# INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MUTTONTOWN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING April 12, 2023

# Minutes

#### Call to Order

The meeting of the Incorporated Village of Muttontown was called to order by Mayor Dr. James Liguori, at 7:00 p.m.

# **Present**

Mayor Dr. James M. Liguori Deputy Mayor Sudha Prasad Trustee Toni Bardong Trustee Michael Schloss Trustee Mohinder Singh

### **Not Present**

Trustee Chris Economou Trustee Brian Fagen

# Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by the Board, Village personnel, residents and the general public.

# **Public Hearing**

At 7:05 p.m. Trustee Singh moved to open the public hearing on the 2023/2024 Village Budget which was seconded by Trustee Schloss and unanimously approved.

Clerk Treasurer Joe Russo distributed copies of the proposed budget that included some changes from the tentative budget that was presented on March 8, 2023.

Mayor Liguori asked for any comments from the Board or the public. Aldo and Lauren Calabrese 35 Circle Road addressed the Board.

There being no further comments, Trustee Bardong moved to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. which was seconded by Trustee Singh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 23-42** – Trustee Singh moved to adopt the 2023/2024 Village Budget which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad. Clerk-Treasurer Joe Russo polled the Board:

Trustee Bardong aye
Deputy Mayor Prasad aye
Trustee Singh aye

Trustee Schloss aye Mayor Liguori aye

Mayor Liguori declared the Budget adopted.

Trustee Singh left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

# Public Hearing

At 7:23 p.m. Trustee Bardong moved to open the public hearing on the on the application for tree removal submitted by The Muttontown Club owner of the parcel designated as Section 24, Block F, Lot 373A located at 5931 Northern Blvd, Muttontown to remove 23 trees with a total caliper inches of 527. which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and unanimously approved.

Tony Toscano, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed the application and submitted his findings and recommendations to the Board.

Mayor Liguori asked for any comments from the Board or the public.

There being no further comments, Trustee Schloss moved to close the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. which was seconded by Trustee Bardong and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 23-43** – A motion was made by Trustee Schloss, seconded by Trustee Bardong to approve the removal of 23 trees for a total of 527 caliper inches and as a condition of approval a tree remediation plan approved by the Building Department and an escrow deposit of \$1,000 must be provided.

Clerk-Treasurer Joe Russo polled the Board:

Trustee Bardong aye
Deputy Mayor Prasad aye
Trustee Schloss aye
Mayor Liguori aye

Mayor Liguori declared the application approved with conditions.

# **Departmental Reports**

Mayor Liguori asked Acting Clerk Joe Russo to give a treasurer's report for the month ending March 2023. Acting Clerk Russo discussed the bank reconciliation data from village statements ending February 28, 2023 through statement end date March 31, 2023.

#### **New Business**

**Resolution 23-44** – A motion was made by Trustee Bardong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried unanimously to waive the reading of the prior meetings minutes.

**Resolution 23-45** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to approve the March 8, 2023 regular meetings minutes.

**Resolution 23--46 –** A motion was made by Trustee Bardong seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to approve the March 8, 2023 executive meetings minutes.

**Resolution 23--47 –** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to approve the April 6, 2023 Lien Sale minutes.

**Resolution 23-48** – A motion was made by Trustee Schloss and seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried unanimously to approve return of escrow fund A-T207-1 Zoning escrow in the amount of \$2,500 to Adam Slater.

**Resolution 23-49** – A motion was made by Trustee Bardong and seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried unanimously to approve the warrants which will be audited by a majority of the Board of Trustees before payment is made, and are hereby offered for approval by the Board of Trustees and authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to process said payments.

**Resolution 23-50** — A motion was made by Trustee **Schloss** and seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to amend resolution 23-35 to increase recurring monthly charges for Adobe to \$19.99 from 12.99, reduce recurring monthly charges for Ring Central up to \$340.00 from \$350.39, remove recurring charge for IONOS \$8.71 and increase zoom from \$29.98 to \$31.98.

**Resolution 23-51** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to approve the request from applicant, Mohit and Shallu Varma, at 28 Earle Drive to reduce the required Planning Board Escrow amount to \$5,000 to be fully replenished at such times as the amount on deposit is reduced to \$1,000 or less.

**Resolution 23-52** – A motion was made by Trustee Bardong seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to approve a request from applicant, Glen Harris, at 2062 Crest Road to reduce the required Planning Board Escrow amount to \$5,000 to be fully replenished at such times as the amount on deposit is reduced to \$1,000 or less.

**Resolution 23-53** – A motion was made by Trustee Schloss seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried unanimously to amend resolution 23-34 to reduce the warrant total by \$207.77 for a new total of \$485,240.15.

**Resolution 23-54** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to approve the annual Draft MS4 Report and authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Report.

**Resolution 23-55** – A motion was made by Trustee Schloss seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to set hearing for public comment on the MS4 report for May 10th, 2023 at 7:05pm.

**Resolution 23-56** – A motion was made by Trustee Bardong seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to amend the Schedule of Fees and Deposits, dated April 12, 2023.

**Resolution 23-57** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Christopher Ernst to the position of Police Lieutenant.

**Resolution 23-58** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to approve budget transfers as presented.

**Resolution 23-59** – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prasad seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried unanimously to accept the final bid for the 2014 Chevy Tahoe VIN:1GNSK2E05ER183302 as bid on Auctions International.

# Public Input

Lauren Calabrese of 35 Circle Road Mr. Gero 26 The Hollows Court South, and Rosemary Levitt 40 Circle Road addressed the Board.

# Motion to Adjourn

At 7:50 p.m. Trustee Schloss made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried to enter into executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

At 8:23 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Economou, seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried to reopen the public meeting.

**Resolution 23-60** – A motion was made by Trustee Bardong seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried unanimously to authorize Village Counsel to enter into a settlement not to exceed \$6,000 with the Law Firm L'Abbate Balkan Colavita & Contini LLP with Noah Nunberg, Esq.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, at 8:24 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Bardong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prasad and carried to adjourn the public meeting.

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Mayor Dr. James M. Liguori Deputy Mayor Sudha Prasad Trustee Toni Bardong Trustee Michael Schloss

# Not Present

Trustee Chris Economou Trustee Brian Fagen Trustee Mohinder Singh

At 7:54 p.m. a motion as made by Deputy Mayor Prasad, seconded by Trustee Schloss and carried to open executive session.

A discussion with counsel was had regarding pending litigation, AT&T vs. Muttontown.

At 8:21 p.m. a motion as made by Trustee Economou, seconded by Trustee Bardong and carried to close executive session.

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