

**MINUTES
FOR THE SPRCIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS
For October 25, 2023**

President Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Clerk Iannantone called the roll with the following results. Present: President Hastings, Clerk Iannantone, Trustees: Roti (Electronically 7:02pm), Petrey, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane, Administrator O'Neill, Assistant Administrator Tuma, Chief Blaha (Electronically 7:02pm), Recreation Director Bednarczyk, and Treasurer Kowalski

Excused: Village Attorney, PW Director Hanley, Deputy Chief Haleem, EMA Director Leddin, & Assistant Rec. Director Radney

Absent: None

With a quorum having been established, President Hastings led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag.

President Hastings requested support of a motion to allow Trustee Roti to attend the meeting by electronic means.

A motion was made by Trustee Morrison and seconded by Trustee Petrey

Ayes: Trustees Petry, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Roti joined the meeting by electronic means at 7:02 PM.

President's Report: President Hastings – nothing to report

Clerk's Report: Clerk Iannantone

Clerk Iannantone requested support of a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting of the Village President and the Board of Trustees for Oct 18, 2023, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Morrison and seconded by Trustee Petrey

Ayes: Trustees Roti, Petrey, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

*****COMMITTEE REPORTS*****

Finance: Trustee Petrey

Trustee Petrey motioned, seconded by Trustee Morrison, to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2023, as presented.

Mayor Hastings asked Administrator O'Neill for a synopsis of the report:

On the financial highlights section on page 4 of the Audit report, the change in the fund balance of the General fund for fiscal year 2023 was a gain of \$939,305. As a reminder, fund balance is simply defined as an accumulation of revenues minus expenditures. This \$900K gain is exaggerated in the sense that the Village rec'd its second of two ARPA payments from the Federal gov for \$478K in Sept 2022. But, even without the Federal stimulus funds, our fund balance still grew by approximately \$461K.

This brings our current fund balance to a positive \$4,093,839 and it now sits at 53% (vs. 45% last year) of budgeted expenses for the current FY. That is a healthy percentage and significantly better than just a few years ago.

So, how did we get to a positive change in fund balance for FY 2023: It's a combination of many factors, but mostly, our ARPA payment, strong sales taxes received, larger than expected income taxes received, and larger than expected interest income from the Fed rate hikes. And we kept our expenses in line.

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As mentioned earlier, the Village's financial position has improved quite a bit over the past several years. This is due to the Fiscal policies directed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees and implemented by Village staff. But, the financial anchor around the Village's neck continues to be the Net Pension Liability of the Police Pension Fund. Fortunately, there is good news to report there. Our net pension liability decreased by \$3,203,759 due to a change in the expected discount rate now that the fund is part of the consolidated pension funds of the State. And, by the fact that our entire property tax levy, outside of bond debt service payments, were earmarked for the pension fund instead of being split between the general fund and the pension fund. Continuing to earmark our general property tax levy towards the police pension fund will go a long way to shoring up the fund, but it will take time.

That's the good news. The bad news is that our net pension liability for the police pension fund still remains at \$9,670,272. It will take a multi-year commitment on the part of the Village to get this liability properly funded. And my hope is that the commitment of future property tax levies towards the police pension fund will continue to alleviate and make up for the current shortfall. Though, extra payments from the Village may be needed if there are census changes or investments fall short of expected rates of return.

Overall, this audit shows that the Village has continued on its trend of positive fiscal results while simultaneously addressing its financial challenges. We are not unlike many municipalities throughout the state where we are trying to shore up a general fund reserve and at the same time, keep other funds at a healthy balance in order to pay future promised benefits.

I would be happy to take any questions that anyone might have.

No one had any questions. The Mayor commended the Village Board and staff for their good work and asked for a roll call vote to be taken.

Ayes: Trustees Roti, Petrey, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane

Nays: None

Absent: Kissane

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

With no further business to be heard, Trustee Morrision motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM, seconded by Trustee Petrey.

Ayes: Trustees Roti, Petrey, Morrison, Hastings II, Kissane

Nays: None

Absent: Kissane

MOTION CARRIED

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Jen Iannantone
VILLAGE CLERK