

# Village of Niles

## TASK FORCE FOR TESTIMONY ON VIDEO GAMING

### MINUTES

**February 6, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**

Persons in attendance: Jim Callero – Chair  
Bruce Hertz, M.D.  
Cooky Kraus  
Scot Neukirch – Director of Finance  
Dean Strzelecki – Police Chief  
Steve Vinezeano – Village Manager  
Cathy Spadoni – Secretary

#### I. Call to Order

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Callero called the meeting to order. He explained the purpose of this meeting is to take testimony from Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki and Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch. Only Task Force members will be allowed to comment or ask questions.

A court reporter from County Court Reporters took testimony.

#### II. Task Force Discussion of Recommendation to the Village of Niles Board of Trustees Regarding Video Gaming in Niles

Police Chief Dean Strzelecki provided the results of a Police Agency Survey of eight area communities who have video gaming terminals. The survey asked five questions:

- Did the number of customers increase at the video gaming locations?
- Has crime increased at the video gaming locations?
- Has residual crime increased?
- Do they have access video linked directly to the police departments?
- Do they have an “admitted-gambler self-exclusion” ordinance?

Finance Director Scot Neukirch provided the estimated annual revenues that the Village of Niles could expect to conservatively receive if video gaming were to be allowed in the Village of Niles. These figures were developed based on the information received from testimony at the two prior meetings, independent research conducted by the Finance Committee, information available on the internet, and contacting other communities that already have video gaming.

Mr. Callero called for a vote from the voting members of the Task Force. The voting options were “Yes,” “No,” or “Yes with Conditions.” “Yes with Conditions” means that they will write something up together and, if agreed upon, will pass it on to the Village with certain recommendations.

On roll call, the vote was unanimous in favor of recommending to the Village of Niles Mayor and Board of Trustees that they pass video gaming in Niles with conditions. A list of conditions will be provided to the Board for their consideration.

### III. Adjournment

Mr. Callero thanked the Task Force for their participation in the process.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

### **2013-2014 Task Force for Testimony on Video Gaming**

| <b>Voting Members</b> | <b>Village Staff Members</b>        |
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| James Callero – Chair | Village Manager Steven C. Vinezeano |
| Bruce M. Hertz, M.D.  | Police Chief Dean Strzelecki        |
| Cooky Kraus           | Finance Director Scot Neukirch      |
|                       | Secretary Cathy Spadoni             |
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