

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Village of Jerome Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Lopez, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Kathy DeHart, Trustee of Public Property & Co Trustee Public Health
Leigh Irons, Trustee of Public Safety
Ralph Irons, Trustee of Water Department
Dale Lael, Trustee of Building & Zoning
Phil Raftis, Trustee of Public Works
Christina Smith, Co-Trustee of Public Health

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Clerk
Jason Brokaw, Attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.,
Steve Roth, Village Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Lopez opened the Visitors Acknowledgement portion of the meeting at 5:32 pm.

He noted that during the time when remote meetings are being held public comments must be submitted in writing to the Clerk by email or by placing them in the deposit slot outside the office front door by 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Clerk Cave stated she no comments that have been received.

This portion of the meeting closed at 5:32 pm.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Lopez asked for a motion to Waive the Giving of Notice to the Village President & Trustees Pursuant to Section 102.1-2.

Motion to Waive the Giving of Notice to the Village President & Trustees Pursuant to Section 102.1-2 by Trustee Lael and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Ralph Irons to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the Body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Trustee Leigh Irons seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:37 pm.
The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:02 pm.

President Lopez asked Trustee Raftis to present a motion for hiring of a Public Works Employee. Trustee Raftis made a motion to hire Caleb Graham at a rate of \$17.00 per hour for a Public Works Employee.

Motion to hire Caleb Graham at a rate of \$17.00 per hour for a Public Works Employee effective immediately by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked Trustee Raftis to present a motion for hiring of a Public Works Employee. Trustee Raftis made a motion to hire Brandon Jackson at a rate not to exceed \$20.00 per hour for a Public Works Employee effective immediately.

Motion to hire Brandon Jackson at a rate not to exceed \$20.00 per hour for a Public Works Employee effective immediately by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 6:07 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Raftis.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: November 18, 2021

Village Clerk

Date