

MANHATTAN PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hansen Community Center
397 South State Street, Manhattan IL
Date: January 12, 2023 **Time 7:00 pm**

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00p.m.

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

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Regular Scheduled Meeting

1. Changes to the Agenda: None

2. Public Comment: President Hope read aloud a thank you letter from residents for the wonderful holiday senior luncheon.

3. Communications:

- a. Presentation of the Village of Manhattan Downtown Revitalization Plan**
Ken Chastain, Senior Manager; Nick Palmer, Village Administrator; Marc Nelson, Director of Community Development; and Mayor, Mike Adriessen
Mayor Mike Adriessen introduced Ken Chastain of the Farnsworth Group. Mr. Chastain presented the initial vision of the Village of Manhattan's downtown revitalization plan. The plan impacts the Manhattan Park District directly as the plan would bring commercial development behind the Hansen Community Center and reduce land within Gustofsen Grove. Mr. Chastain asked that the board attend a community input meeting on 2/21 to support the plan. In discussion, members of the Park Board asked that they have time to digest the plan and get back to the group.

4. Presidents Report: No Report

5. 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 the status of events, programs, and general maintenance.
- b. Lacinda Shawver, Annual Report on Rentals:** Mrs. Shawver presented an annual report on the performance of rentals throughout the district. Discussion was held on how potential marketing concepts could enhance the rental market. Director Kelly added that the number of rentals is impressive and that typically it does not get the attention it deserves as the impact on operations is tremendous.
- c. L-Way Special Rec:** Meeting next week
- d. Village Government Agency Meeting:** No meeting was held however Director Kelly stated that he met with the new Village Administrator, Nick Palmer for introductions.

- e. **Foundation Committee:** Director Kelly updated the board on the latest Foundation Meeting stating the Wine Fest will not be held moving forward. Staff did meet with the Foundation and discussed possible alternatives stating that it was a very good conversation and have great ideas.
6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the December 2022, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$77,297.63 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**
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
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. **December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - ii. **December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes-Closed Session**
Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Ed Ludwig-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. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hansen Community Center Updates**
 - b. **Decennial Committee**
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve ORDINANCE 23-1 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2022 to pay the principal of and interest on \$700,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of the Manhattan Park District, Will County, Illinois.**

Motion: Barbara Epps-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

 - b. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve ORDINANCE 23-2 abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2022 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,695,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, of the Manhattan Park District, Will County, Illinois.**

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

- c. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve ORDINANCE 23-3 providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023, to purchase, develop and equip the existing Manhattan Fire Protection District Fire Station for park purposes and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay said principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

Motion: Kristy Byers-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Barbara Epps, Secretary (Abstained)

Motion approved: 4-0

10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purpose: (if needed)

- a. **Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) for the purpose of discussing:**
 - (1) The employment, discipline, and performance of specific employees.
 - (2) Collective negotiating matters.
 - (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired
 - (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property.
 - (11) Pending or probable litigation.
 - (21) Approval or semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes.

12. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, February 9, 2023, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

13. Final Adjournment:

- a. **Motion Requested:** Barbara Epps- First, Kristy Byers-Second
 - b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0
- Adjournment:** 8:43 p.m.