

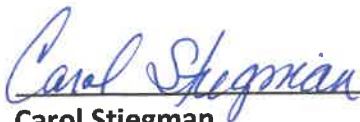
**Village of Kirkland
Kirkland, Illinois 60146
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** – President Block called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **Roll call** - Members answering present as follows: Trustee Marshall, Trustee Fruit, Trustee Michener. Trustees Benes, Ziegler & Chambers are absent.

(Trustee Chambers joined the meeting at 6:42 P.M.)

- III. **Discussion** - President Block welcomed the residents from the Hickory Ridge subdivision. He apologized for the inconvenience this has been all of them. He informed the residents that the Village of Kirkland is not going after them or their homes. He explained that Kirkland Property Holdings bought up to roughly 46% of the vacant lots when it was still under the Annexation Agreement. The Village was looking at how we could get the roads fixed out there. With Brad Stewart's (Village Attorney) help, we started litigation with them, and it went to Dekalb County Court first. Dekalb County Court ruled in favor of Kirkland Properties. However, because some of the stance they took really didn't make sense, we appealed it to the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court reversed Dekalb County's ruling and ruled in our favor. Kirkland Properties then appealed it to the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the Appellate Court's decision and ruled the Village is in the right. Kirkland Properties is now on the hook for roughly 46% of the roads. What we are looking for is 46% of the cost of the roads, all the residents paid when they built their homes and have paid your taxes since. President Block then turned the floor over to the Village Attorney Brad Stewart. Brad just reinforced what President Block had said. Brad explained that he was not in any way able to give them legal advice. He then explained that they have contacted a third-party Attorney to file a Motion to Dismiss on the resident's behalf. The question was asked by a resident who was paying this third-party Attorney? President Block stated that the Village would be taking care of the cost. Question was asked what happens if you have not been served? There are four residents that have not yet been served. Brad explained that if you had not been served you do not have to do anything. However, if anyone else in your household had accepted the paperwork, then you technically would have been served. Some residents stated that the person that was delivering the summons had left it in a flowerpot, one said theirs was left between their door and another person came home and found theirs lying in a chair.
- IV. **Adjournment** - At 7:17 P.M., President Block asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Fruit made a Motion to Adjourn with a 2nd by Trustee Chambers. On a voice call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Carol Stiegman
Village Clerk



Ryan Block
Village President