

EXHIBIT 'A'

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE I – GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

DIVISION I - TITLE

1-1-1 **TITLE.** Upon the adoption by the Village Board of Trustees, this Village Code is hereby declared to be and shall hereafter constitute the official **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of St. Jacob"**. The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the **"Village Code"**, and it is hereby published by authority of the Village Board and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in **Section 1-1-3** under the direction of the Village Attorney, acting for said Village Board. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this Village Code by title in any legal document. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-2 **ACCEPTANCE.** The Village Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the Village of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in **Section 1-1-8.** **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-6)**

1-1-3 **AMENDMENTS.** Any ordinance amending this Village Code shall set forth the article, chapter, and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this Village Code. All such amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be forwarded to the codifiers on an annual basis and the ordinance material shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this Village Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Village Code on an annual basis. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-4 **CODE ALTERATION.** It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted. Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so authorized by the Village Board. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him

through the office of the Village Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons shall be and remain the property of the Village and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

1-1-5 **JURISDICTION.** Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the Village. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the Village to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

1-1-6 - 1-1-7 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION II - SAVING CLAUSE

1-1-8 **REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.** All general ordinances of the Village passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal [**subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections**], from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the Village; and all Special Ordinances.

1-1-9 **PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES.** No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

1-1-10 **COURT PROCEEDINGS.** No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance

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in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the Village herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the Village under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

1-1-11 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

1-1-12 VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE. The Village Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MADISON) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE
VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB)

I, Kathy Becker, Village Clerk of the **Village of St. Jacob, Illinois**, do hereby certify that the following **Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of St. Jacob, Illinois of 2014**, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees were duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the **Village of St. Jacob, Illinois**, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the **Village of St. Jacob, Illinois**, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

**KATHY BECKER
VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB**

(SEAL)

1-1-13 - 1-1-14 RESERVED.

DIVISION III - DEFINITIONS

1-1-15 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS. Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

1-1-16 DEFINITIONS. Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

"AGENT", as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

"BOARD OF TRUSTEES", unless otherwise indicated shall mean the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of St. Jacob.

"CODE" OR "THIS CODE", shall mean the **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of St. Jacob"**.

"CORPORATE AUTHORITIES" shall mean the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2(2))

"COUNTY" shall mean the **County of Madison**.

"EMPLOYEES" shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"**.

"FEE" OR "FEES" as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"FISCAL YEAR". The "fiscal year" for the Village shall begin on **April 1st of each year and end on March 31st of the following year.** (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2[5])

"KNOWINGLY" imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the Village Board in the employee agreement.

"LICENSE" as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"MAY" as used in this Code means permissible.

"MAYOR" as used in this Code shall mean the Village President or President of the Village Board of Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2.1) (Ord. No. 150; 11-11-63)

"MISDEMEANOR" as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

"NEGLECT", "NEGLIGENCE", "NEGLIGENT" AND "NEGLIGENTLY" import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

"NUISANCE" shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

"OCCUPANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

"OFFENSE" shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

"OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES". Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"** and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this Village having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the Village Board to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

"OFFICIAL TIME". Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of Village business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced **one (1) hour**. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the Village shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

"OPERATOR" as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

"OWNER" as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

"PERSON" shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver

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or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

"RETAILER" as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

"SHALL" as used in this Code means mandatory.

"STATE" OR "THIS STATE" unless otherwise indicated shall mean the **"State of Illinois"**.

"STREET" shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

"TENANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

"WILLFULLY" when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

"WRITTEN" AND "IN WRITING" may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

(In Part 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2)

1-1-17 CATCHLINES. The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

1-1-18 - 1-1-19 RESERVED.

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PENALTY

1-1-20 PENALTY.

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense.**

(B) Any minor or person designated as a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**, but may not be confined except by provisions of the **Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois.**

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the Village or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) **Guilty Plea – No Court Appearance.** All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-7 and 5/1-2-8)**

(F) **Community Service.** Any penalty imposed for the violation of an ordinance may include, or consist of, a requirement that the defendant perform some reasonable public service work such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

1-1-21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.

(A) The Village may elect to issue ordinance violation tickets according to this Section for offenses deemed to be of a lesser nature. Paying the fine and eliminating the cause of the violation is an administrative procedure and carries with it no plea or admission of guilt or conviction.

(B) The Zoning Administrator and all members of the police force are authorized to issue these tickets.

(C) Any person accused of a violation of any section of the Code may settle and compromise the claim by paying the Village Clerk the sum of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** within **ten (10) calendar days** from the time such ticket is issued or by paying to the Village Clerk the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** after the **ten (10) day** period and prior to such violation being handled according to the provisions of **Section 1-1-20.**

(D) After the **ten (10) calendar day** period and prior to such person being issued a notice to appear a second notice may be sent, at the Village's discretion, to offender of said Code.

(E) The tickets issued under this Section shall be as a courtesy in lieu of arrest. If the person accused of this violation does not settle the claim, a complaint or notice to appear will be issued for that violation and the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 1-1-20** of this Code. **(Ord. No. 99-419; 05-20-99)**

1-1-22 **SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL.** In all actions for violation of any municipal ordinance where the fine would not be in excess of **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** and no jail term could be imposed, service of summons may be made by the Municipal Clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, whether service is to be within or without the State. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-9.1)

1-1-23 **APPLICATION.**

(A) The penalty provided in this Chapter shall be applicable to every section of this Village Code, the same as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Village Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed, or where any act which is of a continuing nature or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Village Code.

(B) In all cases where the same offense is made punishable or is created by different clauses or sections of this Village Code, the prosecuting officer may elect under which to proceed; but not more than one (1) recovery shall be had against the same person for the same offense; provided that the revocation of a license or permit shall not be considered a recovery or penalty so as to bar any other penalty being enforced.

(C) Whenever the doing of any act or the omission to do any act constitutes a breach of any section or provision of this Village Code, and there shall be no fine or penalty specifically declared for such breach, the provisions of this Code shall apply and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a breach or violation occurs or continues.

1-1-24 **LIABILITY OF OFFICERS.** The failure of any officer or employee to perform any official duty imposed by this Code shall not subject such officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation of this Code, unless a penalty is specifically provided for.

1-1-25 **LICENSE.** When a person is convicted of a violation of any Section of this Code, any license previously issued to him by the Village may be revoked by the court or by the Village Board.

ARTICLE II - VILLAGE OFFICIALS

DIVISION I - VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1-2-1 **COMPOSITION AND GENERAL POWERS.** The Village Board shall consist of **six (6) Trustees**, elected in conformity with this Code and State laws governing elections in villages and shall have such powers as are granted by **Chapter 65, Illinois Compiled Statutes**, as amended. The term of office shall be for **four (4) years** or until their successors are elected and have qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-25-5 and 5/3.1-10-50(D))**

1-2-2 **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the Village Board shall be held in the Village Hall Building on the **first (1st) and third (3rd) Thursday** of each month at **7:30 P.M.** When the meeting date falls upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day at the same hour and place, unless otherwise designated. Adjourned and reconvened meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the Trustees. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 et seq.)**

1-2-3 **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Village Board may be called by the Mayor or any **three (3) Trustees** by giving at least **forty-eight (48) hours** notice thereof by delivering to them personally written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Trustees. Such notices shall be served by mail, by the Village Clerk or a designated representative. Said notices shall specify the purpose of said special meeting and the business to be taken up at that time and place. Such notice shall be posted at the Village Hall and shall be provided to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. Said notice shall be provided to such news media in the same manner as said notice is given to the Mayor and members of the Village Board, provided such news media has given the Village an address within the Village at which such notice may be given. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)**

1-2-4 **COMMITTEES.** The following standing committees of the Village Board are hereby established, to-wit:

- (A) (1) Ordinances and Finance
- (2) Water and Sewer
- (3) Streets and Alley
- (4) Police
- (5) Health
- (6) Public Grounds and Buildings

(B) The committees shall be appointed annually by the Mayor. In addition the Mayor shall appoint the Chairman of each committee.

(C) The Mayor shall be ex-officio Chairman of each and every standing committee.

(D) So far as is practicable, reports of committees shall be in writing.

(E) As provided by law, any report of a committee of the Board shall be deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the same after the report is made, upon the request of any **two (2) Trustees** present. (See **65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-35**)

(F) Each standing committee of the Village Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the department of municipal government with which it is connected; shall ascertain the condition and needs of said department; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, shall do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

(G) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Act requirements and minutes shall be taken. (See **5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 and 120/2.06**)

1-2-5 **SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as may be needed from time to time.

1-2-6 **QUORUM.** At all meetings of the Village Board, a majority of the corporate authorities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if no such quorum attends such meeting of the Board, the Trustees may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present; and shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, except when such members are physically unable to attend such meetings. (See **65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20**)

EDITOR'S NOTE: When the Board has a Mayor and six (6) Trustees, a quorum is four (4), which may consist of the Mayor and three (3) Trustees, or four (4) Trustees.

1-2-7 **COMPELLING ATTENDANCE.** It shall be the duty of each and all Trustees to attend all regular meetings of the Village Board and all special meetings when each has been duly notified of the date and place of such meeting. If, at any meeting duly called a quorum is not present, the Trustees in attendance may adjourn the same to some stated time; and any Trustee duly notified in writing by the Clerk of the time and place of such adjourned meeting may be compelled to attend; provided that the foregoing shall not apply when any Trustee is absent from such meeting or meetings on account of sickness, unavoidable accident, or is working.

Any member of the Village Board who shall neglect to or refuse to attend at least **one (1) meeting** per month of the Village Board without good and sufficient excuse to be passed upon by the Village Board shall not receive compensation for that month. (See **65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20**)

1-2-8 - 1-2-10 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION II - RULES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

1-2-11 **RULES OF THE BOARD.** The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the Village Board.

(A) **Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Roll Call.
- (3) The reading of the journal of the proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings, and correction of the same, unless dispensed with by the Board of Trustees and correction of the journal of the proceedings of previous meetings.
- (4) Reports and communications from the Mayor and other Village Officers.
- (5) Visitors and public comments.*
- (6) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (7) Reports of Special Committees.
- (8) Presentation of communications, petitions, resolutions, orders, and ordinances by the Board of Trustees.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) Miscellaneous business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate, subject to appeal.

* **See Section 1-2-13**

(B) **Duties of Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other Trustees, and shall decide all question of order, subject to appeal.

(C) **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Board Chamber.

Every member, prior to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the Chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other Trustee's argument or vote.

(D) **Visitors.** No person other than a member of the Board of Trustees shall address that body on the same question unless such person has been recognized by the presiding officer. Public comments may be made as provided in **Section 1-2-13.**

(E) **Presentation of New Business.** When a Trustee wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, the member shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F) **Debate.** No Trustee shall speak more than once on the same question, except by consent of the presiding officer or unless **three-fourths (3/4)** of the corporate authorities agree that one's right to debate should be limited to speak only once and then not until every other Trustee desiring to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate.

The Village Board, by motion, may limit debate. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

While a member is speaking, no Trustee shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

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(G) **Call of Trustees to Order.** A Trustee, when called to order by the Chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order or ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right to appeal.

(H) **Appeals from Decision of the Chair.** Any Trustee may appeal to the Board from a ruling of the Chair, and if the appeal is seconded, the Trustee making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other person shall participate in the discussion. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

The Chair shall then put the question, "**Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?**". If a majority of the Trustees present vote "**No**", the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Board on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every other member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon, unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure that his vote is not taken.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the Village Board may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain if **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Motions Required; Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the meeting or in committee unless it be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Board, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Trustees, by a majority vote of the Trustees present may divide such question.

(N) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the Trustee moving the same shall be entered also.

(O) **Announcement and Changes of Vote.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk, but shall be handed to the Chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(P) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

- (1) To adjourn to a day certain.
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) The previous question.
- (6) To refer.
- (7) To amend.
- (8) To defer or postpone to a time certain.
- (9) To defer or postpone (without reference to time.)
- (10) To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers (2), (4), and (5) to be decided without debate.

(Q) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the Village Board shall always be in order, except:

- (1) When a Trustee is in possession of the floor.
- (2) While the yeas and nays are being called.
- (3) When the members are voting.
- (4) When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
- (5) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall not be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The Village Board may, at any time, adjourn over **one (1)** or more regular meetings on a vote of a majority of all the Trustees authorized by law to be elected.

(R) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question and seconded, it shall be put on this form: **"Shall the main question now be put?"**. If such motion be carried, all further amendments and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay upon the pending amendment in proper order and then upon the main question.

(S) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take From the Table.** A motion simply to lay the question on the table shall not be debatable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(T) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone without any reference to time shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(U) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(V) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

On an amendment to **"Strike Out and Insert"**, the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally, the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending questions may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(W) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken first on the least sum or the longest time.