

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD AGENDA
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: December 9, 2021 Time 7:00 pm

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. **Action and Motion Requested:** Motion to allow Secretary of the Board, Barbara Epps, to attend the December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 4-0

Public Hearing:

1. **Action and Motion Requested:** Motion to open Truth in Taxation Hearing pursuant to notice of publication in The Herald News on November 27, 2021.

Motion: Joe Farkas, First, Kristy Byers-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

2. **Visitors to be heard:** None

3. **Motion to adjourn public hearing:**

Motion: Joe Farkas, First, Barbara Epps-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0 at 7:06 p.m.

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2. **Changes to the Agenda:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Communications:** President Hope read aloud the thank you card from the Forsythe Family for the flower arrangement that was sent to her grandfather's funeral.

5. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for the amazing job in putting on the Round Barn Winter Fest. She went on to say how phenomenal the event was and how organized and well run it was.

6. **Staff and Committee Reports:**

- a. **Executive Director:** Director Kelly outlined the operations of the district for the month. He included details from all areas of the organization. He specifically brought the board up to date on current budget status, beaver update and notified the board on the approval of the \$30,000 grant that was received.
- b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly updated the board on a situation in which a New Lenox Resident has begun badmouthing LWSRA for their mask requirements on social media.
- c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Report included
- d. **Foundation Committee:** Foundation met and reviewed WineFest and the numbers. Believe it was close to 500 in attendance.

7. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve November 2021, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$196,012.58**

Motion: Ed Ludwig, First, Barbara Epps-Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

8. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - ii. **November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes**

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Joe Farkas -Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

9. **Old Business**

- a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the status of the HCC Renovation Project

10. New Business:

- a. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 21-5 PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE, RECREATION AND OTHER PARK PURPOSES OF THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE YEAR 2021 DUE AND PAYABLE IN 2022.

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Kristy Byers -Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0

11. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, January 13, 2022 at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

12. Action and Motion requested: Move to adjourn regular meeting to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) for the purpose of discussing:

(1) The employment, discipline and performance of specific employees.

Motion: Ed Ludwig-First, Joe Farkas -Second

Roll Call: Bridget Hope, President, Kristy Byers, Vice-President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved 5-0 at 7:25 p.m.

13. Reconvene for action on items discussed in Executive Session

Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

14. Final Adjournment:

a. **Motion Requested:** Kristy Byers- First, Joe Farkas-Second

b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0

Adjournment 8:07 p.m.