

**MINUTES  
FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS  
For October 30, 2024**

President Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Iannantone called the roll with the following results. Present: President Hastings, Trustees: Roti, Petrey, Schmidt, Morrison (electronically 7:01), Hastings II, Kissane, Administrator O'Neill, Chief Blaha, PW Director Hanley, Deputy Chief Haleem, and EMA Director Leddin  
Excused: Village Attorney, Assistant Administrator Tuma, Treasurer Kowalski  
Absent: Assistant Rec Director Radney  
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 Morrison to attend the meeting by electronic means.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Kissane

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Morrison joined the meeting by electronic means at 7:01pm.

**President's Report:** President Hastings – No 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 October 16, 2024, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Roti and seconded by Hastings II

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator O'Neill

Administrator O'Neill requested support of a motion to approve, and authorization to execute, Quote #8336417 from Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of a 2024 Ford F-450 Public Works truck at a monthly lease rate, including additional services, of \$1,491.43, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Roti

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator O'Neill requested support of a motion to approve, and authorization to execute, Quote #8336160 from Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of a 2024 Ford F-350 Public Works truck at a monthly lease rate, including additional services, of \$1,409.08, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Roti

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Administrator O'Neill requested support of a motion to approve, and authorization to execute, Quote #8359851 from Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of a 2024 Ford F-250 Public Works truck at a monthly lease rate, including additional services, of \$1,305.59, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Kissane

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator O'Neill requested support of a motion to approve, and authorization to execute, Quote #8390866 from Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of a 2025 Toyota Camry Administration vehicle at a monthly lease rate, including additional services, of \$386.50, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Hastings II

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **\*\*\*COMMITTEE REPORTS\*\*\***

**Finance:** Trustee Petrey

Trustee Petrey motioned, seconded by Trustee Kissane, to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2024, as presented.

President Hastings asked Administrator O'Neill to comment on the Audit report. He had the following comments:

On the financial highlights section on page 4 of the Audit report, the change in the fund balance of the General fund for fiscal yr. 2024 was a gain of \$67,024. As a reminder, fund balance is simply defined as an accumulation of revenues minus expenditures.

This brings our current general fund balance to a positive \$4,160,863 and it now sits at 53.6% of budgeted expenses for the current FY. That is a healthy percentage and significantly better than just a few years ago.

How we got to a positive change in fund balance for FY 2024 was a combination of many factors, but mostly, strong sales taxes received, larger than expected income taxes received, and larger than expected interest income. And we kept our expenses in line.

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, a significant challenge that the Village still faces is the Net Pension Liability of the Police Pension Fund of \$7,935,241. Fortunately, there is good news to report there. The net pension liability decreased by \$1,735,031 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, as was the case until a few years ago. The result of this is that our Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability increased from 24.89% to 33.2%. 33.2% is still a low level, but that percentage is, importantly, trending up. Continuing to earmark our general property tax levy towards the police pension fund will go a long ways to shoring up the fund, but 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

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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.

President Hastings asked the Board if they had any questions and no one did.

He asked the Clerk for a roll call.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Audience Comments:** None

**Adjournment:**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Jen Iannantone  
VILLAGE CLERK**