#### VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

# Celtic Fest Commission Meeting Minutes

# Tuesday, February 6, 2024

4 pm – Alexia room – Village Hall – Also virtually via GoToMeeting

# I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jenn at approximately 4:00 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Present

<u>Absent</u>

Mayor Chris Nelson

Jenn Djordjevic

**Doris Harner** 

Linda Scheck

Joane McLeod

Ben Gibbs

Mayor Bill McLeod

Craig Kuehne

Yousuf Ahmed

#### **Staff Liaison**

Patrick Seger

Guest

Kayla London

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approve the January 2, 2024, minutes was made by Mayor McLeod and seconded by Joane and all commission members were in favor.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT-

No public was in attendance.

# V. OLD BUSINESS

Linda reported that she received the contract from Record-A-Hit Entertainment for the trackless train, eurobungy trampoline, Fire Truck slide and castle bouncy house and it is under review. Linda also reported that the Axe throwing event will be participating again this year and the contract has been reviewed and processed. Their fee is \$100 less this year than last year and they will be provided croc shoes for those participants that who wore open toe sandals and wanted to participate in the event. Also, they will provide a few lawn games as part of their program so folks can play those games as they wait for their turn to throw the axe.

Ben has been in contact with the Corgy group, which has 3,000 members. They are asking to be a co-host for the event with the Village. Ben will be finalizing the race event with the group and report back to the commission regarding co-hosting the race event.

Ben also reported that he has been in contact with the Chicago Sword Guild and they are requesting a \$400 payment to perform sword play for the event participants. Ben to find out if they are non-profit and obtain more information such as contact information. Patrick indicated that they would need a certificate of insurance.

Patrick provided a spread sheet with the proposed entertainment line up with anticipated expenses. Patrick indicated that the cost was more this year as their will be two stages and therefore more entertainers and the need to provide sound to both stages. The proposed event entertainment and budget was discussed, and the commission was in favor to move forward. The commission suggested that the Ken Dix band play to 7:15 which would provide more time for the previous band to break down and for their band to set up. Also, it was suggested to have the Dundee Pipe Band begin play at the tent stage and then march over to the Hideaway Beer Stage. Patrick will speak to them about that request. Patrick will finalize contracts and the times with all the bands and dancers and report back to the commission on the final program.

|   |                   | the Green propo  |     |       |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
|---|-------------------|--|-----|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----|-------|--------|
|   | Stage und         | Stage under large tent                                     |     |       |                          | Hideaway Beer Garden Stage    |             |    |       |        |
| Times   |                   |  |     |       | Times                    |                               |             |    |       |        |
| 1 - 1:45  | Ar Ais Aı         | Ar Ais Aris **   |     | 300   | 1:00 - 2:15              | Black Murry                   |             | \$ | 1,500 |        |
| 2:05 -230   | Rebecca           | Rebecca McCarthy School                                    |     | 250   | 2:35- 4:00               | Kennidey Kitchen              |             | \$ | 3,000 |        |
| 2:50 - 3:25   | Mulligan Stew     |  | \$  | 700   | 4:20 - 5:30 Whiskey Mick |                               |             | \$ | 1,250 |        |
| 3:40 -4:15  | The Acad          | The Academy of Irish Music  Baal Time  Heather and Thistle |     | 250   | 5:50 - 7:15              | Ken Dix's They mig            | ht be Irish | \$ | 1,250 |        |
| 4:25 -4:55  | Baal Tim          |  |     | 650   |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
| 5:10 - 5:30   | Heather           |  |     | 250   |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
| 5:30 - 5:50   | Dundee Pipe Band* |  | \$  | 1,000 |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
|   |                   |  |     | 3,400 | Longer sets              | s anticipate 10 minute breaks |             | \$ | 7,000 |        |
| Sound Guy   |                   |  | \$  | 2,000 |                          |                               |             |    | \$    | 2,000  |
|   |                   |  | Sub | total |                          |                               |             |    | Sub   | total  |
|   |                   |  | \$  | 5,400 |                          |                               |             |    | \$    | 9,000  |
| * Sound Guy to  | set up both sta   | ges by 1:00 p.m.   |     |       |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
| and provide sound and staff until 6 p.m. for Tent stage |                   |  |     |       |                          |                               |             |    | Tota  | al     |
| and 11 p.m. for   | Hideaway Beei     | Garden stage.  |     |       |                          |                               |             |    |       |        |
|   |                   |  |     |       |                          |                               |             |    | \$    | 14,400 |

Yousuf spoke about working with the new Chef and will be planning the menu for the event. He plans to have a food tasting later this summer. Jenn suggested that we may want to have Irish Mules as a drink option. Yousef to report back at the next meeting.

The commission discussed Shenanigans on the green T-shirts to be made and sold at the event. Jenn suggested we discuss it at the next meeting along with sponsorships.

Linda suggested having social media regarding our event along with other events this summer to help drum up tourism.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

# VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda and seconded by Mayor McLeod with all commission members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 5, 2024.