

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
VILLAGE OF TINLEY PARK, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS, HELD MARCH 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Tinley Park, Illinois, was held in the Municipal Building on March 15, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Maher called this meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village Mayor Pro-Tem:	Brian S. Maher
Village Clerk:	Patrick E. Rea
Trustees:	T.J. Grady Michael J. Pannitto Brian H. Younker Bernard E. Brady
Absent:	
Village Mayor:	David G. Seaman
Trustees:	Jacob C. Vandenberg
Also Present:	
Village Manager:	David J. Niemeyer
Village Attorney:	Thomas M. Melody
Village Engineer:	Christopher J. King

Motion was made by Trustee Grady, seconded by Trustee Younker, to approve the agenda as written or amended for this meeting. Vote by voice call. Mayor Pro-Tem Maher declared the motion carried.

At this time Bill Burns declared point of order, point of privilege and stated his concerns that this Board meeting was an unlawful and illegal meeting under the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120. He noted that Act requires that these meetings provide a convenient and open venue for the public. He then asked the Board to adjourn and reschedule the meeting to a more appropriate venue. Mr. Burns stated that failure to do so and to proceed with a meeting that seems to be an illegal meeting under the Open Meetings Act could result all activity conducted at this meeting being ruled null and void. He referred to a prior Board meeting that he felt violated the Open Meetings Act due to inadequate space and to the attendance at the Board meeting held at the Tinley Park Convention Center on March 1, 2016, which indicated the need for a larger venue. Mr. Burns made reference to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.05 noting that the Board needs to have one Open Meetings Act designee and if the Board proceeds with the meeting a complaint will be filed with the Illinois Attorney Generals Office and the Cook County Attorney's Office seeking enforcement of Open Meetings Act.

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Maher asked Village Staff the status of Kallsen Center which is serving as an overflow room. Village Staff noted that there were approximately fifty (50) seats still available in the Kallsen. Mayor Pro-Tem noted that those people in the Kallsen Center

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would have the opportunity to come to the Council Chambers to make comment to the Village Board. Village Staff noted that there is communication via radio between the two (2) rooms and if someone from the Kallsen Center would like to make comment Village Staff in the Kallsen Center would contact staff in the Council Chambers and bring the commenter to the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro-Tem Maher then stated that the Village had made reasonable accommodations to comply with the Open Meetings Act. After some discussion as to whether the public could adequately hear the proceedings. Clerk Rea stated that since the last meeting held at the Village Hall a new sound system has been installed in the Kallsen Center.

Motion was made by Trustee Maher, seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting. Vote on roll call: Ayes: Maher, Grady, Pannitto, Younker, Brady. Nays: None. Absent: Seaman, Vandenberg. Mayor Pro-Tem Maher declared the motion carried at 8:08 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Where there is no summary of discussion on any items in the minutes, this reflects that no discussion occurred other than the introduction of the item."

APPROVED:



David G. Seaman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick E. Rea
Clerk