

The Special Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bedford Park was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the President’s Office of the Municipal Complex. President Brady led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: President Brady, Village Clerk Zavala, Trustees: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.

ABSENT: Sandra Maloy.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Village Attorney Larry Gryczewski and IT Director Kevin Pacheco.

VISITORS: None.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: None.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

IT Director Pacheco began his presentation with the Board regarding cyber security. He began discussing the issues that various companies as well as municipalities are dealing with currently. With the holiday season, there is an increase in phishing and scamming through the internet and emails. Mr. Pacheco proceeded to provide a video training session for the Board. Questions were raised about different situations that have arisen.

Village Attorney Gryczewski began discussing his conversations with the Chicago Sky. Chicago Sky backed off on a request for more money. President Brady stated that they are having trouble getting a loan. They are requesting the village to front the money for them, interest free. There is some logic to this. The Village would have to be liable for all expenses like tenants. This will help proceed with construction. Steve from ALPA Construction stated that construction would not be completed by October 2025, but possibly April 2026.

Motion by Kensik, second by Stocks, approval to authorize Attorney Gryczewski to execute the agreement with Chicago Sky.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

Wendy’s contacted the Village to request TIF funding in the amount of \$15,000 to cover costs associated with ten truckloads of contaminated soil that had to be removed from 65<sup>th</sup> and Central.

Motion by Stocks, second by Pallardy, approval for President Brady to execute a contract with ALPA Construction.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

President Brady informed the Village Board that Iron Age came in with Mark Marrasco and they would like to take a site by State Road. The location has not been determined.

President Brady stated that personnel changes were stated in the executive session and any updates provide them to Chief Hansen. Trustee Rodriguez inquired about Building Supt. Huff’s attendance as she has been unavailable. President Brady stated he will speak to her. Also, Chief Hansen and C.A.O. Curnutte were incomplete and further discussion on evaluations ensued.

Motion by Stocks, second by Wesolowski, approval to accept the personnel evaluations as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Stocks, second by Wesolowski, approval of the \$50 donation to Wintrust Sports Complex for their Christmas Event.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Rodriguez, second by Pallardy, approval to use Novotny Engineering for the Civil Engineering design and topographical survey in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the development at 6737 S. Archer Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Stocks, second by Wesolowski, approval of proposal from Elara for engineering of the solar array located at 5499 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street, not to exceed \$130,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Pallardy, second by Rodriguez, approval to pay Fire Service Inc for model year increases from 2022 to 2024 on two new ambulances in the amount of \$35,238.00 (Invoice No. 57146) pending further verification.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Kensik, Pallardy, Rodriguez, Stocks, and Wesolowski.  
Nays: None                      Absent: Maloy                      MOTION CARRIED

President Brady stated that he will meet with Fire Chief Johnson regarding the Fire Inspector position and meet with the Union as they have to put out a notice and the Village has to notify all. There are some officers that have not passed but we cannot let them go. We will also need to look at changing the law firm we use for personnel issues. The salary is \$133,000 for fire inspectors. We don’t have to do anything and in negotiations they should cover them. Chief Johnson would like 100 percent coverage. Companies are liable but as a village, we need to do inspections, and a firefighter would probably sue the Village.

Summit does not conduct inspections, and Bridgeview handles some of the inspections. We are looking for alternatives. Discussion continues about what other cities and surrounding towns do. Village Attorney Gryczewski stated that the Village can require business to participate in annual inspections. If they don't schedule an inspection with the Village, then they cannot get their business licenses at renewal time. Trustee Stocks raised the question about inspections whether they are conducted or not will it affect the Fire Department's ISO Class 1 certification. There is also a guy on Worker's Comp and has a history of sick leave that was considering the fire inspector position but then he might not always be available.

President Brady received a call from Sam about a big event at Magoo's. He has the capacity inside to hold 325 people. However, he doesn't have enough parking spaces. There are no spots available at the business next door. He is behind on some payments to the Village.

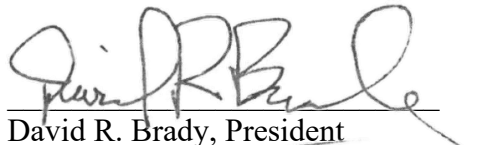
Another update in the Village, a business has inquired about purchasing the building previously occupied by Ocean Club. It would be a trampoline amusement center.

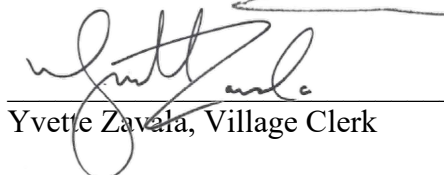
Interviews for the Chief Business Officer position will be held at the next meeting. Joe Ronovsky will be making more money, and he can specialize at that but won't be a boss. Nicholette and Joe are not working out together. So, this person would work with Nicholette.

ANY OTHER REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A motion by Stocks, second by Wesolowski, approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 MOTION CARRIED

  
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David R. Brady, President

  
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Yvette Zavala, Village Clerk