

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 17, 2009 - 6:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order.** The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 6:20 pm at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Meline, Kessler, Robbins and Ballowe. Staff –Jeff Fougrousse, Marla Pineiro, Tom Ritter, Orin Main, Cheryl Baron, and Ruth Horndasch.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Ballowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2009 and Minutes of the Special Board Meetings of November 17th and 25th, 2009.**
 - B. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through December 17, 2009 in the amount of \$208,496.45**
Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve items A & B of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Meline.
Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Kessler, Doerhoefer and Ballowe
Nays: None Motion carries
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period** – No residents in attendance.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending Nov. 30, 2009** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougrousse** – Report attached.
 - B. **Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** – Report attached.
 - C. **Recreation Superintendent – Tom Ritter** – Report attached.
 - D. **Parks Superintendent – Orin Main** – Report attached.
Commissioner Meline suggested possible alternatives to ice rink green flags that alert residents of the open/closed status of rinks. Executive Director Fougrousse explained that the District ice rink flag system is in compliance with Risk Management practices.
 - E. **Communications Manager – Cheryl Baron** – Report attached.
 - F. **Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications** –
 - 1) **Park District/Village Liaison Committee – Commissioners Ballowe** – No report.
 - 2) **Park District/ School Dist73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Meline** – No report.
 - G. **Board Correspondence**
President Ballowe stated that the Park Board received no correspondence.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Levy Ordinance 8-09**
President Ballowe stated that Ordinance 8-09 of the Vernon Hills Park District is an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the year 2009 and be it ordained by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Vernon Hills Park District, County of Lake, State of Illinois that pursuant to authority vested in them

by the Park District Code, Article Five, the Board of Park Commissioners in meeting assembled, does hereby find and declare that there will be required to be raised by general taxation the amounts hereinafter set forth, to be levied upon all taxable property in said Park District for the year 2009 in order to meet and defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Park District as required by statute or voted by the people in accordance with law, and the amounts so required for all purposes in the amount of \$3,279,788. Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve Ordinance 8-09. Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Kessler, Meline, Doerhoefer and Ballowe.

Nays: None Motion carries

B. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$487.68.

Second by Commissioner Meline.

Ayes: Commissioners Kessler, Robbins, Meline and Ballowe. Abstention: Commissioner Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

9. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Ballowe – No comment.

B. Commissioner Doerhoefer – No comment.

C. Commissioner Meline – No comment.

D. Commissioner Robbins – No comment.

E. Commissioner Kessler – No comment.

10. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Jeff Fougerousse, Park Board Secretary

James E. Ballowe, Park Board President