



Village of Sand Lake  
 Village Special Council Meeting  
 December 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
 2 E. Maple St., PO Box 139  
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**Meeting Minutes**

December 2, 2020

Agenda – Virtual Meeting – Zoom Meeting ID: 662 019 5932  
 Zoom code: 044356

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Hayden called the special meeting to order at 7pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Hayden, Marcia Helton, Rachel Gokey, Stacy Rudicil, Mollie Doerr, Kim McNees and Kevin Wright  
 Absent: None

**1. Approval of last month's meeting minutes (if completed).**

Motioned by: Helton  
 Seconded by: Gokey

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Gokey, to table the approval of last months minutes as no packet of supporting documents was provided for the meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**

\_Y\_ Helton      \_\*\_ Rudicil  
\_\*\_ McNees      \_\*\_ Hayden  
\_Y\_ Doerr      \_Y\_ Gokey  
\_Y\_ Wright

*Roll Call Vote*  
**Motion Carried.**

*\*McNees, Rudicil and Hayden did not have verbal votes per audio playback.*

**2. Motion to retain Bloom Sluggett, PC as attorney.**

Motioned by: Helton  
 Seconded by: Doerr

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Doerr, to retain Bloom Sluggett.

**Roll Call Vote**

\_Y\_ Helton      \_Y\_ Rudicil  
\_Y\_ McNees      \_Y\_ Hayden  
\_Y\_ Doerr      \_N\_ Gokey  
\_Y\_ Wright

*Roll Call Vote*  
**Motion Carried.**

*Discussion was had that there was no packet of supporting documents or information in regards to current rates of Miller/Canfield vs what Bloom/Sluggett is looking to charge per hour or information as to if hourly rate was asked, number of lawyers at the firm and if anyone on the Council had reviewed a Miller Canfield bill for the Village of Sand Lake. President Hayden stated he had interviewed Mr. Sluggett at which point Mr. Sluggett spoke about himself and his firm and who they represent in the area. Both Miller Canfield and Bloom/Sluggett will both be law firms for the Village of Sand Lake, at this time.*

**3. Motion to appoint President Pro Tempore:**

Motioned by: Wright  
 Seconded by: Helton

Motion Made by Wright, with support by Helton, to appoint Mollie Doerr as President Pro Tempore.

**Roll Call Vote**

\_Y\_ Helton      \_Y\_ Rudicil  
\_Y\_ McNees      \_\*\_ Hayden  
\_abstain\_Doerr      \_N\_ Gokey  
\_Y\_ Wright

*Roll Call Vote*  
**Motion Carried.**

*\*President Hayden did not vote per audio playback.*

**4. Motion to allow Village attorney to look over employment contracts for legality.**

Motioned by: Wright  
Seconded by: Helton

**Roll Call Vote**

Helton       Rudicil  
 McNees       Hayden  
 Doerr       Gokey  
 Wright

Motion Made by Wright, with support by Helton, to allow Bloom Sluggett, PC to look over employment contracts for legality.

*Roll Call Vote*

**AIF. Motion Carried.**

**5. Motion to remove Tracy Quinlan (past village president) from all bank accounts, control of village website, and to take all other action, required by law, to effectuate this.**

Motioned by: Gokey  
Seconded by: Wright

**Roll Call Vote**

Helton       Rudicil  
 McNees       Hayden  
 Doerr       Gokey  
 Wright

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Wright, to remove Tracy Quinlan from Village bank accounts and take all other actions to put it into motion.

*Roll Call Vote*

**AIF. Motion Carried.**

**6. Motion to place Nile Hayden (president) to all bank accounts, control of village website, and to take all other action, required by law, to effectuate this.**

Motioned by: Gokey  
Seconded by: Rudicil

**Roll Call Vote**

Helton       Rudicil  
 McNees       Hayden  
 Doerr       Gokey  
 Wright

Motion Made by Gokey, with support by Rudicil, to place Nile Hayden on all bank accounts and other actions required by law.

*Roll Call Vote*

**AIF. Motion Carried.**

**7. Eliminate Village of Sand Lake Facebook Page:**

Motioned by: Helton  
Seconded by: Gokey

**Roll Call Vote**

Helton       Rudicil  
 McNees       Hayden  
 Doerr       Gokey  
 Wright

Motion Made by Helton, with support by Gokey, to table the elimination of the Village of Sand Lake Facebook Page.

*Roll Call Vote*

**Motion Carried.**

*Discussion was had about why the Village page is being asked to be deleted. Drama on pages was discussed. Public discussion was had through council members and residents on what they would like to possibly see more. Posting agendas, community information, etc. Possibly no commenting allowed, social media policy in place or even go through what each member would like or would not like to see.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

*Open 7:20pm*

**Chris Stieg 55 Beech Street:** First of all, congratulations to the new members.

**Question 1:** Normally there is public comment before the agenda begins but has been deleted on this agenda so the public has no ability to comment on agenda items until the voting is already completed.

**Question 2:** It looks like the new council is trying to get rid of people hired by the previous council? It seems concerning that Village employees are being treated like political employees that are being hired and fired as the council changes.

**Kevin Wright (trustee):** Mr. Sluggett is just reviewing the contracts to check on legality of them. No one has been let go, at this time.

**Tracy Quinlan 411 E Lake Street:** Wow, on the Village Facebook page, the Village lawyers had previously been consulted in regards to if a page is able to be shut down. Miller Canfield charges the Village \$165 an hour. We were told that there is no way to shut down a Facebook page as we were informed that when inquired about Sand Lake Informed.

Who is doing Nile Hayden's work? Concerns over OMA violations. Concerns of how things are already being handled.

**Jim Phillips 411 E Lake Street:** Question regarding the urgency of the special meeting, as a tax payer, is there a reason that all this information could not have waited until another meeting? It is more than just one agenda item. *Mr. Sluggett stated a special meeting can be more than one item.*

**Beth Ann (non-resident, but volunteers in the area):** Wonders why a special meeting needed to be held for items other than banking transfers? Agrees with Facebook page being no drama. Does not live in the Village but does help out in the area.

*Closed 7:29pm*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

**Trustee Wright:** Inquired of Beth Ann, what she is helping with in the Village with the JCI's and whatever else she was helping with. **Beth Ann** stated she has been helping with Halloween, different events, JCI's, Jr JCI's (pre COVID-19), other Village events, decorating and help with the Sand Lake Business Association. Trustee Wright asked what the Sand Lake Business Association.

**Glenn Baker** explained that it is a group, run through his business, to help other businesses in Sand Lake bring events to our Village to in turn bring more business to the businesses.

**Mr. Sluggett:** I will need to gain access to Village documents (ordinances, minutes, resolutions, invoices) am I in the understanding that I will have cooperation in this? **Trustee Gokey:** Yes, I have been more than willing to be transparent and have stated such from the very beginning. Council members have been given 3 years of the budget, to review, ask questions, take notes, come in and see supporting documents, ask questions, etc. **Zoning**

**Admin, Tracy Quinlan:** Yes, as zoning and ordinance admin I am more than willing to help and cooperate in this matter.

**No additional Trustee Comments.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:34pm**

Motioned by: Helton  
Seconded by: Rudicil

**Roll Call Vote**

\_Y\_ Helton      \_Y\_ Rudicil  
\_Y\_ McNees    \_Y\_ Hayden  
\_Y\_ Doerr      \_Y\_ Gokey  
\_Y\_ Wright

There being no further business to discuss,  
Motion Made by Helton, with support by  
Rudicil, to adjourn.  
**AIF. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Gokey, Interim Clerk