

VILLAGE OF MARYVILLE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM Call to Order

Mayor Short called the Caucus meeting of Wednesday, December 22, 2021 to order.

6:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance

6:31 PM Roll Call.

Trustees Present: Vallino, Schmidt, Kostyshock, Clark, White.

Trustees Absent: Bell.

Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk Fuhler, Attorney Genovese, Code Enforcement Administrator Fulton, Fire Chief May, Streets Superintendent Keplar and six guests.

6:31 Minutes – December 8, 2021

Mayor Short called for approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Caucus meeting. He asked if there were any corrections, clarifications or additions to the minutes as presented. There were none.

Motion to Approve, Moved by Vallino, Seconded by Clark.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Vallino, Schmidt, Kostyshock, Clark

Abstain: White.

6:32 PM Request for Variance from Code Section “91.014 Encroachments” – D. Sanders

Responding to an encroachment violation warning he received from Village of Maryville Code Enforcement, resident Danny Sanders approached the Board with his request for a variance from Code Section 91.014 Encroachments. He stated that the stationary basketball hoop that is located on his property at 404 Copper Bend Rd. was at that location when he purchased the property in 2016. He added that this is the first time he was made aware of the encroachments code. He went on to say that, based on his experience as a truck driver, it would be the driver of the vehicle’s fault if the vehicle hits his basketball hoop, unless it could be proven otherwise. Sanders questioned why the encroachment code is in place if it does not take into consideration the mailboxes in his subdivision that are leaning over into the street as well. He offered to add reflective striping to the basketball hoop or install lighting in that area as a solution to the problem.

Code Enforcement Administrator Fulton explained that, unlike the mailboxes in question, basketball hoops are located above headlight level and cannot be seen at night. He added that cul-de-sacs tend to be the worst areas for basketball hoop placement because drivers use them to turn around. He went on to say that the existence of Code Section 91.014 Encroachments is significant enough proof that the location of Sanders’ basketball hoop is in violation. Fulton also stated that he has noted roughly eighty encroachment violations since his employment for the Village began in October and that all but three out of those eighty violations have been corrected to comply with the ordinance.

Fire Chief May explained that a fire department rescue unit had sustained \$1,500 worth of damage to the windshield when it struck a basketball rim at a residence.

Street Superintendent Keplar described how limited the visibility is from a two-ton snow removal truck during inclement weather and that the encroachments are a hazard.

Attorney Genovese stated that, if the Village grants a variance for this resident, they would have to allow all encroachments of this nature to exist. She added that it is a liability to the Village if the acknowledged encroachment is not addressed and then causes harm in the future.

Trustee White suggested the removal of the rim from the basketball hoop until the permanent structure can be taken down.

Since the consensus was not to grant a variance to Code Section 91.014 Encroachments, Mayor Short instructed Sanders to work with Fulton to come up with a time frame to have this matter rectified.

6:48 PM Bid to Remove Tree Along Stormwater Drainage @ 33 Gary Ave. – Keplar

Street Superintendent Keplar explained that the removal of a huge split Sycamore tree located along stormwater drainage at 33 Gary Ave. is a necessary step in the process of correcting a stormwater issue at the backside of that property. He stated that he has met with Bob Massa from Juneau at that location as well as an erosion specialist from ASP and that they came up with this plan of action. Keplar recommended awarding the bid to Donn's Tree Service for a cost of \$3,800. This price includes dropping the tree, cutting it up, hauling it away and grinding the stumps.

Keplar added that Donn's could start the process within a week and that the home owner has given him verbal confirmation for access to their property.

The Board authorized Keplar to proceed with the plan. Official approval will take place at the next scheduled board meeting.

6:57 PM Resolution Regarding the Demolition of the House at 7513 Stonebridge Golf Drive – Fulton

Fulton requested a resolution regarding the demolition of a house located at 7513 Stonebridge Golf Drive. He explained that a demolition order was filed for this property earlier this year due to its condition, but that it was not completed properly and that there had been no follow-up. Fulton stated that with the help of Attorney Genovese, the Village is fast-tracking the demolition and that the requested resolution would authorize the Village of Maryville to demolish, repair, or enclose the structure that is a threat to the safety, health and welfare of Maryville citizens.

Genovese explained the fast-tracking process to the Board and the purpose for the resolution.

Ok to place on the next board meeting agenda for approval.

7:07 PM Water Service & Pre-Annexation Agreement: 5605 Woodland Drive, Collinsville – Mayor

Mayor stated that this is the Village's standard agreement. Public hearing and Ordinance will be on the January 5th Board meeting agenda.

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Calendar Updates

12/24 & 12/27 Village Hall and Public Works will be closed for the Christmas Holidays; 12/29 Caucus cancelled; 12/31 Village Hall and Public Works will be closed for the New Year's Day Holiday; 2022; 1/3 Community Improvement Board meeting via Zoom; 1/5 Board meeting; 1/8 Museum open; 1/11 Police Pension Board meeting; 1/12 Caucus; 1/17 Village Hall and Public Works will be closed for the MLK Holiday; 1/17 Parks & Rec meeting; 1/24 Museum meeting; 1/24 Planning Commission Meeting

7:10 PM Public Input

Mr. Roewe asked if the Village of Maryville would be purchasing new signs reflecting the current population or if they would be placing overlays on the existing signs.

Mayor Short stated that he will be contacting the sign expert to see how it would be handled. He added that, if they have to be replaced, he would like to see all of the signs replicate the sign located on Keebler.

7:12 PM To Do List – Mayor

Page 1 – No comments.

Page 2 – No comments.

7:12 PM Trustee Comments

Trustee Schmidt stated that the tax levy was filed on Tuesday. He wished all of the Village EMS, police, fire personnel, public works and the administration safe holidays.

Trustee Kostyshock commended all of the personnel for a job well done, especially during the pandemic and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Clark wished everyone happy holidays.

Trustee White wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated that there is an outstanding group of individuals leading the Village and noted that, although the members of the Board have varied opinions, collectively they come together to discuss issues and to make the best decisions for the Village. White commented on what a blessing the Maryville community is and expressed his gratitude for the Board and the staff.

7:15 PM Mayor Comments

Mayor Short welcomed Trustee Vallino back into the board room.

Mayor Short stated that the Village is preparing to fill the last firefighter/paramedic position and that the swearing-in is scheduled to take place at the next board meeting.

Mayor Short reiterated Trustee White's comments regarding the Board coming together to move the Village of Maryville forward and thanked them for their hard work and commitment to the community they all love.

Mayor Short thanked the department heads for doing an outstanding job, Attorney Genovese for her hard work behind the scenes, and his staff for doing a great job.

Mayor Short wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe, blessed New Year.

7:17 PM Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Mayor Short called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn, Moved by Vallino, Seconded by Clark.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Vallino, Schmidt, Kostyshock, Clark, White.

7:18 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny L. Fuhler
Village Deputy Clerk