

**VILLAGE OF GLEN ECHO PARK
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Normandy City Hall
7700 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121
and Teleconference Via Zoom Video
Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Village of Glen Echo Park meeting was held in person and via Zoom Video at 7700 Natural Bridge Road, Normandy, MO 63121, on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:39 p.m.

A. REGULAR MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Chairwoman Victoria Valle, Dan Williams, and Helene Craigg.

Board member(s) absent: Treva Gage and Tony Dukes.

Also present: Khianna C. DeGarmo, Village Clerk; Kyle Cronin, Village Attorney, and Col. Tameika Sanders, Chief of Normandy Police Department.

2. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda for the May 11, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 9, 2023

There was no discussion of this agenda item at that time.

There was a discussion of election results and a draw for candidacy to the Board of Trustees that will be contingent upon a written letter of intent.

Board member, Helene Craigg, was administered the oath of office by Kyle Cronin, Village Attorney.

There was a presentation given by Mayor Jackson, Beverly Hills, and Sophia Ballard, Beyond Housing, on the Transportation Development District (TDD). Mayor Jackson congratulated the re-elected official. He stated that 24:1 area of St. Louis County had struggled with tax revenue pools through the House of Representatives.

Mayor Jackson stated that the TDD will assist with sidewalk and street improvements. He stated the mayors of the 24:1 will discuss the needs of each community that will be addressed through its equitable allocation. He was requesting municipalities adopt the TDD resolution to have a discussion of the TDD structure. He stated that the TDD will not affect the personal property tax of the engaging municipalities' residents.

Sophia stated that the TDD resolution will entrust in the project and they hoped to get the TDD ballot measure to the November 2023 election. There was a discussion of how many municipalities were engaging in the TDD, and Sophia provided information that twelve municipalities have shown interest.

Chairwoman Valle stated the roads in the Village have been an issue and expressed concern that the Village did not have a Planning and Zoning Commission to engage regarding the TDD. Mayor Jackson stated that the TDD may be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Sophia stated that Beyond Housing intends to canvas residents to understand the TDD tax rate. Mayor Jackson stated that the one percent tax will affect all traffic coming through participating municipalities, even municipalities without business districts like the Village.

B. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. POLICE REPORT

Chief Sanders gave a verbal report for the period of April 1, 2023, to May 1, 2023. She stated that the Police Department had hired a School Resource Officer who began in March 2023. That officer responded to an incident where a student was under cardiac arrest and he saved their life. She stated that the officer was honored by the Normandy Schools Collaborative.

Chief Sanders reported that the Citizens Police Academy was hosting a Community Day where first responders in St. Louis County will showcase what services are provided through municipal law enforcement. She stated that they will be offering food and giveaways. Chief Sanders stated that there will be information regarding the event posted to the Police Department's social media.

Chief Sanders reported that on May 15, 2023, there will be a police saturation detail night, in conjunction with St. Louis County officers. She stated that the saturation detail will continue monthly. She reported that beginning August 2023, the department will begin Coffee with a Cop where residents may speak with the Chief, once a month.

Chief Sanders reported that the department has begun circulating material regarding some Spring-cleaning reminders regarding leashing of animals, derelict vehicle removal, high grass which must be kept six inches in height, unlicensed trailers, and parking of vehicles on grass. She stated that there will be an uptick in enforcement, which was long overdue.

Chairwoman Valle commented that she was pleased to see positive police presence.

Chief Sanders reported that the Police Explorers Program has begun. Chairwoman Valle stated that St. Louis County Community Development has yet to contact her regarding the following years of Community Development Block Grant funds. She stated that she will request that the Board consider funding the Police Explorer Program and Citizens Police Academy. Chief Sanders stated that the Village of Glen Echo Park helped found the Police Explorers Program and thanked the Board for their support.

Chief Sanders reported the statistics for the month of April 2023.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was provided to the Board by Treva Gage, Treasurer, in writing.

3. BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

There was no report given at that time.

4. STREETS AND GROUNDS COMMISSIONER REPORT

Helene Craigg reported that new trees will be coming from Beyond Housing. She proposed opening for bid to address the removal of dangerous trees. She also reported that there was a street sign missing from the entrance to the Village that will be addressed.

Chairwoman Valle reported that she had completed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds report. She stated that Village will need to spend the remaining funds and create plans for 7214 Henderson. She stated that the Board must be ready to spend the funds immediately. She proposed using the funds to make street repairs, open for bid submittal and use the ARPA funds once notice of election results are received.

Helene stated the Board can then project out the street repairs into February 2024. Chairwoman Valle stated that the Board can expect a budget revision proposed at the August 2023 Board meeting in anticipation of the consolidation. She stated that the Board can expect bid selection to occur on August 1, 2023.

5. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

There was no report given at this time.

Chairwoman Valle reported that issues with occupancy permit violations are being addressed and trials for violators are being pursued. She stated that citations for violators are set at the general penalty, \$1,000 per day.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Village Bill – *An ordinance ratifying the election of Khianna C. DeGarmo as Village Clerk for the Village of Glen Echo Park and establishing compensation for performing the duties of that office.***

There was no discussion of this ordinance. The contract of the Village Clerk had been approved at the April 13, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting.

- 2. Village Bill #23-02 – *An ordinance of the Village of Glen Echo Park, calling for an election to consider the consolidation of the Village of Glen Echo Park with the City of Normandy.***

On the motion made by Helene Craigg, seconded by Dan Williams, Chairwoman Valle gave the first reading of the Village Bill #23-02. On the motion made by Helene Craigg, seconded by Dan Williams, Chairwoman Valle gave the second reading of the Village Bill #23-02.

Bill #23-02 became Ordinance #760 by the following roll call vote of board members voting in favor: Victoria Valle, Dan Williams, and Helene Craigg; Treva Gage and Tony Dukes absent.

3. Resolution #23-01 – *A resolution of the Village of Glen Echo Park, Missouri, declaring its official intent to pursue the joint establishment of a multi-jurisdictional transportation development district with other participating municipalities within the 24:1 municipal partnership; authorizing certain actions related thereto.*

On the motion made by Victoria Valle, seconded by Helene Craigg, the Board of Trustees approved resolution #23-02, declaring its intent to pursue the joint establishment of a multi-jurisdictional transportation development district with other participating municipalities. All in favor; none opposed.

D. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY BILLS

1. *Approval of payments*

On the motion made by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg, the Board of Trustees approved the amended financial report, correcting the mislabeled grass-cutting performed by Cedric Miller, which was previously reported that had taken place at the park. All in favor; none opposed.


E. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Dan Williams, seconded by Helene Craigg, the Board of Trustees adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All in favor; none opposed.

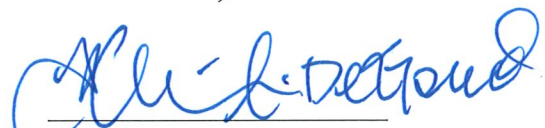
F. CLOSED SESSION (RSMO 610:021)

The Board of Trustees did not enter a closed session.

Approved:


Victoria Valle, Chairwoman

Attest:


Khianna C. DeGarmo, Village Clerk

SEAL: