

CHAPTER 5

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

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1-5-1: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; ELECTION:** The chief executive officer of the Village shall be the President of the Board of Trustees. He shall hold office for four (4) years and until his successor is elected and has qualified. He shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector of the Village and shall reside within the corporate limits of the Village. He shall take office on the first regular meeting in May following the April election in the year following the Presidential election. He shall take office immediately following the paying of the bills of the previous month.

1-5-2: **BOND:** The President shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, execute a bond to the Village in the sum determined by the board, with sureties to be approved by the Board of Trustees, conditioned as provided by law.

1-5-3: **GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES:** The President shall perform all the duties which are prescribed by law, including the Village ordinances, and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed. In addition:

- A. **Examine, Inspect Records:** The President may, at all times, examine and inspect the books, records and papers of any agent, employee or officer of the Village.
- B. **Release Prisoners:** The President may release any person

imprisoned for violation of a Village ordinance, and shall report the release with the reasons therefor to the Village Board of Trustees at its first session thereafter.

C.

Call for Assistance: When necessary, the President may call on every male inhabitant of the Village over the age of eighteen (18) years to aid in enforcing laws and ordinances. Subject to the authority of the Governor as commander-in-chief of the militia, the President may call out the militia to aid in suppressing riots and other disorderly conduct, or to aid in carrying into effect any law or ordinance.

D.

Submit Recommendations to Board: The President may, from time to time and annually, give the Board of Trustees information relative to the affairs of the Village, and may recommend for their consideration such measures as he believes expedient.

1-5-4: **PRESIDE AT BOARD MEETINGS:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees. He shall not vote on any ordinance, resolution or motion except: (1) where the vote of the Trustees has resulted in a tie; or (2) where one-half of the Trustees elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion, even though there is no tie vote; or (3) where a vote greater than a majority of the Trustees is required by the Illinois Municipal Code to adopt any ordinance, resolution or motion. In each instance specified, the President shall vote. Nothing in this Section shall deprive an acting President or President Pro Tem from voting in his capacity as Trustee, but he shall not be entitled to another vote in his capacity as acting President or President Pro Tem.

In the absence of the President, acting President or President Pro Tem, the Board of Trustees may elect a Trustee to act as a temporary chairman. Such temporary chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote in his capacity as Trustee on any ordinance, resolution or motion.

1-5-5: **PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES; RECONSIDERATION:**

A.

All resolutions and motions which (1) create any liability against the Village, or (2) which provide for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, or (3) to sell any Village property, and all ordinances passed by the Board of Trustees shall be deposited with the Village Clerk. If the President approves of them, he shall

sign them. Those of which he disapproves, he shall return to the Board of Trustees with his written objections, at the next regular meeting of the Board occurring not less than five (5) days after their passage. The President may disapprove of any one or more sums appropriated in any ordinance, resolution or motion making an appropriation, and if so done, the remainder shall be effective. However, the President may disapprove entirely of an ordinance, resolution or motion making an appropriation. If the President fails to return any ordinance or any specified resolution or motion with his written objections, within the designated time, it shall become effective despite the absence of his signature.

B.

Every resolution and motion, specified in subsection A above, and every ordinance which is returned to the Board of Trustees by the President, shall be reconsidered by the Board. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of all the Trustees elected to the Board of Trustees shall agree to pass an ordinance, resolution or motion, notwithstanding the President's refusal to approve it, then it shall be effective. The vote on the question of passage over the President's veto shall be by yeas and nays and shall be recorded in the Clerk's minutes.

1-5-6: **VACANCY IN OFFICE:**

A.

If a temporary absence or disability of the President incapacitates him from the performance of his duties but does not create a vacancy in the office, the Board of Trustees shall elect one of its members to act as President Pro Tem. The President Pro Tem, during this absence or disability, shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Village President.

B.

The President may resign from office. A vacancy occurs in the office of Village President by reason of resignation, failure to elect or qualify, death, permanent physical or mental disability, conviction of a disqualifying crime, abandonment of office, or removal from office or by removal of his residence from the Village.

C.

Whenever a vacancy in the office of the President occurs during his term, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term at the next general election of

Trustees, unless the vacancy is filled by a special election. During the period from the time the vacancy occurs until a President is elected, as provided herein and said person has qualified, the vacancy may be filled by the election of an acting President by the Board of Trustees.