

**VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
4:30 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD**

Call to Order at 4:31 pm

Roll Call

Present: Trustees deBoer, Truttschel (via Zoom), Pfeiffer, President Pfannerstill, Wallschlager, Conner, Hallquist

Others Present: Village Manager Bailey (left at 4:52 pm), Clerk Policello, Police Chief Misko, Conrad Farner, Superintendent of Arrowhead School District, Adam Kurth, Principal Arrowhead High School, Becky Gordon, North Campus Associate Principal

1. Discussion and Consideration of a request by Arrowhead High School to waive the special event permit fees, waive the door to door notification requirement and approve their parade to run through downtown Hartland on Friday, September 29th, 2023.

Trustees Truttschel and Pfeiffer requested this meeting.

Mr. Kurth thanked the board for the special meeting. He said Chief Misko had some concerns for the parade which were worked through. Misko is recommending more cars to block the parade route. Kurth said the students did go door to door last year and they were not always well received. The students have requested that they not do that again this year. The student services director called the Village and they were told the door to door contact would be required again. They do have an alternate route that would avoid this requirement. Kurth is asking if there is any room for change to the past process.

Trustee Hallquist asked why they do not participate in the Hometown celebration parade. Kurth said the band manages their events, he can communicate with the band department. Kurth said the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department has offered security.

Trustee Conner said three weeks ago a student knocked on his door to buy a fundraiser card. Kurth said he received feedback that it was not always a well-received situation. Regarding the street closure Conner said the Board tries to take all residents into consideration. Becky Gordon said parents sometimes follow kids that go door to door. Gordon said she did follow students when they went door to door last year, but it was hard to track multiple kids at the same time.

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Trustee Wallschlager said the Chamber makes contact with involved neighbors for their events. She said she went to Arrowhead and went to the parade, and we need protocol to keep people safe and she knows the costs of everything has gone up. She asked about the route going from Lawn street to the school. Kurth said the businesses would prefer that the parade go through downtown. Wallschlager asked if the school is willing to cover the cost of the Police Department for security.

Trustee Pfeiffer said he is a traditionalist and went to Arrowhead. He likes the parade going through downtown. Pfeiffer understands the problem with going door to door and he also understands the inconvenience to the residents for street closures. He asked Kurth for other notification ideas. Kurth said when you live in a downtown area there are inconveniences. He said they put the information out to student families. They do their best to communicate. Pfeiffer said streets previously were shut down right before a parade, but now there is a longer time of closure. Kurth said they understand the ask, but from the perspective of the kids, the value isn't there in the door to door. Pfeiffer suggested a mailer. Kurth said he can't commit to that on behalf of his students. Pfeiffer would like to see it downtown and suggested a meeting earlier next year.

Trustee Truttschel said he would like to see the parade downtown. Misko said last year the street was shut down 15 minutes before the parade started.

The meeting went into recess at 4:52 pm.

The meeting was called back into session at 4:57 pm.

Misko said the route has changed over the years. They previously did a rolling closure as the parade progressed. Due to the Waukesha tragedy that is no longer feasible.

Regarding notification of the closure, Kurth said the feeder schools are also notified and that students go to the larger businesses with information about the parade route. Gordon said they also post the information on social media.

de Boer said she has four kids in the schools; she likes the parade; safety is an issue. Keeping the kids involved is important.

President Pfannerstill said he had three kids go through Arrowhead and sell cards door to door. He said the student body has come before the board in the past. He said kids take salt into basements. Pfannerstill said there could be a family with health concerns that may need to make arrangements to relocate due to a road closure. What are we teaching our kids if they don't have to work for things? If the kids want something then you have to work for it. He said only 50% of the community is connected to school communications. If the students, faculty or administrators don't agree with it, that's the decision that the student body would make.

This isn't stopped by Hartland requiring attendance at one meeting a year. He is going to vote for this and he won't stop it; he doesn't think it's too much to ask. He wants the parade here if they want it here.

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Gordon said last year they asked for clarification – they were willing to leave something at doors but were told by the board to knock and reach someone. She said leaving a flyer is different than having to make contact.

Trustee Wallschlager asked what time the road needs to close for parking. Misko said they went out last year at lunch hour with cones to close the parking lane. Roads close 15 minutes prior to the parade. Pfeiffer asked if they are willing to go door to door with a flyer with no requirement to knock. Kurth would have to take this back to the students. Trustee Conner asked if a mailing was possible. Kurth said he could commit to the cost, but not the work.

Half of the posting by Village. Postcard going forward stating road will be closed on postcard 1 hour before to 1 hour after – he knows it would be 15 minutes but that would be the max.

Motion (Pfeiffer/Conner) to approve Arrowhead, if they choose, having their homecoming parade through downtown with a postcard mailer with closure time one hour before to one hour after the event; the Village will cover half the cost and supply a mailing list to Arrowhead; Arrowhead will cover all costs for future years.

Misko asked if approved will they keep the traditional route? Kurth said yes. Misko will start scheduling. Comment – on the alternate route he would expect the county to ask for help, which they would provide. He said Hartland would do a good job providing for it. He feels it would be more secure.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

2. Adjourn

Motion (Pfeiffer/Conner) to adjourn at 5:35 pm. All were in favor, **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Policello
Village Clerk