



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, October 09, 2024 - 7:00 PM

200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sattler

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Don Sattler

Admin Chairman Owen Costanza

Trustee Dan Cheek

Trustee Austin Davies

Trustee Bruce Moore

Trustee Betsy Straw via phone

Clerk Karri Miller

Attorney Stuart Diamond

ABSENT

Finance Chairman Jeff Goings

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PHONE PARTICIPATION (Roll Call)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Betsy Straw phone participation.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Davies to move item 5 up to item 3.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Voice Vote)

1. Motion to approve Board of Trustees Meeting minutes from September 11, 2024.

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

Motion made by Trustee Davies, Seconded by Admin Chairman Costanza amend item 2 to from August 14th to June 19th, 2024.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

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.*

No public comment

NEW BUSINESS

2. Motion to discuss/approve to approve check disbursement for payments scheduled to be paid prior to September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$135,262.30

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

Trustee Costanza thanked Don for helping get payroll completed in the treasurers absence.

3. Motion to discuss and possible action for a possible credit or reimbursement to residents effected by the boil order.

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Moore.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

Trustee Costanza stated Residents experienced water discoloration due to sediment, leading to a boil water advisory. The advisory was precautionary, with no contaminants found in the water. Residents were advised to run their tubs for 30 minutes to clear the water, leading to increased water bills. Some residents ran water for longer periods, resulting in bills amounting to hundreds of dollars. Many residents have expressed dissatisfaction, posting their high water bills online and contacting the village with

complaints. The advisory primarily affected Sherman Oaks and the northeast part of town, impacting approximately 100 to 150 homes.

4. Motion to discuss and possible action for a possible credit and/or long term payment plan for 14025 Ashwin Lane.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Cheek.
Trustee Costanza reported that the homeowners experienced a water softener leak, resulting in a \$1,200 water bill. They are requesting a long-term payment plan to manage the cost.
Motion made by Trustee Davies, Seconded by Trustee Cheek to approve a payment plan of 12 months plus their current water bill.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

5. Motion to discuss and possible action for a possible credit and/or long-term payment plan for the address 195 Red Oak.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Moore.
Public Comment for Jolene Crackel - stated her meter was faulty and her bill was \$430.2. Mrs. Crackel stated she was very upset and that she felt she should not have to pay when her bill is normally \$135.00. She stated that she did have plumber out and found no leaks
Trustee Costanza stated that since the meter was replaced there was no more issues and the water read was back to normal.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Moore to adjust the bill to the average bill.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

6. Motion to discuss update on Community Alert System.
Motion made by Trustee Cheek, Seconded by Admin Chairman Costanza.
Trustee Cheek reported
Three potential systems were evaluated, with a focus on cost-effectiveness and functionality.
The preferred system, Code Red by Onsolve, offers call-outs, emails, and text messages, which was a unique feature among the options. The system's cost was discussed, with an annual fee structure and a potential three-year contract to reduce costs.
Trustee Cheek forward the contract over to Attorney Diamond to review and bring back next month for final approval

7. Motion to discuss/approve no dogs allowed signs to be placed in Village Parks.
Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Moore.
Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

8. Motion to discuss/approve **Ordinance 2024-16** An Ordinance of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois amending Title 2 Chapter 3 of the Village of Poplar Grove Code of Ordinances regarding Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors.
Motion made by Trustee Davies, Seconded by Admin Chairman Costanza.
Trustee Davies stated the ordinance may inadvertently prohibit charitable, political, religious, and non-profit organizations from soliciting donations door-to-door. The term "solicitor" should be clearly defined to avoid broad interpretations.
Moved to next month

9. Motion to discuss and possible action to release all executive session records from July 10, 2024 and August 14, 2024 that include printed, hand written, digital audio recordings by the Village Clerk, or anyone else, and security camera recordings from the beginning to the end of each executive session for transparency purposes without redaction.
Voting Yea: Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw
Voting Nay: Admin Chairman Costanza
Trustee Costanza is concerned with potential legal issues due to pending criminal charges in Boone County.
Village Attorney advised on potential liability and privacy implications.
Motion made by Trustee Davies, Seconded by Trustee Cheek release records excluding interview content
Public Comment from David Allgood - Concerns raised about discussing topics in private that should be public, highlighting the need for transparency. Emphasized the importance of adhering to statutory guidelines for executive sessions.

ADJOURNMENT (Voice Vote)

Motion made by Admin Chairman Costanza, Seconded by Trustee Davies.

Voting Yea: Admin Chairman Costanza, Trustee Cheek, Trustee Davies, Trustee Moore, Trustee Straw

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm