MR. BENJAMIN: Calling to order the Village Council meeting of Wednesday, January 19, 2022. It’s 7:00 p.m. Can we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. BENJAMIN: Madam Finance Director Clerk, roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Here.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. McDONALD: Here.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Here.

MR. BENJAMIN: All are present. And if you haven’t noticed, our Mayor Licastro is not here tonight. And I believe this might be the first time. You were on Council for eight years.

MR. PUFFENBERGER: Yeah, I’ve never witnessed him missing a meeting.

MR. BENJAMIN: So we can’t think of the last time he missed a meeting. So this is a rarity.

Is there a Mayor’s Court report tonight?

MS. COOKS: There is. This is the Mayor's Court report for the month of December, 2021. Mayor's Court fines, $6,840; cost $2,319.08; Court Computer Fund, $417; the Mayor's favorite Indigent Driver Support Fund, $1,120. That completes the report for Mayor’s Court.

MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Item three on the agenda is the annual election of Council President Pro Tem.

MS. BURKE-JONES: I would like to nominate Keith Benjamin --

MR. McDONALD: Second.

MR. TAYLOR: Second.

MS. HUFFMAN: Second.

MS. HOEFLING: Second.

MS. BURKE-JONES: -- for that position.

MR. BENJAMIN: I didn't expect so many seconds. (Laughter.) Well, I am sure I won't be serving as many years as my predecessor did. Six?

MR. PUFFENBERGER: Six.

MR. BENJAMIN: Six years president pro tem. I appreciate the fact that you’re willing to let me serve as Council President Pro Tem. Maybe one time in the next year I'll get to do this again. So it's been moved and seconded.

Any other comments or questions?

MS. HOEFLING: Congratulations.

MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Hearing none, roll call on the motion.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin? Does Mr. Benjamin vote on this?

MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah, do I vote on this?

MR. MATTY: Please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin? Does Mr. Benjamin vote on this?

MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah, do I vote on this?

MR. TAYLOR: Please.

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MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah, do I vote on this?

MR. MATTY: Please.

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MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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MR. BENJAMIN: I'm sorry. Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin? Does Mr. Benjamin vote on this?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah, do I vote on this?

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MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah, do I vote on this?

MR. MATTY: Please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin? Does Mr. Benjamin vote on this?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MR. BENJAMIN: I didn't say aye though.
MS. COOKS: You did not? You didn't vote for yourself?
MR. BENJAMIN: No. Officially I just don't think it came out of my mouth.
MS. COOKS: You did not? You didn't vote for yourself?
MR. BENJAMIN: It did though.
MS. BURKE-JONES: We didn't give you chance to say no.
MS. COOKS: For the record, how did you vote for the record?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye. Yes.
MS. COOKS: Thank you.
MR. BENJAMIN: So the next item on the agenda is the appointments to the Recreation Commission. I lost my connection to my Hotspot. Sue, so I know that Keith Galestock is one.
MS. CAPELLO: Keith Galestock, Candace Miller. And Dave Kozinski and Brad DiFranco want to redo their terms.
MR. BENJAMIN: So we're renewing the terms of three members.
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MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MR. MCDONALD: Aye.
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MR. BENJAMIN: Very good. Next on the agenda is the appointment of Joseph Zalar as Street Commissioner. We discussed this at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Are there any more comments or questions? Any comments or questions on the appointment of Joseph Zalar as Street Commissioner?
MS. BURKE-JONES: No.
MR. BENJAMIN: Hearing none, is there a motion to appoint Joseph Zalar as Street Commissioner for fiscal year 2022?
MR. MCDONALD: So move.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Roll call, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
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MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. MCDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Moving back to motion to approve Council appointments to committees and commissions. Again, I have lost my WiFi, but the committee assignments were emailed by Mayor Licastro a couple weeks ago. Would you like to read them for the record? Thank you.
MS. COOKS: For finance, Mr. McDonald is the chair, Mr. Benjamin and Ms. Hoefling are committee members. Public improvement, Ms. Burke-Jones is the chair, Ms. Huffman and Mr. Taylor. Public Safety, Mr. Taylor is the chair, Ms. Huffman, Mr. McDonald. Economic and Community Development, Ms. Huffman is the chair,
Ms. Hoefling, Mr. Benjamin. Planning Commission, liaison is Ms. Burke-Jones. For Shade Tree is Ms. Hoefling. Recreation is Mr. Taylor. And for Stormwater is Ms. Burke-Jones.

MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any other comments or questions regarding committee appointments?

MR. McDONALD: Move approval.

MR. BENJAMIN: It's been moved. Is there a second?

MS. HOEFLING: Second.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second. Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. McDONALD: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: Motion passes. Before we get started with new business, are there any comments from the public on agenda items? Hearing none, we'll move to new business. Councilwoman Burke-Jones, would you like to handle Resolution 1241?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing Resolution 1241, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Village architect services agreement with Van Auden Akins Architects, LLC for architect and related services and declaring an emergency. That's for -- I forgot the word.

MR. BENJAMIN: For suspension.

MS. BURKE-JONES: For suspension, that's exactly what I wanted to say. For suspension.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing 1241.

MS. COOKS: I did not hear a second.

MR. BENJAMIN: Oh, I second.

MS. COOKS: Did you?

MR. BENJAMIN: Yes.

MS. COOKS: I thought you were calling for a second.

MR. BENJAMIN: Yeah. I'm sorry, I'm not used to having two roles. Yes, I seconded. Roll call, please.

MR. BURKE-JONES: Okay. Introducing Resolution Number 1241 for approval.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second. And by that I'm seconding. Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. McDONALD: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Next up is Resolution 1242, Councilwoman Hoefling, would you take that, please.

MS. HOEFLING: Sure. Introducing Resolution 1242, it's a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a management consultant agreement with Clemans Nelson & Associates for management and/or fiscal consulting services in labor, employment and other areas as might be requested and declaring an emergency. For suspension.

MR. McDONALD: So move.

MR. TAYLOR: Second.

MR. BENJAMIN: It's been moved and seconded. Roll call.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

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MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Resolution 1242.
MR. BENJAMIN: For passage.
MS. HOEFLING: For passage.
MR. McDONALD: Second.
MS. HOEFLING: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Is there a second?
MR. McDONALD: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Seconded by Councilman McDonald. Roll call, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MS. HUFFMAN: Ordinance Number 4130 for passage.
MR. McDONALD: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: It passes. Next on the agenda is Ordinance 4131, Councilwoman Huffman.
MS. HUFFMAN: 4130.
MR. BENJAMIN: Oh, 4130. Thank you.
MS. HUFFMAN: Sure. Ordinance Number 4130, an ordinance confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Joseph Zalar as Street Commissioner for the year 2022 and declaring an emergency. I move -- I forgot the word.
MR. BENJAMIN: For suspension.
MS. HUFFMAN: Suspension.
MS. BURKE-JONES: A mental block from everybody.
MR. McDONALD: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Seconded by Councilman McDonald. Roll call on suspension.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
the Administrative Code to create the position of Chief Magistrate of Mayor's Court and declaring an emergency.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Did you move suspension?
MR. McDONALD: Move suspension.
MR. BENJAMIN: Seconded.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Roll call, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MR. McDONALD: Ordinance Number 4131, an ordinance enacting and adding Section 161.07 of the Administrative Code to create the position of Chief Magistrate of Mayor's Court and declaring an emergency.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
MR. McDONALD: Move Ordinance Number 4131 for passage.
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Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Next up is Ordinance 4132, Councilman Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: I'd like to introduce Ordinance Number 4132, an ordinance confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Chuck Bauernschmidt as Chief Magistrate of Mayor's Court with duties as set forth in Codified Ordinance 161.07 with the such appointment effective January 19, 2022, and declaring an emergency. I move suspension.

MR. McDONALD: Second.

MR. BENJAMIN: It's been seconded. Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: And finally Ordinance Number 4133 for suspension. That the following claims against the Village of Bratenahl are hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw her warrants for payment, to wit: In the amount of $135,648.64.

MR. McDONALD: Second.

MR. BENJAMIN: Moved and seconded on suspension. Any comments or questions? Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: All right. That concludes new business on the agenda tonight.
Before we adjourn, are there any comments from members of the public?

Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting?

MR. TAYLOR: So move.
MR. McDONALD: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Moved and seconded. Roll call, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Thank you.
MR. BENJAMIN: We are adjourned. Thank you so much for coming.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.)

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