

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: March 9, 2023**                      **Time 7:00 pm**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

**Absent:** Kristy Byers, Vice-President

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
  
2. **Public Comment:** None
  
3. **Communications:** None
  
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope thanked staff for their hard work and dedication.
  
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. As part of his report, Director Kelly specifically updated the Board on the recent efforts and communication with the Village and Will County Forest Preserve on the future of a trail system in Manhattan.
  - b. **L-Way Special Rec:**
  - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:** Last meeting was held at the end of February with no new updates.
  - d. **Foundation Committee:** Director Kelly updated the Board on the status of the Foundation stating that the members are not being engaged and that President Maripat Janchencko is frustrated.
  
6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the February, 2023, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$97,247.50 which may include lodging and travel expenses.**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Barbara Epps-Second  
**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner  
Motion approved: 4-0

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**
  - i. **February 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly provided updates on the renovation that is taking place on the facility. Specifically mentioning the work that has begun on the interior of the facility and the remaining items to be completed in the spring.
- b. **Village of Manhattan: Downtown Revitalization Plan:** President Hope updated the Board on the meeting that she and Director Kelly attended, with members of the Library. Overall, she stated the meeting with constructive and that the feedback seemingly was heard.
- c. **Decennial Committee:** No Report

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION 23-2, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM THE MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WITH THE MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RELATING TO THE PURCHASE AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ.)**

**Motion:** Barbara Epps-First, Joe Farkas-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

- b. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION 23-3, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY TO MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ.)**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Barbara Epps-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

- c. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve ORDINANCE 23-4, AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FIRE DISTRICT PROPERTY FROM MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ.)**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

**10. Motion to Adjourn for Executive Session for the following purpose: Not 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. Closed Session Action Items**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to Report of Closed Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to make the following minutes open to the public:

1-10-18, 1-17-18, 1-22-18, 1-25-18, 3-28-18, 10-13-22, 11-10-22, and 12-8-22.

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Ed Ludwig-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

- b. **Action and Motion requested: Motion to approve RESOLUTION 23-4, A RESOLUTION APPROVING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PARK DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas-First, Barbara Epps-Second

**Roll Call:** Bridget Hope, President, Joe Farkas, Treasurer, Barbara Epps, Secretary, and Ed Ludwig, Commissioner

Motion approved: 4-0

**13. Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, April 13, 2023, at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

**14. Final Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion Requested:** Barbara Epps- First, Ed Ludwig-Second
- b. **Vote:** Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 4-0
- Adjournment:** 7:59 p.m.