

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GLEN ECHO PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, November 11TH 2021

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

Roll Call: Victoria Valle, Helene Craigg and Tony Dukes were present. Dan Williams and Treva Gage joined at 6:45pm. Meeting via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Also present: Monica Huddleston, the Village's attorney Ed Sluys and Sergeant Sanders

Monica Huddleston talked about Capital Improvement funding which is a sale tax up to about ½ of a 1% to be used for capital improvement. We will need to pass an ordinance first then put it on the ballot. She also talked about the overlay district, a join force with the other 23 municipalities of the 24:1 community to pool money coming from a sale tax to repair roads. It will imply having to wait our turn to get the work done.

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Treva Gage, seconded by Dan Williams. Approved 5-0
Motion to approve October 14th minutes moved by Treva Gage, seconded by Dan Williams. Approved 5-0

Report of Officers

Police Report: 10 calls for services. 7 for the same residence. Disturbance and citizen concern. No report taken. Sgt Sanders reminded that with the holiday season is upon us, crime will be on the rise. Lock your car and doors. Be aware of odd solicitations. If you see something say something. As well, make sure your smoke and CO detectors are properly working during the cold season. She brought up setting up a community day like a shredding event. Dan Williams will also see with Ian Ashcraft from STL county what can be put in place as part of a recycling education project. Bills with personal information shouldn't go in the trash.

Treasurer's Report: no report. Some checks from court account were sorted out. October report will be updated and presented at the next meeting. An account for ARPA is being set up. The monthly police service fee will be paid one month in advance to avoid potential late fees.

Marshall's Report: Letters for some visible violations will be sent.

Chairwoman's Report: Road assessment contract will be postponed until next fiscal year starting Jan 1st. Victoria Valle brought up the use tax to be put on the ballot for April 2022 election. Will organize a budget workshop before December meeting to understand our income and expense in order to establish FY2022 budget.

Village Clerk's Report: no report.

Housing Report: No report.

Village Attorney's Report: We have begun the process of transferring the municipal court to St. Louis County, and I will keep you updated.

Old Business

ARPA application: Looking into ARPA replacement of lost revenue and how much can be claimed.

Village Clerk job: still investigating. Once the cubicle is rented and the budget is set, it will be easier to have a clerk for the Village.

Record and storage space/cubicle: all our records have been collected. The cubicle will be paid \$100 every other month starting Dec 1st.

CDGB 7214 Henderson Ave: Another new person was appointed at the county. Still in process.

Park: Presentation of the bid from 2nd Chance Landscaping. The bid wasn't approved. Will looking into the contractor who did the work over the summer (Jammel Johnson). Ok from the Board to negotiate the lowest possible bid. Motion moved by Tony Dukes and seconded by Dan Williams, approved 5-0.

New Business

ARPA fund account: Motion to approve the creation of an account to isolate the fund moved by Dan William and seconded by Tony Dukes, motion passed 5-0.

Road and Bridge tax: it's a restrictive tax that can only be spend for certain work. Might be used to put more signs up.

Mileage reimbursement: federal rate has increased. Victoria Valle is driving a lot to meetings for Village business purpose. Need to be reimbursed for all the traveling.

Snowplow contract: Looked at 2 bids (2nd Chance Landscaping and King's). The Board wants to go with King's but has questions about pre-treatment, de-icing, price for salt... Helene will inquire about the details and adjust the contract accordingly. Motion to approve moved by Dan Williams and seconded by Tony Dukes, approved 5-0.

Citizen Concerns

Pat Chandler asked if the passage along 7257 St Andrews will be cleaned by the snowplow - Helene Craigg will address that with the contractor.

She also asked about the condemned houses and what does it mean – it means we have the authority to do abatement on them.

She had concerns about 7247 St Andrews, violation of occupancy permit and running a business from home - Dan William will investigate the issue. Having a Citizen Concern Form will help citizens to bring up issues in a more formal way (in progress).

The issue of running a business from home without paying proper taxes was discussed as well as the need to have a zoning ordinance and a planning commission.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Dan Williams and seconded by Tony Dukes. Motion passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm