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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2025-106

“AUTHORIZE TO EXPEND FUNDS OUT OF THE VILLAGE HALL CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DIGITAL SIGN”

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Roll Call:	Mayor Rubino	Present
	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Present
	Trustee Lockart	Present
	Trustee DePaulo	Present
	Trustee Stevens	Present
	Village Clerk Blot	Present

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prevratil to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote:	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Public hearing opened at 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk read aloud the public hearing notice as it appeared in the newspaper.

Mayor Rubino explained that this expense is for the proposed digital sign requested to be placed on the Village property where the old outreach building was located, on Central Avenue. Mayor Rubino added that this will enhance how we inform residents of events, meetings and information.

Resident Ellen Collins asked if there was a complaint received about information not being received, to which the Mayor said that at a recent zoning meeting, someone stated that they didn't have internet access and he knows some folks don't have email, or maybe aren't able to join our constant contact alert system, so this is one more avenue to be able to keep people advised of what is going on in the Village. Ms. Collins stated that it is a lot of money, and asked if a vendor has been selected, to which Mayor Rubino stated that Ray Sign, Inc., will be doing the sign creation and installation if the expense is approved.

Ms. Collins asked if other vendors were solicited, adding that it seems like a lot of money, to which, Clerk Blot said quotes were received. Clerk Blot added that the Cook Park sign was done a few short years ago, at a similar price, adding unfortunately that seems to be the going rate for digital signs. Ms. Collins asked about ongoing maintenance to the sign, to which, Clerk Blot stated that the Village has had the Cook Park digital sign for a number of years now, and it has not required any maintenance or had any issues, and that the office staff is able to maintain and update it right from the office electronically. Ms. Collins asked if the board has thought of other ways of getting information out, to which, Mayor Rubino stated that we have our website, facebook, nextdoor, the Villager newsletter, the Cook Park sign, and then if approved we'll also have this sign on Central Avenue. To add: we also advertise in the Times Union for public hearings, special meetings, and all legally required postings; we also send out mailings regarding specific matters when required, for public hearings, or special meetings; we also have an emergency notification system called "constant contact" which anyone can sign up for to received special alerts from the Village. Ms. Collins asked about limitations of the sign with regards to wording space, to which the Mayor stated that we would keep the wording simple, and Clerk Blot offered an example, stating for a public hearing on a specific matter, it would say, "zoning meeting at village hall, the date, the time, and the name/address of the applicant".

Resident Joanne Stevens asked if we tried putting the meeting information on the Cook Park sign to see if that would increase attendees at meetings, to which Clerk Blot said no they haven't done that yet, as this issue was just brought up recently, so we can certainly update that sign going forward, and see if that helps. Clerk Blot added that at this time that sign usually has recreational event information and park scheduling items on it such as the amphitheater schedule.

There were no further questions or comments from the board or public.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to close the public hearing.
Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk