



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
September 26, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

**The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Phoenix, Illinois, was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Terry Wells.**

**Prayer** – Trustee Proctor-Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

**Roll Call** – Present - Trustee Mahaffey; Trustee Proctor-Harris, Trustee Taylor, and Trustee McCullar. - Absent – Trustee Williams, Trustee Riley

**Comments by Mayor Terry Wells–**

Mayor Wells moved the motioned to pay the bills, motioned by Trustee Mahaffey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McCullar– Motion approved: Passed by Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris; Trustee Taylor, and Trustee McCullar.

C.L.A.S.S Presentation – Coolidge Middle School invited the Village of Phoenix to participate in their 2023 Breast Cancer walk on October 7, 2023.

Gibson Presentation – Mayor Wells and the Board of Trustees presented Gibson’s Citgo a letter extending the appreciation of Partnering with the Village of Phoenix for 50 years of service to the community.

The Park District event “Jazz in the Park” was great; everyone enjoyed it.

Judge Brooks – Attended the meeting; he introduced himself to the Village and advised he will be running for reelection in 2024.

**Communications – No Communication during this session**

**CLERKS REPORT**

The summary of the Clerk’s cash received a report from September 1, 2023, to September 15, 2023, General Administration \$145,368.58; Multi-Purpose Rental \$1,125.00; Multi-Purpose,



Multi-Purpose Liquor Permits 30.00, Security Deposit \$425.00, Multi-Purpose Totals \$1,580.00;  
**Grand Total of \$146,948.58.**

**Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes for September 12, 2023, with necessary corrections, motion made by Trustee McCullar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Mahaffey. Motion passed with necessary corrections: Passed by Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris; Trustee Taylor, Trustee McCullar.

### **Committee Reports**

- a) Police and Fire – Trustee Mahaffey – Deputy Chief Wells, and Sergeant Schwenkel are present and will come with their reports later in the meeting—no report for this session.
- b) Public Works – Trustee Proctor- Harris – Public Works are cleaning alleys and maintaining the Village. Updated on the 155<sup>th</sup> Street project. The construction work will start once the rain stops. D. Anderson will be working throughout the Village, patching streets. The Village was awarded \$300,000 CDBG – Work to start next week.
- c) Public Property – Trustee Taylor – MPSC is busy with events. The IML event was informative, and Trustee Taylor expressed she was glad to attend.
- d) Finance – Trustee Williams – Absent

- The next Finance meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

- e) Ordinance and Resolutions – Trustee Riley – Absent
- f) Water Department – Trustee McCullar – Water Report for the period September 1, 2023 – September 25, 2023, Water \$48,435.09; Garbage \$16,081.50; Late fees \$6,196.31: **Grand Total \$70,712.90**

### **Department Reports**

- a) Village Administrator – Administrator Cooper- If you need a commission card, see Mr. Cooper. Working on the newsletter. Trustee Mahaffey and Mr. Cooper are working with Cook County to obtain information for flood victims. The questionnaire will be available on the Website for impacted residents. FEMA accepts applications from July 2, 2023, until October 16, 2023. We are currently gathering information for the September 17, 2023, storm; once this disaster is accepted by FEMA, we will be prepared to share the resident's information.

CHARM recycling event will be on October 7, 2023; you will receive information regarding containers to be placed in the village; more information will come at a later date.

- b) Village Treasurer – M. Ferrell – Treasurer Ferrell provided the board with the current state of the village's general fund account as follows. The General Ledger balance of the Village's financial



status is \$501,813.39. This amount includes the balance of Property Taxes of \$59,635.68, Excluding the American Rescue Plan Act Relief Grant of \$24,542.91.

The revenue budget for the month of September is \$409,858.00. The balance of expected Revenue budgeted for the month of September is \$6,528.00

Disbursement budgeted for the month of September is \$240,032.00; the balance of disbursement budgeted for the month of September is \$20,188.00

Audit: The 2022 audit is ongoing

- c) Sergeant Schwenkel – Runs Year-to-date 484, excepting the year-end runs to be approximately 600. The Fire Department hired two new employees: Trustee Mahaffey motioned the Board to hire Abony Turnipseed and Niall Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Proctor-Harris – Motion approved: Passed by Trustee Mahaffey, Trustee Proctor-Harris; Trustee Taylor, and Trustee McCullar.
- d) Chief Wells - Report 15 incidents with 1 arrest; P-Series – 23; F- Series 4 with one arrest. Vincent Bonanno retired from the Police Department. National Child Identification program, the police department has the applications. They will be available at coming events. Safety Act: 4 staff members of the Police Department will be trained. Received \$25K Jag Grant. Applied for grants to purchase dash cam, tasers, and drome.

#### **Citizen Participation –**

**Arlene Brown – 15211 8<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Concern – Thank the Police Department for doing a Fantastic job. Is Phoenix a flood zone – No, it is not. Do you need a permit to put up a fence? Existing fence (replacing an old fence): no; new fence, yes, you need a permit.

**Jocelyn Rial 15205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave –** Concern – Noise due to a party – Chief Wells advised the resident to call the Police; The police will handle the issue.

**Annie Anderson – 15241 8<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Concern – water backflowing into her yard. Want to know if the Village can fix this problem. Since the issue is on private property, it's the homeowner's responsibility. Some officers are not Friendly. Tickets/tow on a car in the yard: A state law allows tickets to be written on vehicles on private property if they do not have current registration and stickers.

**Shirley Williams 651 E 151<sup>st</sup> PL –** Senior Building – Introduced her son (John Wade III), who has accomplished a lot. He would like to share his knowledge with the village to give them information to help them obtain solar panels (he works for Blue Raven Solar).

#### **New Business – No new business**



**Announcements –**

Library – October 7, 2023, Eclipse watch.

Fire Department open house October 9, 2023: Time 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Halloween Party -October 28, 2023, at Kenndy School

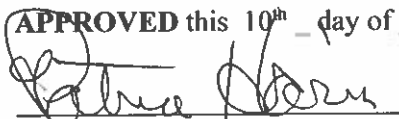
**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD MEETING: 8:35 PM**

Trustee Mahaffey moved and was seconded by Proctor-Harris to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees will be held on October 10, 2023

**APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of \_ October\_, 2023

  
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Patricia Harris, Village Clerk

**ATTEST:**