

Minutes

Clarendon Hills Community Caucus Meeting

Community Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm.

Present were caucus chair Ken Shipman, vice chair Suzanne Austin, treasurer Joe Tobolski and secretary Megan Balderston. Caucus members at large included Tom Szurgot, Ed Corcoran, Jeff Keiner, Dennis Derfiny, Kearney Kilens, Jon Arendt, Chris Domke, Aaron Myall, Terry Pocius, Tim Gleason, Ted Walker, Don Draudt, Mike Barcelos, Greg Jordan, Ken Hall, Merribeth Rhoads, Matt DeDobbelaere, Scott Horan, Bruce Lithgow, Kaki Schnieders, George Kinsella, Lindsey Patel, Mike Ellis, Rebecca Robinson, Michael Finley, and Don Brown.

Shipman welcomed the Caucus to the meeting and outlined the agenda of the meeting. He introduced the caucus officers to the Caucus.

Treasurer's Report

Tobolski presented a treasurer's report, showing that the Caucus currently has a balance of \$58.28. We received \$10 at the meeting, so the adjusted total will be \$68.28. Donations were respectfully solicited from those assembled. Tobolski reported that the balance in the CH Caucus account is used primarily for signage advertising Caucus meetings.

Village President Presentation

Village President Len Austin reported on the state of Clarendon Hills. He introduced several adjustments in staffing of the Village that resulted in significant cost savings, including:

Retirement of former police chief; adjustment in police staffing structure, eliminating the Deputy Police Chief position and adding a Sergeant position. (\$40,000 savings per year.) There are always two officers and one sergeant on duty, 24 hours per day.

Public Works Superintendent retired; position was eliminated. A part-time mechanic was added. Because many of the public works needs happen around either town events, or weather events, the Village has effectively delegated some of these duties and outsourced other. (\$85,000 savings per year.)

Finance Department: Former finance director left the position and a new finance director was hired. The part-time position was eliminated, with the work outsourced. (\$22,000 savings per year.)

Community Development: Eliminated paid intern position; uses contract service by GLS (\$2,500 savings per year)

Several improvements have been made, notably in the roads downtown, which formerly had crumbling curbs. These were part of the operating budget. Austin also noted that the parking spaces had been re-sized in order to create an extra foot of space per spot, with a net loss of three parking spaces in the downtown area.

There are two new buildings (corner of Prospect and the corner of Walker) which will bring in an additional \$150,000 in tax revenue per year.

Finally, the Village is working to make crosswalks safer by employing bumpouts, better and more clear crossing areas, and where possible eliminating the need to cross over three lanes of traffic in the Village downtown. Specific locations are: Park Avenue, and Eastern Avenue at the train station. The area near the train station will be revitalized as well, in part with some grants from the state of Illinois.

Finally, Austin praised the long list of volunteers who oversee and serve on various committees in the Village (list attached?) and thanked them for their service.

Shipman continued the presentation by discussing the needs of each of the nominating committees, and welcoming members of the Caucus executive committee to discuss each individual committee. He also discussed that because the Hinsdale Caucus will be having a meeting on November 1st, anyone wishing to serve on the D181 Board nominating committee, should plan to attend that meeting.

There were 17 community members eligible who requested committee placement at the meeting, with 7 community members requesting placement in advance. These committees were selected by random draw.

Library:

Aaron Myall
Scott Horan
Mike Barcelos
Mike Finley
Don Draudt
Merribeth Rhoads

Village:

Bruce Lithgow
Kaki Schnieders
Maureen Kevin
Tara Nicholson
John Jasper
Jennifer Zordani

Park:

Ted Walker
Polly Ascher
Tim Gleason
Jeff Keiner
Matt DeDobbelaere
John Purdy

Caucus:

Rebecca Robinson
Ken Hall
Jake Youngman
Ed Corcoran

Committee chairs will be determined shortly (pending full committee meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 pm at Community Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Balderston
Secretary