

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2017

7:00 PM

**SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING
VIDEO GAMBLING**

Village Hall

Board of Trustees

*Village President Keith Pekau
Village Clerk John C. Mehalek*

*Trustees, Kathleen M. Fenton, James V. Dodge, Jr., Patricia Gira,
Carole Griffin Ruzich, Daniel T. Calandriello, and Michael F. Carroll*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Present: 5 - Trustee Fenton, Trustee Gira, Trustee Griffin Ruzich, Trustee Carroll and Village President Pekau

Absent: 2 - Trustee Dodge and Trustee Calandriello

SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING**2017-0868 Special Town Hall Meeting - Video Gambling - Discussion Only**

President Pekau stated that tonight's Special Town Hall Meeting is discussion on video gambling. Facts on this issue will be presented by staff, Chief McCarthy will comment and citizens will then comment. (refer to audio file)

Village Manager La Margo gave a brief power point presentation (EXHIBIT A). (refer to audio file)

Jennifer Peterson Assistant Liquor Commissioner reported on a survey asking the different restaurants within Orland Park if they planned on allowing video gambling in their establishments. (refer to audio file)

Chief Tim McCarthy commented on his conversations with close neighboring communities who allow video gambling and reported that there were not any increases in crime. He also spoke of provisions that he would like added in the ordinance if this were to be approved. (refer to audio file)

President Pekau stated that he will call each citizen up (by name) to the microphone who have signed up to speak tonight. Each speaker will have a three minute time limit to speak.

Jim Harmening – Spoke to the Board against video gambling. (refer to audio file)

William Barra – Spoke for video gambling. (refer to audio file)

Brian Weaver – Spoke on studies that have been completed on video gambling. (refer to audio file)

Chris Kasmer – Requested that the Orland community be allowed to vote on this issue to allow or not allow video gambling in our town. (refer to audio file)

Kathy Gilroy – Read a statement on the issue of gambling. She is against video gambling. (refer to audio file)

Charles McShane – Stated he is against video gambling in Orland Park. (refer to audio file)

Michelle Hahn – Spoke to the Board regarding signage. She needs more information regarding this issue. (refer to audio file)

Joe Muhvey – Informed the Board that he was the one who provided some data on video gambling to the Mayor and Board. He reviewed some of this data. (refer to audio file)

Peter Collins – In the Economic Impact Study (page 4) he reviewed this page. (refer to audio file)

Colleen Panega – Is against video gambling and requested that this be placed on the ballot for residents to vote on. She believes this will not be good for our community. (refer to audio file)

Mary Clark – Has asked many of her family and friends their opinions on if video gambling should be allowed in Orland Park. They all have stated they are against video gambling. (refer to audio file)

Michael Halleran (Family owned Orland Bowl) – Gave a perspective as a business owner in Orland Park and the impact businesses are having who cannot fairly compete. (refer to audio file)

Tim McCarthy (owner of Paddy B's) – He stated that he did not know there was going to be a three minute time limit to speak. He is speaking on behalf of ten family owned Orland Park businesses. He is asking for video gambling to be passed and stated their reasons why. (refer to audio file)

Mike Pappas – He recapped the difficulties that the family businesses are having with not allowing video gambling in Orland Park when neighboring communities do allow this. He asked the Board to vote in favor of video gambling in Orland Park to level the playing field. (refer to audio file)

ROLL CALL - 7:50 PM

Trustee Calandriello arrived. He apologized for being late to this meeting, he just returned on a flight from the East Coast where he celebrated Thanksgiving.

Present: 6 - Trustee Fenton, Trustee Gira, Trustee Griffin Ruzich, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Carroll and Village President Pekau

Absent: 1 - Trustee Dodge

Special Town Hall Meeting - Video Gambling - Discussion Only (Continue)

Susan Dalton – Thanked the Board for having this forum tonight. She is against video gambling. She explained how the percentages are split between the Village, State, establishments, owner of the machines, etc. She believes this should go to a vote for the citizens to decide. (refer to audio file)

Bryan Sord – Spoke regarding the family owned businesses compare to the corporate owned businesses. He is in favor of video gambling. (refer to audio file)

NO ACTION

This was a Town Hall Meeting NO ACTION was required, discussion only.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Gira, Trustee Carroll, Trustee Fenton, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Ruzich, President Pekau. (refer to audio file)

Signage can't be restricted; this falls under the first amendment freedom of speech. Mr. Pappas (who is a local restaurant owner) was questioned if he has any other interests in allowing video gambling in Orland Park.

Mr. Pappas stated that he is a business provider of machines for ATM's, juke box, and video machine.

There can be restrictions that the Village can place on the signage; there wouldn't be flashing lights, loud bells, etc. The Board is trying to help the Village owned businesses; there will be a very limited ordinance; it is a responsibility when something is brought before this Board to receive the resident's opinion; the Clergy was also contacted for their opinions; on the Statewide level, gambling should have never have been allowed; there will not be any gambling parlors; gambling would only be allowed in Class A liquor licensed restaurants; there will be a total of three Town Hall meetings on this issue, this is the first.

The entire Board thanked everyone for attending tonight's meetings and all the valuable input.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:12 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Fenton, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Fenton, Trustee Gira, Trustee Griffin Ruzich, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Carroll, and Village President Pekau

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Dodge

2017-0854 Audio Recording for November 27, 2017 Special Town Hall Meeting - Video Gambling

NO ACTION

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APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Mehalek, Village Clerk