

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETING OF THE GLEN ECHO PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, September 23<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairwoman Victoria Valle.

Roll Call: Victoria Valle, Dan Williams and Helene Craigg were present, Treva Gage connected at 6:35pm. The Village attorney Ed Sluys was present. Meeting via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The public hearings announcements were posted at 3 different locations in the Village and on the Village website.

Citizen present: Ramona Wallace. Richard Earley joined the meeting at 7:03pm

**Public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of \$20,000 for fund year 2022 and the reallocation of \$40,000 for fund years 2020 and 2021 in Community Development Block Grant funds:**

Hearing started at 6:31pm.

\$60,000 are available for the Village from the CDBG fund.

We now have the approval to perform nuisance abatement on 7203 and 7225 St Andrews properties. Both properties were put for tax auction by the County and didn't sell. The Village is proposing to acquire and abate both properties for resell. About \$11,500 is required to buy them for taxes. The yard clean of both lots will also be done using the CDBG fund.

Public comments: Ramona Wallace thinks the proposition is a good idea. Since both properties are on the historical registry, she is asking what the implications are for having them on the registry. Answer for the Board: Any restoration the Village will performed using CDBG fund will need approval for historical restoration.

Public hearing closed at 6:49pm.

Motion to approve the use of fund on both 7203 and 7225 St Andrews's properties moved by Dan Willams and seconded by Helene Craigg. Approved 4-0.

A new set of paperwork will be sent out since we have more fund available since the last hearing (July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021) and we are reallocating part of the funds.

**Public hearing for the purpose of setting a tax rate on all real, personal, and other tangible property for the 2021 tax year.**

Hearing started at 6:51pm.

Only less than \$6,000 of the Village revenue comes from taxes. An increase of 2.5% /\$147 is being proposed for 2021 tax year.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed at 6:55pm.

Motion for the first read of the Ordinance of the Village levying its rates of ad valorem taxation on taxable property within the Village for the year 2021 moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg.

First read.

Motion for the second read of the Ordinance of the Village levying its rates of ad valorem taxation on taxable property within the Village for the year 2021 moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Treva Gage.

Second read.

No Comment.

Motion to approve the ordinance moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Treva Gage. Approved 4-0.

### **Transfer of the Court to St Louis County Circuit Court.**

The Village is proposing to use St Louis County Circuit Court instead to Normandy Court for all municipal ordinance violation fillings. The change of court will only bring minor changes, the biggest being the location. Current cases will be transferred to St Louis Court as well. Ed will still act as prosecutor. The court cost will increase slightly, the fine revenues will keep coming to the Village. A dedicated judge will be appointed to the Village. The starting date will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Ramona Wallace asked if the police department contracted matters if the Village is changing court. Ed Sluys answered that regardless the police and the court must be two separate and independent entities according to the separation of power and checks and balances.

Motion for the first read of the Ordinance electing to have all municipal ordinance violations of the Village of Glen Echo Park's municipal code heard and determined by an associate circuit judge of the St Louis County Circuit Court, 21th Judicial Circuit, moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg.

First read.

Motion for the second read of the Ordinance electing to have all municipal ordinance violations of the Village of Glen Echo Park's municipal code heard and determined by an associate circuit judge of the St Louis County Circuit Court, 21th Judicial Circuit, moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Treva Gage.

Second read.

No Comment.

Motion to approve the ordinance moved by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg. Approved 4-0.

### **Other Business**

File storage and space: Beyond Housing is offering to lease a cubicle to the Village for file storage and to have a desk. Victoria Valle received the approvable from the Board to negotiate the price.

Sown removal: The Village is looking into contracts for snow removal. One possibility is to team up with Beyond Housing. Looking into other companies as well.

**Citizen Concerns**

No citizen concerns

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Dan Williams and seconded by Helene Craigg. Motion passed 4-0

**Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm**