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AGENDA
SPECIAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Village of Hoffman Estates
June 7, 2021

7:00 p.m. - Helen Wozniak Council Chambers

Members: Karen Arnet, Chairman
Karen Mills, Vice-Chairman
Gary Stanton, Trustee
Anna Newell, Trustee
Gary Pilafas, Trustee
Michael Gaeta, Trustee
Mayor William McLeod

I. Roll Call

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding 2021 block parties.

II. Adjournment

*(Further details and information can be found in the agenda packet attached hereto and incorporated herein and can also be viewed online at www.hoffmanestates.org and/or in person in the Village Clerk's office).
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**COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM
VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES**

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding 2021 Block Parties

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2021

COMMITTEE: Special General Administration & Personnel

FROM: Suzanne Ostrovsky, Assistant to the Village Manager

Purpose: Discussion regarding 2021 block parties.

Background: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state restrictions on gathering sizes, the Village Board opted not to process permits for resident block parties during the 2020 season. Staff has begun receiving inquiries for the 2021 season and is requesting guidance from the Committee/Village Board on how to proceed.

As COVID-19 metrics continue to improve, all areas of Illinois remain in the “Bridge Phase,” enacted May 14, 2021. The Bridge Phase allows outdoor social events of up to 500 attendees. Based on updated guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the state revised its mask guidance in May to allow vaccinated adults to gather with those outside of their households without masks. It is anticipated that Illinois will move into Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan as soon as June 11, 2021; as currently presented, Phase 5 would eliminate all gathering size restrictions.

Discussion: Staff conducted a brief survey of surrounding communities regarding their current block party policies (see attached). Of those that responded, all are allowing block parties in 2021, provided that the event aligns with any state guidance in place at the time it is held. Other than Palatine, the communities that normally provide a Police and/or Fire presence (as Hoffman Estates typically offers) have resumed this practice.

Based on changing federal and state guidance and the results of the area survey, staff recommends that the Village resume permitting for resident block parties for the 2021 season.

Financial Impact: None.

Recommendation: Discussion purposes and to direct staff as to whether block party permits should be processed for the 2021 season.



Resident Block Parties - Survey of Surrounding Communities
June 2021

	Schaumburg	Mount Prospect	Elgin	Des Plaines	Palatine
Are resident block parties permissible as of today, or is your municipality waiting until the state officially reaches Phase 5?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
If permitted, what (if any) regulations or rules do you have in place related to COVID (masks, etc.)?	State guidelines	State guidelines	State guidelines	State guidelines	State guidelines
If police and fire personnel typically visit resident block parties, has this practice changed due to COVID?	N/A	Police/Fire presence resumed	Not typical, but would likely be allowed	Fire presence resumed	Not allowed