

Village of Olympia Fields Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 10, 2023

Commenced: 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Call to Order & Pledge

President Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Village Clerk Stephanie Mills conducted the roll call of the current Board members and announced that there was a quorum:

Present: Trustees Victor Blackwell, Sandra Finley, Kelvin Oliver, Desiree Watkins, and Howard White; President Sterling M. Burke; Village Administrator/Chief of Staff Drella C. Savage; Village Clerk Stephanie Mills; Building Commissioner John McDonnell; Chief of Police Derrick Blasingame; Finance Director Betty Zigras; Public Works Director Terry Lusby, Jr.; Deputy Village Clerk Jessica Washington

Absent: Willis Pennington, Jr. (deceased)

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting:

Trustee Oliver moved, seconded by Trustee Blackwell, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.

Bills for Approval

May 2023 Bills for Approval – \$264,210.25:

Trustee Watkins moved, seconded by Trustee Oliver, to approve payment of the bills for May 2023, in the amount of \$264,210.25.

Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.

Resolution

Approval of Resolution #2023-03 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Promissory Note and Approving the Tenth Distribution of Tax Increment Funds (Lincoln Highway/Western Avenue TIF District/Walmart Economic Incentive Agreement).

Finance Director Betty Zigras presented the Board with an overview of Resolution #2023-03.

Trustee Blackwell moved, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve Resolution #2023-03 Authorizing the Execution of a Promissory Note and Approving the Tenth Distribution of Tax Increment Funds (Lincoln Highway/Western Avenue TIF District/Walmart Economic Incentive Agreement).

Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Comments of the Village President – Sterling M. Burke

President Burke discussed the achievements of the current Board of Trustees, including significant economic development and holding the line on tax increases. He commended the Board for their commitment and dedication to the Village, stating that the Village is in outstanding shape due to their efforts.

Comments of the Current Board Members

Trustees Blackwell, Watkins and Oliver spoke. Trustee Watkins thanked the community for their support and stated that it was a privilege to serve the Village. She complimented President Burke on a “job well done.”

President Burke presented Trustee Watkins with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her service to the Board of Trustees and the Village.

President Burke and the Board members honored Trustee Willis Pennington, Jr., who passed away in April. President Burke remarked that Trustee Pennington was the longest serving elected official in the Village. Describing him as a trusted statesman, he credited Trustee Pennington with helping to make the Olympia Fields Country Club Annexation a reality. President Burke presented Trustee Pennington’s family with a plaque honoring Trustee Pennington’s service to the Village.

Adjournment Sine Die

The meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:21 p.m.

Call to Order

President Burke called the second meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Swearing In

Newly re-elected Trustee Sandra Finley was sworn into office by Illinois Appellate Court Justice Cynthia Cobbs. Newly elected Trustees Jennifer Beasley and Kenneth Smith were sworn into office by Retired Cook County Judge Drella C. Savage. All three trustees took their seats on the dais.

Roll Call

Village Clerk Stephanie Mills conducted the roll call of the newly constituted Board and announced that there was a quorum:

Present: Trustees Jennifer Beasley, Victor Blackwell, Sandra Finley, Kelvin Oliver, Kenneth Smith, and Howard White.

Comments of the Newly Constituted Board

The new trustees each made remarks as did several of the other trustees.

Adjournment

Trustee Blackwell moved, seconded by Trustee Oliver, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

A brief reception ensued after the meeting.

Submitted by Jessica Washington, Deputy Village Clerk