2021-22 budget: the 2021 Road Program (as directed by the Board at a previous meeting) and the County Line Road sidewalk project.

Staff projected a preliminary \$350,000 surplus on January 25, which was prior to any scheduled transfers from the General Fund into other funds that do not have dedicated revenue sources. Transfer of General Fund surplus must occur to avoid deficit fund balance in these other funds to complete already approved Board goals and purchases that were previously taken off the FY2020-21 Waitlist. Because of the transfers, the General Fund will finish FY 2020-21 with a surplus of approximately \$50,000. Furthermore, staff has yet to complete a final review of the draft budget, which will occur after receiving direction regarding budget goals. The list of goals submitted by staff represents goals with the highest priority to the individual department heads and the scope of services of which they are directly responsible. Any goals not included in the approved FY 2021-22 budget will be retained on a waitlist for quarterly consideration, as was the practice in FY 2020-21.

Mayor Grasso asked for feedback from the trustees.

Trustee Snyder thanked Mr. Walter and Acting Finance Director Amy Nelson for the detailed information so that the Board could review it in advance and allow for adjustments as needed and as the budget allowed. Trustee Mottl asked if there was more information on the items for discussion, Mr. Walter said that there was more information in the packet but he focused on the three items that were transferred that were done to fund projects that were previously directed for inclusion the Board.

The other goals that were include in the background materials, Mr. Walter asked for board discretion for which items are priority. Trustee Mottl said that he was interested in talking about the police pension and sidewalks. Trustee Mital asked about the police pension fund when she spoke with Acting Finance Director Nelson on the increase in liability and what we have in the fund and if the investment we are making to the fund keeps up with inflation. Ms. Nelson said there was a bigger dip into reserves for the pension fund but it is invested well and shared the portfolio with Trustee Mital. Trustee Mital feels that we do have to find ways to keep the police pension properly funded. Mayor Grasso said that the legislature combined numerous police pension boards across Illinois for greater efficiency. He said that the Board continues to keep an eye on reserves where we might be able to put more to our police pension obligations, which is growing from decisions made in Springfield on unfunded mandates that we must contribute to. The Village is looking at options on how to how to invest into the pension fund for the best return on our investment.

Mayor Grasso also mentioned the proposed bridge over 71st street to relieve traffic from the Village Center, which might not be a priority at this time as 35% of the Village Center has not been leased so it has not been a priority. Mr. Walter stated that there was \$850,000 allocated for this bridge, which could be reallocated to other uses. Mayor Grasso stated that when that bridge was to be build, Opus Management did not have the funds to build the bridge, so the Village bought out that option at \$850,000 that can now be put towards something else to meet our obligations. Mayor Grasso recommended that the Village not build the bridge and use that money for other uses, including the police pension fund. Mr. Walter clarified that the \$850,000 is counted in our reserves but assigned to this project, but can be uncoupled from the bridge project.

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Trustee Franzese said that the 71st Street Bridge comes up periodically but with the Village Center not at capacity, we don't have the full traffic impact. He suggested that we table the discussion on the bridge until the property is more developed or look at other ways to use the money.

Mayor Grasso asked for a consensus on direction for staff to begin uncoupling the \$850,000 in reserves from the 71st Street bridge project. All Trustees concurred with this recommendation.

Trustee Franzese recommended that a review the list of potential projects would be helpful.

Mr. Walter gave an overview of the projects:

- 1) Long term funding policy for the Police Pension Fund – This entails creating a sound and financially feasible funding policy, paid for by the fund that looks beyond short-term budgetary relief and minimum funding requirements.
- 2) 71st Street extension, bridge and intersection modifications – This was previously discussed earlier at this meeting, and was determined not to be a priority.
- 3) Police station debt service obligation – The call date on the debt certificate for the building is December 15, 2021 (and is \$1,058,794). This item relates to determining direction regarding the status of the Debt Service Fund. Mr. Walter presented three funding options, including the sale of Rustic Acres, which would require relocation for the salt storage facility. Trustee Mottl asked if we could pay off this debt with reserves as one option, but there might be other alternatives as well. Mr. Walter said that would be an option. Trustee Franzese asked if the three funding alternatives could be presented in more detail and with a specific number attached for Board review and additional discussion. Mayor Grasso asked Mr. Walter to present the options in silos with pros and cons, with the financial information attached so that the options can be considered independently or together. Trustee Mital asked about the rate that the debt could be refinanced at and the interest rate our reserves are earning, and do a projection on that basis as well. Trustee Schiappa asked for more detailed information on Rustic Acres. Mr. Walter said it has been for sale since 2007, the Village has owned it for a significantly longer time. It was offered for sale for \$1,875,000 in 2008 and revised down to \$1,500,000 in 2016 with no real offers. Trustee Mital asked about the relocation of the salt facility. Mr. Walter stated that that information will be included in the detailed overview, but that the relocation would cost approximately \$350,000, and relocation options are being investigated. Mayor Grasso added that Willowbrook has a salt facility and asked Mr. Walter to look into that option as well, to share the facility even if for short-term.
- 4) New website – The website for the Village is outmoded in its ability to provide the necessary technological tools compared to those used by modern online user. To create a new website, it would cost approximately \$30,000. Trustee Mottl said that he agrees that the website is dated and clunky, and would support a redesigned website. He also said he would like to see more transparency on the website, such as bids, etc. Mr. Walter said that there is a standard for transparency in Illinois that would be included in the redesign. Mayor Grasso agreed that the website needs an update to improve the user experience. Trustee Mital concurred and added that more transparency would be a positive addition.
- 5) Resident Survey – Typically done every other year, this would entail hiring a professional firm to do a deep survey of service levels and gauge public opinion. It is also a CALEA requirement for the Police Department to have a survey done every three years. The Village survey is typically done by Survey Monkey/mail at a cost of \$10,000. Working with a competitive firm on the survey would provide a

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rich, targeted analysis of the community at a cost of \$15,000-\$20,000. Trustee Paveza said that considering the conditions that we have been under right now, it might be good to wait on this for another wait or year. Trustee Franzese asked if we could wait on the survey with the CALEA requirement. Chief Madden said that the CALEA standard says that we need to do a survey every three years and have not done one since 2016. Mr. Walter said that we could also implement the Survey Monkey option to fulfill the CALEA requirement and move the expanded option to a future year. Trustee Mottl said that he was in favor of surveying the village now, COVID or not and supported the goal. Mr. Walter said that it would be a contactless survey. Mayor Grasso said while there has been a lot of staff work done in the past, asked if the response rate been meager on past surveys. Mr. Walter said the response rate had not been bad, but a new survey would expand by offering more options with narrative. Trustee Mottl said that perhaps the evaluation company could also bring more expertise to the table and get more useful information from residents. Trustee Snyder asked about response rate, and if the company would give any guarantee on the survey response number. Mr. Walter said that the companies would be contractually obligated to provide a specific response rate. Mayor Grasso said that if we can get a certain minimal response, especially with the challenges we have had, we could also consider having a town meeting to meet regularly with residents on action items. Mr. Walter said that guaranteed response rate would give a very rich data set, and the company would come out and give an overview of the survey results to the Board. Mayor Grasso added that we could get our HOAs involved to make sure that we get as much resident feedback as possible. Trustee Mital said that she was in favor of a survey and felt that it was a good direction for goal setting in the Village. She asked if we moved ahead with this could we guide them with the kind of feedback that we wanted. Mr. Walter said that the company would adapt the survey to our needs and we could pick out the models that we were interested in. Mayor Grasso asked Mr. Walter to come up with some specific ideas for Board discussion.

- 6) Elm Street Culvert – This project was on the waitlist from last year, and would cost \$370,000 for repair of the culvert for storm water management. Trustee Franzese clarified that \$50,000 of the \$370,000 was for engineering, for phase one. Mr. Walter said yes with an additional \$50,000 that would be needed for construction management and \$320,000 in construction cost. Trustee Franzese asked if the board had the engineering detail, which was approved by the Board to see if it was completed, expressing concern if this was any potential failure issue that needed to be immediately addressed. Public Works Director Dave Preissig said that the detailed plans are not yet done for review, that they were almost ready. He said that they do not anticipate immediate failure but that they were watching it closely and didn't think there will be complete failure. Mayor Grasso said that based on the engineering study he will talk to Mr. Walter and Mr. Preissig about funding the project. He asked how long the project would take. Mr. Preissig it would take 7-8 weeks and the plan was to take the project to the point of funding so that it could be done if funded when the weather allowed. Trustee Franzese asked about permitting process, Mr. Preissig said it could be up to 6 weeks but that it could be accelerated if needed. Trustee Mottl said there were some residents that came in to complain about this issue last year and that he was in favor of the repair.
- 7) Pathway Fund – This item covers two projects, County Line Road and Garfield Avenue sidewalks. A \$100,000 grant was received for the Garfield Avenue project, but the County Line Road is close to completion and it would be effective to transfer the money to the County Line Road project. The Garfield Avenue project was a joint agreement with Willowbrook and Burr Ridge and there were a number of residents who opposed it, so Willowbrook would not pay if it was on the west side due to the proximity to residents. Burr Ridge would need to pay for an east side sidewalk. Trustee Mital asked

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if the west side of Garfield would be in Willowbrook. Mayor Grasso said he would talk to the Mayor of Willowbrook and asked to table this item asked to table the Garfield Avenue project but to get the County Line Road project done. Trustee Franzese asked that if we allocated the Garfield funding to County Line, could we apply for another grant. Mr. Walter said no. Trustee Mottl asked if we used the money for County Line Road, could we finish it and not take anything out of the general fund. Mr. Walter said that we could complete the project with the sidewalk fund and the reallocation of the \$100,000 without need for further transfers from the General Fund. Trustee Mottl also asked about maintenance costs. Mr. Walter said we dedicate \$20,000-\$25,000 to maintenance annually. Mayor Grasso said that we needed to go forward with County Line as there was consensus and that he will talk with Willowbrook about Garfield Avenue.

- 8) Dedicated Communication System – The Department of Public Works maintains VHF radios in vehicles and Village issued cell phones. Cell phones are much more reliable, and the Police Department uses the STARCOM21 system, which is recommended for Village use instead of VHF. Mr. Walter recommended that we do this, at a one-time cost of approximately \$30,000 and \$3,000 annually thereafter for maintenance. Trustee Mottl agreed that this was a priority. Mayor Grasso said that there was consensus and that Mr. Walter should proceed.
- 9) Village-Wide Smart License Plate Recognition – This would be an extension of the Flock system and would cost \$60,000 to add an additional 20 cameras throughout the Village. Mayor Grasso recommended that said we see how the Flock system works and get feedback first from the Police Department. Trustee Mottl asked if we could save money on the police costs if we implemented this in terms of less overtime or other areas. Chief Madden said it would not be a replacement for officers. Trustee Franzese asked about the implementation process here – cameras and deployment – if those 20 cameras would be deployed, would then all of the egress areas be covered. Chief Madden said no. Trustee Franzese asked that the Board be given information on this so that we could build on that number of cameras and eventually cover all the needed egress areas in phases.
- 10) Police Department Security and Video System Upgrade – The system requires updating as it was ten years old, at a cost of approximately \$120,000 which would require a transfer into the IT Department and could not be done in phases. Mayor Grasso said that this item could be kept on the radar but was not an immediate need. Mayor Grasso said this item can be tabled until other funding opportunities are clarified and when more specifics are known.

Trustee Mottl asked about Fiscal Year surplus. Mr. Walter said that we do not have the funds to complete all of these items, but he will get as many of the priority items funded from this meeting. Trustee Mottl asked about legal bills and settlements, if those expenditures were taken into consideration. Mr. Walter said that they do their best to plan ahead but don't know the extent of these costs from year to year.

Trustee Franzese asked about the Carriage Way water main replacement project that was waitlisted on the list today. Mr. Walter said that this project is would be funded out of the Water Fund, which will be discussed in the coming weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Grasso asked for Public comment.

Jennifer Fox, a resident, addressed noise over the summer which came from karaoke being held at the County Line Merchant. Mayor Grasso spoke to the Chief Madden and they will monitor to make sure that the noise

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will not disturb residents in the future. Ms. Fox said that she understands that this space is shared by both residences and stores, but that the shared outdoor space should not disturb residents after 10:00 pm. She said the music was so loud over every weekend and was disturbing and that she called the police 10-15 times. She took some videos and has had half of the residents facing the location to sign a petition. She feels it is a problem and it is was not that she does not like the music, but she said it was every weekend, loud drunken karaoke for months where she was unable to hold a conversation on her patio at times. Mayor Grasso thanked her for her comments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Trustee Mital said she is working with Janet Kowal and staff to see if we can kick off the events at the Village Center and to do what we can to bring back to where we were in 2019.

Trustee Mottl thanked Dave Price and his team for the snow plowing. For the Police, he was interested to hear if there were any DUI checkpoints, and that the Village might want to consider that in the future. He also said saw some e-mails from Mr. Walter pertaining to a recent FOYA request, related to Gigi's request (the owner of Capri). Mr. Walter said he was approached for some temporary spaces. Patty's had a temporary space, and if any other lease was requested beyond May 1, that a special permit lease would be needed. The Village asked Gigi to immediately removed signage. He is also under a stop work order to make sure the development is under control.

Trustee Snyder asked about the cost of FOYA requests from Trustee Mottl. Mr. Walter stated that from October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, the Village has spent about \$41,000 in legal bills and other matters of litigation from Trustee Mottl, while spending about \$19,000 in staff time costs on the same.

Trustee Schiappa asked about the budget, and wanted to remind the other trustees about the Police Pension and that our rating agency, Moody's, had noted our low bond rating. He said it is important to keep this rating high so that we manage our Police Pension fund actively and to keep that in mind. Regarding reserves, that is tax payer money - we do have those reserves, it is about 65% of the general fund. He would like to see what some of the other towns reserves are at, and where should we be in relation to those. We should be using those tax payer dollars to best serve the tax payers with a strong responsible reserve of a Village of this size. Mr. Walter said he would get that information together.

Trustee Mottl asked for a motion to put something on the next agenda, to roll back the restrictions on his ability to work with staff. Trustee Snyder mentioned that if he attended the meetings that he would know the detail of projects. Mayor Grasso said that all requests he submitted had been fulfilled.

Trustee Franzese asked about the legal bill cost from Trustee Mottl FOIA requests. Mr. Walter said that the there was \$41,000 spent from requests from Trustee Mottl, and that also incurred additional staff time, which was about 350 hours. This staff time came to \$19,000 spent to manage the FOIA requests. Trustee Franzese asked if there were any other costs involved in the threat of litigation, and asked that Mr. Walter summarize this information in a memo for the Board.

Trustee Paveza asked if Trustee Mottl had found any information that he felt was indicative of wrongdoing. Trustee Mottl said that he felt that he did finds some things and felt that he should be able to get information directly from staff. Mayor Grasso said this situation was created due to past actions from Trustee Mottl.

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Mayor Grasso thanked the Public Works Department for their work to combat the 20 inches of snow. He reminded residents not to not park cars on the streets when it snows. He also mentioned that the Burr Ridge Community Park Foundation was hosting interactive cooking class with Eddie Merlot's with access to live zoom, and that more information could be found at burridgeparkfoundation.org. He reminded everyone that Monday was President's Day, February 15, which was originally established to celebrate Washington's Birthday but was then revised to celebrate all presidents.

Motion was made by Trustee Mital, seconded by Trustee Schiappa that the regular meeting be adjourned and that the Board go into closed session.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:


AYES: 6 - Trustees Mital, Schiappa, Paveza, Snyder, Mottl, Franzese

NAYS : 0 - None

ABSENT: 0 - None

The motion was approved by unanimous vote for the Board of Trustees and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Where there is no summary or discussion on any items in the minutes, this reflects that no discussion occurred other than the introduction of the item.



Susan Schaus
Acting Village Clerk
Burr Ridge, Illinois

APPROVED BY the Mayor and Board of Trustees this 22nd day of February, 2021.



**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE**

AGENDA

**Monday, February 8, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance and Public Comment Procedures: Due to the current state of emergency, consistent with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation issued on November 13, 2020, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e), the physical presence of a quorum of the corporate authorities being excused, participation by Village Board members at this meeting will be carried out remotely via the ZOOM meeting platform. The Mayor and Trustees' attendance shall occur via the Zoom meeting platform by accessing the meeting link. All Trustees must participate in the meeting with a video-enabled webcam. Trustees using a webcam without a microphone may call into the meeting at (312) 626-6799, using Meeting ID 858 8663 5395; Password 140785.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-71 physical attendance at this meeting shall be limited to 50 people. Therefore, attendance by members of the public for the February 8, 2021 Village of Burr Ridge Board of Trustees meeting will be permitted both in person (subject to social distancing and capacity limitations) and virtually. Members of the public may attend the meeting by accessing the meeting link, using either a computer microphone or by calling into the meeting at (312) 626-6799, using Meeting ID 858 8663 5395; Password 140785. Public comments will also be taken prior to the meeting via email at BRMeetings@burr-ridge.gov. E-mailed public comments shall identify whether the comment is intended to address a specific agenda item (please identify the agenda item) or is intended for general public comment under Section 9 of this Agenda. Public comments may also be made **during** the meeting at the applicable time. All public participants will be muted upon entering the virtual meeting. Prior to voting on each agenda item, public participants will be unmuted and asked for comments. The same procedure will be followed for any person seeking to address the Board under Section 9 - Public Comment. Each speaker addressing the Board of Trustees is asked to limit comments to five minutes.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 2. **ROLL CALL**
 3. **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - A. Presentation of 2020 Annual Crime Report
 4. **CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda, discussed by the Board, opened for public comment, and voted upon during this meeting.

5. **MINUTES**

A. * Approval of Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2021

B. * Approval of Pathway Commission of January 26, 2021

6. **ORDINANCES**

7. **RESOLUTIONS**

8. **CONSIDERATIONS**

A. Consideration to Award a Professional Services Contract for Village Hall Inspectional Services to Legat Architects of Oak Brook, Illinois in the Amount of \$16,000

B. Consideration of FY 2021-22 Budget Goals

C. * Approval of Vendor List Dated February 8, 2021, in the Amount of \$232,155.37 for all Funds, plus \$180,395.39 for the Pay Period Ending January 23, 2021 for a Grand Total of \$412,550.76, Which Includes Special Expenditures of \$28,434.88 to Schroeder Asphalt Services for the 2020 Road Program; and \$32,434.92 to Compass Minerals America for Bulk Rock Salt

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

10. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under this Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body of the Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))

B. Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

C. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

12. **RECONVENED MEETING**

13. **ADJOURNMENT – FEBRUARY 22, 2021 / 7:00PM**