

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday, June 1, 2020

Virtually at 200 S. Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was called to order by Village President Karen Darch at 7:38 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020 via a Zoom Meeting, virtually at the Village Board Room, 200 South Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll being called the following answered present: Trustees Jason Lohmeyer, Todd Sholeen, Jennifer Wondrasek, Kate Duncan, Emily Young, Mike Moran, and President Karen Darch. The following personnel also attended the meeting virtually: Scott Anderson, Village Manager; Jennifer Tennant; Assistant Director of Development Services; Marie Hansen, Director of Development Services; Tom Gilbert, Technology Services Manager; Patty Dowd Schmitz, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; Jeremie Lukowicz, Director of Public Works; Allison Chmelik, Financial Services; Melanie Marcordes, Assistant to the Village Manager; Heather McGovern, Human Resources; and Jim Bateman, Attorney.

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 11, "Rules for Participation in Meetings via Electronic Means" of Title 1, "Administration", of the Village of Barrington Village Code, the following participated in said meeting via electronic means: Trustees Jason Lohmeyer, Todd Sholeen, Jennifer Wondrasek, Kate Duncan, Emily Young, Mike Moran, and President Karen Darch.

Section 6 of Executive Order 2020-7 signed by Governor J.B. Pritzker suspended provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body. This Executive Order is titled as follows: "Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5)". This Executive Order was issued on March 16, 2020.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR – CITIZEN'S REGISTRATION COMMENTS** – The Village Clerk read comments from the following public members (all of which are attached to the minutes, as presented). Name and address are listed below.

James E. Denny, Denny Davies & Co. LLP, 213 Park Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010

**PAYMENT OF BILLS: CONSIDERATION RE: MOTION TO APPROVE**

**WARRANTS LIST – 5/4/2020 - \$1,630,634.11 (Expenditures and Payroll - All Funds)**

**MOTION:** A motion was duly made by Trustee Lohmeyer and seconded by Trustee Sholeen to approve the payment of bills included in the Warrants List for the period ending 6/1/2020 in the amount of \$1,630,634.11 as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Lohmeyer, aye; Trustee Sholeen, aye; Trustee Wondrasek, aye; Trustee Duncan, aye; Trustee Young, aye; Trustee Moran, aye; and President Darch, aye. President Darch declared the motion passed.

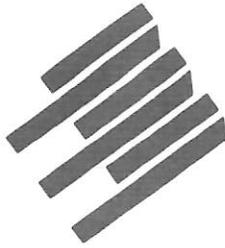
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** A motion was duly made by Trustee Moran and seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:44 p.m.

A voice vote was then called following which President Darch declared the motion to adjourn had been unanimously adopted and the meeting was adjourned.

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Tony Ciganek, Village Clerk



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June 1, 2020

The Board of Trustees  
Village of Barrington, Illinois  
200 South Hough Street  
Barrington, IL 60010

To the President and Board of Trustees:

We very much oppose the Village's decision to close Park Avenue to accommodate the wishes of 2 area businesses at the expense of our business and many others that rely on the open access of all Village streets for the use by all the public. The indefinite closing of Park Avenue adversely impacts the access to our business at 213 Park Avenue and will further impede our ability to recover our business from the impact of Covid-19. It seems the Village has decided to favor certain businesses, like McGonigals and Iron Horse, at the expense of other businesses, like ours, by eliminating the vehicular use of Park Avenue and its attenuate parking. This makes access to our business more difficult to our clients, some of whom are quite elderly, since they must now find even more scarce parking in the area and walk, if they are able (note that no handicap parking exists on East Station Street) a greater distance to our only entrance which is on Park Avenue.

There are other alternatives to closing Park Avenue which seem not to have been considered. For example, the 200 block of Station Street has no primary entrances of any business on it, yet borders both McGonigals and Iron Horse. It could easily be closed without limiting the primary access of any business, including ours, and still provide an abutting street venue for outside dining by both McGonigals and Iron Horse. Station Street may not be as attractive a choice as Park Avenue to McGonigals and Iron Horse, but it seems to us, given the equal interests of the other adversely affected businesses on Park Avenue, this compromise location would be suitable, all viewpoints considered.

The decision to close Park Avenue seems to have been made in great haste and without the consideration of the interests of others. For example, no notice was given to appear before the Village Board Meeting wherein the decision to close the street was made. It appears it was a secret, previously-made decision known only to McGonigals and Iron Horse, because they had pre-staged tables and seating waiting on the sidewalk. On Friday, May 29, at 7 a.m., Park Avenue was closed without any public announcement. I called the police department and not even they were aware of the closing. It appears the way this decision was made, communicated and administrated by both the Board and Village management was not a good example of "open, transparent governance." On the contrary, it smells.

It seems our own Village administration and government is picking business winners and losers via the indefinite transference of the equal access of public property, thoroughfares, and our other property rights to certain Village-chosen businesses and indefinitely denying that same equal access to other not-favored businesses, like us. This is unacceptable to us and is probably in violation of the law.

Sincerely,

DENNY DAVIES & CO. LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Denny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and "D".

James E. Denny, Partner