

**MANHATTAN PARK BOARD AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Hansen Community Center**  
**397 South State Street, Manhattan IL**  
**Date: November 11, 2021 Time 7:00 pm**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m.

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

**Absent:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** None
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Communications:** President Hope read aloud a thank you letter from the Village of Manhattan for the use of Round Barn Farm Park for their Labor Day Event.
4. **Presidents Report:** President Hope stated that in the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday that she was thankful the both Board and Staff in working together to accomplish great things for the district and community.
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 Den and an incident that occurred in that a child was left at the HCC when the camp moved to Central Park. Discussion was held on how action has been taken to prevent such things from happening in the future. He also discussed the beaver situation at the Leighlinbridge ponds and that the district referred to the WCFP for direction and trapping was the only affective option even though that is not the outcome that we would hope for.
  - b. **L-Way Special Rec:** Director Kelly updated the board on LWSRA stating that operations are good and the staff are very active. They did participate in the Trick or Treat Trail as well and will be at the Round Barn Winter Fest.
  - c. **Village Government Agency Meeting:**
  - d. **Foundation Committee:** Director Kelly informed the board that the Foundation was meeting the following week.

6. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve October 2021, Treasurer's Report including the payment of bills in the amount of \$89,018.12.**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas, First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:**

i. **October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

ii. **October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes**

**Motion:** Ed Ludwig, First, Barbara Epps-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Hansen Community Center Updates:** Director Kelly provided the Board an update on the renovation status of the HCC.

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Action and Motion requested: Resolution 21-8 determining the amount of money estimated to be levied in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law for the Manhattan Park District, Will County, Illinois for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.**

**Motion:** Joe Farkas, First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

- b. **Action and Motion requested: Ordinance 21-4 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION BY AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT**

i. **2007 GMC Canyon VIN:1GTDT199178209274**

ii. **2006 Chevrolet Silverado VIN:3GCEC14X26G218844**

**Motion:** Barbara Epps, First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

- c. **Action and Motion requested: Move to approve a 3-year lease for updated phone and access control hardware with Great America Financial Services for the amount of \$247.54 for 36 months totaling \$7,687.72.**

**Motion:** Barbara Epps, First, Ed Ludwig-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

- d. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to approve the updated Mission Statement for the Manhattan Park District as follows: We Serve the Residents of the Manhattan Park District by pursuing excellence in providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities and services, maintaining high quality facilities and parks, preserving open space and conserving resources while sustaining fiscal integrity.

**Motion:** Joe Farkas, First, Kristy Byers-Second

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

Motion approved 5-0

- e. **Action and Motion requested:** Motion to approve the Manhattan Park District Board of Commissioners 2022 Public Meeting Schedule

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

10. **Next Meeting: Regular meeting held, December 9, 2021 at the Hansen Community Center at 7:00 p.m.**

11. **Action and Motion requested:** Move to adjourn regular meeting to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) for the purpose of discussing:

**(1) The employment, discipline and performance of specific employees.**

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

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

Motion approved 5-0 at 7:58 p.m.

13. **Reconvene for action on items discussed in Executive Session**

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

14. **Final Adjournment:**

a. **Motion Requested:** Barbara Epps- First, Ed Ludwig-Second

b. **Vote:** Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion Passed 5-0

**Adjournment** 8:16 p.m.