



**Village of Mount Prospect
Regular Meeting of the Village Board
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 / 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoefert called the Regular Meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Board Room at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.

ROLL CALL

Members present upon roll call by the Village Clerk: Mayor Paul Hoefert, Trustee Vincent Dante, Trustee Terri Gens, Trustee Bill Grossi, Trustee John Matuszak, Trustee Colleen Saccotelli

Absent: None

2.1. Pledge of Allegiance - Trustee Terri Gens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board/Committee of the Whole meeting of February 18, 2025

Motion by Colleen Saccotelli, second by Vincent Dante to approve the minutes of the Village Board/Committee of the Whole meeting of February 18, 2025:

Yea: Vincent Dante, Terri Gens, Bill Grossi, John Matuszak, Colleen Saccotelli

Nay: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

MAYORS REPORT

4.1. PROCLAMATION: Spread Goodness Day - March 14, 2025

Mayor Hoefert read the proclamation into the record announcing Spread Goodness Day in the Village of Mount Prospect. Samantha Funovits, the Illinois Ambassador for Spread Goodness Day, accepted the proclamation.

4.2. PROCLAMATION: Women's History Month - March 2025

Mayor Hoefert read the proclamation into the record honoring Women's History Month. The theme for 2025 is women in education. Tobey Black, a retired District 57 teacher, and Michele Logar, a current teacher at Fairview School, accepted the proclamation.

4.3. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment of Ken Arndt as Chairperson of the Finance Commission for a term to expire March 2029

Motion by Vincent Dante, second by Bill Grossi to ratify the appointment of Ken Arndt as Chairperson for the Finance Commission:

Yea: Vincent Dante, Terri Gens, Bill Grossi, John Matuszak, Colleen Saccotelli

Nay: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

4.4. Introduction of the Village of Mount Prospect Single-Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program

Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Allain presented the launch of the Village's Single-Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program. He stated the program will rollout on March 14. Mr. Allain stated the program encourages restaurants to reduce single-use plastic by providing it only if requested. Mr. Allain displayed window signs and tri-fold displays that will be posted in each participating restaurant and café. Mr. Allain mentioned that there are currently 142 restaurants, cafés, bakeries, and pizzerias in Mount Prospect. Twenty have committed to this program. He stated that partnering with Randhurst Village, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association helped launch this program and add to its success.

Mr. Allain mentioned that the next steps after the program rollout are to advertise and promote the program, increase participation, conduct monthly business follow-ups, and perform an end-of-year evaluation.

The Board agreed that this program is great and excited to see it expand to more businesses.

Public Comment:

CJ Zimmerman

Mount Prospect resident

- Asked what the fliers and tri-folds are made of.

Mr. Allain stated the paper tri-fold has a glossy finish to withstand frequent use.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Carole Delahunty

Mount Prospect resident

- Requested the Board to consider removing item 6.3 from the consent agenda for a separate discussion.

Trustee John Matuszak made the formal request to remove the item and the request was granted by Mayor Hoefert.

John M.

Mount Prospect resident

- Stated that Central Road near downtown is unsafe due to the number of people who

drive too fast; requested speed-reducing initiatives.

Steve Polit
601 N. Wilshire Dr.

- Provided background on the Council-Manager form of government and non-partisan elections in Mount Prospect

Trustee Gens, in response, read a letter she wrote to the editor regarding the Wheeling Township Democratic Party's circulation and mailing of a flier recommending her for Village Trustee. Trustee Gens stated she was not asked, nor was she notified that her name was to appear on the flier as their recommendation. Trustee Gens stated she has never accepted volunteer help or financial assistance from a partisan organization.

Trustee Dante commended Trustee Gens for her integrity.

Trustee Matuszak stated he is also pursuing re-election but stressed that he is not seeking endorsements from any political party.

Jack Brogan
301 Man-a-wa Trail

- Announced his candidacy for Trustee

Jeff Neijdl
313 N. MacArthur

- Recognized and thanked the workers at Central Continental Bakery for their hard work during paczki season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6.3 was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate discussion,

6.1. Monthly Financial Report - December 2024

6.2. List of Bills - February 12, 2025 to February 25, 2025 - \$2,020,461.33

6.3. Authorize the Village Manager to retain RHP Risk Management for Airborne Chemical Assessment in the amount of \$69,000.

Removed from the consent agenda

6.4. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE VILLAGE

OF MOUNT PROSPECT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Resolution No. 9-25

Item 6.3

Village Manager Michael Cassady stated that in response to citizen complaints regarding odors and nuisances regarding Prestige Feed, the Village is seeking Board approval to retain the services of RHP Risk Management. RHP has been providing assistance to the Village on a variety of matters, primarily related to the Prestige Feed litigation. He stated that based on new information, the Village would like to move forward with additional testing. Mr. Cassady noted that the Village is prohibited from sharing any further details with the public due to the ongoing litigation.

Public Comment:

The following Mount Prospect residents spoke regarding their ongoing concerns, frustration, and anger with Prestige Feed and the Village, the perceived lack of action by Village officials, and the ongoing litigation. *Village Attorney Lance Malina answered questions and corrected misinformation.*

- Bob Cullen
- Jack Brogan
- CJ Zimmerman

In response to residents' questions, Mayor Hoefert stated the RHP test results will be made public when possible. Mayor Hoefert reiterated that the Village is presently in litigation and is restricted in what can be disclosed.

Carole Delahunty

Mount Prospect resident

- Asked that if the testing affirms the presence of dangerous substances, will the Village be allowed to release the information to the public despite litigation?

Mayor Hoefert responded, stating the Village will release the results as soon as legally permitted.

- Mr. Zimmerman questioned the practice of random testing; he asked if the testing by RHP would be different.

Mayor Hoefert and Mr. Cassady stated that this testing will be very different and not random. Mr. Cassady also stated that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has been involved for over a year and assured the residents that the IEPA would have intervened if a danger to public health were present.

Motion by Bill Grossi, second by Terri Gens to retain RHP Risk Management for airborne chemical testing:

Yea: Vincent Dante, Terri Gens, Bill Grossi, John Matuszak, Colleen Saccotelli

Nay: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

- 9.1. Motion to accept proposal for Construction Inspection Services from Chastain Consulting Engineers to support the 2025 Street Resurfacing Projects, Group 1 and Group 2, for an amount not to exceed \$114,506.

Deputy Director of Public Works Jason Leib stated the engineering staff manage the Village's yearly street resurfacing program. A project engineer and civil engineer are needed on a full-time basis during construction and are supplemented by other engineering staff and summer interns. Mr. Leib stated the Civil Engineer position is open and will not be filled until the individual who has accepted the position graduates this spring. The individual will join the Village with limited inspection experience. Therefore, staff is seeking assistance from a consulting engineering firm to provide interim construction services, support to the project engineer and mentor the new civil engineer for the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program.

Staff received proposals from five (5) consulting firms. Each firm was evaluated and rated according to specific categories including firm background, personnel background, related project experience, proposal content and value. Chastain Consulting Engineers received the highest score. Chastain Consulting has a strong project team with extensive and relevant experience and has a history of working with the cities of Des Plaines and Aurora and the villages of Lake in the Hills, Hoffman Estates, Glen Ellyn and Aurora. Chastain also has experience working on street resurfacing projects that utilize Motor Fuel Tax funding.

Mr. Leib stated the contract is for a period not to exceed 24 weeks and begins March 17, 2025. Staff recommends that the Village Board accept the proposal from Chastain Consulting Engineers to provide construction inspection services to support the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program for an amount not to exceed \$114,506.

Mr. Leib answered questions from the Board.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Leib explained that although Chastain was the second-lowest-cost bidder, their experience, qualifications, and references outweighed the lowest bidder.

Motion by John Matuszak, second by Vincent Dante to accept the proposal from Chastain Consulting Engineers.

Yea: Vincent Dante, Terri Gens, Bill Grossi, John Matuszak, Colleen Saccotelli

Nay: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

9.2. As submitted.

Mr. Cassady announced that next week's Committee of the Whole discussion will focus on the downtown valet program for 2025. Additionally, staff will seek input from the Board and residents regarding the Request for Proposals for 111 E. Busse.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Hoefert reminded everyone that Coffee with Council is Saturday (March 8) at 9:00 am in the Farley Community Room.

Trustee Gens encouraged residents to complete the Transit Study survey available on the Village website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to conduct, Mayor Hoefert asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Saccotelli seconded by Trustee Dante motioned to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote, the March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Agoranos
Village Clerk