



Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Sub-Committee Members Present

Mayor Charles Smith, Janet Brotherton, Marjorie Gamel, Loise Haines, Mike Helfrich, Niki Pettit

Others Present

Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk

No Quorum reached at the meeting start time of 5:30pm.

Mike Helfrich arrived at 5:45pm, and a Quorum was reached.

Marjorie Gamel arrived at 5:51pm.

Sub-Committee Chairperson Haines opened the meeting at 5:54pm.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Sub-Committee Minutes

The July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Brotherton made the motion to approve the Minutes as presented, Ms. Gamel seconded the motion, and the motion carried viva voce vote.

The August 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Brotherton made the motion to approve the Minutes as presented, Ms. Gamel seconded the motion, and the motion carried viva voce vote.

Items for Discussion

Niki Pettit arrived at 5:58pm.

Mayor Smith shared details of a meeting that he had at the Danville office of US Congresswoman Robin Kelly. Congresswoman Kelly was unaware of the full scope of the Former Chanute base area, and the background of the missile. The Mayor shared the history of the Chanute Air Force Base, along with the missile. Congresswoman Kelly has assigned a Field Representative to look into what options might be available to the Village.

Mayor Smith shared details from email correspondence with Melissa Shaw, Program Administrator, National Museum of the US Air Force. She will look at what requirements that the Village has in regards to the missile.

Mayor Smith shared details of how a Request for Proposal (RFP) would work with renovating or removing the missile.

Mr. Helfrich shared an article from another minuteman missile renovation in the Pacific Northwest area of the country.

Mayor Smith opened up discussion of proceeding with fundraising. Ms. Haines stated that fundraisers need to be off the block until we are aware of which direction that we are moving forward with. She added that Rantoul would rather remove it, and put a memorial in that space.

Adjournment

Chairperson Haines adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

Minutes prepared, submitted, and filed by Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk