MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HILLSIDE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 425 HILLSIDE AVENUE, HILLSIDE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino. Board members and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following members responded as present at roll call:

Mayor 
- Joseph T. Tamburino
Clerk
- Linda L. Gould
Trustees
- Herman L. Walter, Jr.
- Frank J. Lomeli, Sr.
- David V. Delgado
- John N. Kramer
- Valerie J. Farries
- Marvin A. Watson

Absent
- None

Also present were: Russell Wajda, Village Administrator; John Flood, Treasurer, Assistant Administrator; Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Jeff Pilz, Fire Chief; Joseph Pisano, Public Works Director; John Nelson, Hanson Engineering; George Gourley, William O’Connor, Ellis Funchess, Roger Romanelli, Marsha Jeffries, Elena Johnson, Mary Flores, Elizabeth Lasek, Miguel & Delores, Gary Williams, Heidi Schulz, Howard Ray, Gwen Amber and Anthony Simpson - residents

TOWN HALL MEETING:

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Maddison, stated he made an email request that at future meetings the public be allowed to speak from a podium so he doesn’t have to hold the microphone while speaking from his prepared remarks. Mayor Tamburino said we will do that for the next meeting.

Mr. Romanelli said as of tonight forty-eight residents and counting have signed his East Hillside Neighborhood Petition to improve their neighborhood. This area is Mannheim to Maple and Butterfield to Clayton. Mr. Romanelli said he emailed a list of urgent concerns on June 2, to the Village Manager and Mayor. He has not received a response. Tomorrow he will resend this email with the petition and is asking for speedy action on urgent issues which include very serious potholes in the neighborhood and a water leak at 331 Forest that floods the street. He said he met with the Mayor in 2016 regarding this issue.
His petition is also asking that streets be resurfaced and re-engineered as necessary. At the next village meeting he is asking the Village Officials for a transparent process so residents can recommend street improvements. Petition also asks for better street safety since many streets do not have sidewalks. Petition asks for digital street monitors on Warren, Forest and Jackson, solar powered flashing stop signs at certain intersections and again asking for traffic signal at Forest and Butterfield. Petition is also asking for improvements at the Warren Forest apartments. An alley runs between these apartments and there are potholes, broken windows, screens and fences. There is also deteriorated woodwork and dead trees. He is requesting permit parking around the apartments and two new street lights on Broadview.

Mr. Romanelli continued by saying the burned-out building at 4206 Warren has significant debris in the parking lot. Building burned four months ago and is now an eyesore and obstacle. He is asking if there is a legal obstacle to removing debris, please share information with the public.

In addition to the petition, Mr. Romanelli would like to request a Special Meeting with the Mayor and several of his neighbors from the 400 block of Broadview to understand what the boundaries are of the village parkways and what the boundaries are of private homes? He reported neighbors have received tickets for dogs walking on parkways and is asking if people and dogs can walk on public parkways without getting violations? He is also asking if residents can install hedges between homes to establish boundaries?

Marsha Jeffries, 437 N. Forest, complained about the condition of her street. She asked if there is a plan for her block?

Elena Johnson, 4343 Butterfield, reported the alley way by the apartments where she lives is extremely bad. She asks if the parking lot can be redone? She further states there are not enough parking spaces for the number of units in the apartment building. She also asks if overnight parking can be allowed on Forest? Ms. Johnson reported the dumpsters take up parking spaces in the parking lot. She asks if the dumpsters can be moved to one side of the parking lot and feels that would free up some additional parking spaces.

Mary Flores, 400 Melrose, complained about the potholes on her street. She asked to get them fixed.

Elizabeth Lasek, 322 N. Forest, complained that potholes on her street are very bad. She is asking to please fix the potholes.
Miguel, 402 Broadview, said he has lived at 402 Broadview for over 30 years and doesn’t remember the last time street was repaired.

Roger Romanelli, reported on June 8 he and his neighbor Gary Williams sent an email to Mayor and Village manager about serious violations at 452 Broadview. He has not received a reply. There is debris in the back of the property and said it appears that cats are being harbored in the garage. He asks that the Village Officials intervene with these issues.

Mr. Romanelli stated Proviso West High School is the foundation to the Village’s success. The school is improving. However, information about illegal drugs being found at Proviso West was shared on television news on April 1, 2019. He is requesting a written report on this incident by August 2, 2019 and to also have the report published on the Village website. He is requesting that one month from today there be a Village meeting where the report can be presented to the public and the public can ask questions. If there can’t be a meeting in a month then at 6:00 p.m. before next meeting. He asks why incident was broadcast before investigation was completed. He further asked how the Police knew there were illegal drugs at the school.

Heidi Schulz, 755 Rohde, stated she is concerned about the story on drugs at Proviso West. She asked - Where is the evidence? Was the student suspended? Was a teacher or staff member suspended or fired? Why did story make broadcast news without informing the Village about the problem? She stands with Roger in demanding written answers on August 2.

Gary Williams, 450 Granville, stated he is looking for a solution with property he has at 452 Granville. He reported that while trimming hedges in front of his house today, two squad cars stopped, and he had to show the officers that he was only trimming on his side of the property and not the neighbors. Mr. Williams further stated 452 Granville also has many possums, skunks, raccoons and cats.

George Gourley, 1629 S. Wolf, stated he has lived in Hillside for sixty-four years. Everything here is great. He loves the town. He feels Hillside is well above the rest. If people don’t like it here, they can move.

Howard Ray, 2305 High Ridge, said he is a Chairman of the Proviso West Advisory Council. The Council is working on a process of trying to improve school image. The Council also wants to know what happened with the drugs. Being a realtor and said people do not want to move here because of Proviso West. He then
added he feels things are beginning to turn around at Proviso West.

Gary Williams added that the Post Office is afraid to deliver mail to 452 Granville.

Gwen Amber, 4100 Cypress, she has been a resident approximately twenty-four years. She said back then she was stopped or followed by the Hillside Police Department when she exited the highway. She stated cross cultural issues have not been addressed and doesn’t feel there is a level of integrity in Hillside.

Anthony Simpson, 4431 Jackson, reported asphalt is lower than the curb and water accumulates on his block. The sewer was just repaired, but the street is in need of repair.

Mayor Tamburino said all concerns will are noted and all will be addressed. He apologized for not answering email, but he has been traveling.

Mayor Tamburino also talked about process for street repair in the Village.

As there were no further comments from the floor, Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to close the Town Hall Meeting.

So moved by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson. All voting aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes for Regular Meeting of June 24, 2019, and Board of a Whole Meeting of July 8, 2019, the minutes be accepted and approved.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer. All voting aye, motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould presented the Consent Agenda.

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a part of the Board Member’s committee business.
Illinois Department of Revenue: Sales tax returns for month of May, 2019, in the amount of $380,795.46. Amount received for May, 2018, in the amount of $375,122.01.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the month of June, 2019, in the amount of $15,084.28.

Approval of gross payroll for periods June 22 through July 5, 2019, in the amount of $287,112.51; and July 6 through July 19, 2019, in the amount of $301,030.49.

Payment of bills for the month of July, 2019, in the amount of $780,568.96.

Com Ed: Utility tax for the month of April, 2019, in the amount of $28,718.64.

NiCor Gas: Utility Tax for the month of May, 2019, in the amount of $7,439.98.

Excise Tax for the month of May, 2019, in the amount of $21,042.16.

Code Enforcement Officer’s Reports (June, 2019).

Police Department Report (June, 2019).

Fire Department Report (June, 2019).

E.M.A. Report (June, 2019).

Public Works Department Report (June, 2019).

Building Inspector’s Report (June, 2019).

Social Services Report (May and June, 2019).

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson, to accept and approve Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried
DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Treasurer/Director of Economic Development: (John Flood)

No report

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

Chief Lukaszek reported Village of Hillside hosted a Junior Police Academy. There were sixteen participants.

He also reported there is a monthly Community Awareness Meeting where a lot information is shared. All are welcome to attend.

Fire Chief: (Jeff Pilz)

Chief Pilz reported a request to Homeland Security was approved for a $59,000.00 grant for the Hazardous Material Team.

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Joseph Pisano)

Director Pisano updated Darmstadt Road and Lee Boulevard water main project.

VILLAGE ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Engineer Nelson reported on the Quiet Zone. He reported the application has been received from IDOT. Now the application will be put together and sent to the Federal Railway Administration (FRA).

He also reported on the 2019 Street Paving Project. He expects project to begin in August.

He further reported there are several studies taking place for our flooding issue.

Mayor Tamburino gave an update on Engineer Peters. After surgery, he is home recovering and doing well. We look forward to his return.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Wajda reported as of August 1, 2019, Aspire and NorthPointe Resources are joining forces and becoming “better together” as one great organization.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)


Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve payment to Cerniglia Co., 3421 W. Lake Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160, in the amount of $73,276.05, for work performed on the Water Main Replacement on the Lee Boulevard and Darmstadt Road Project. Payment is contingent on Cerniglia Co. providing the necessary waiver of liens.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve payment to Cerniglia Co., 3421 W. Lake Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160, in the amount of $34,095.50 for the emergency repair of 8" sanitary sewer and replacement of manhole on Darmstadt Road and Lind Avenue. The emergency work was necessary due to a collapsed sewer pipe and manhole.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve payment to Langos Corp., 124 Deepwood Road., Barrington Hills, IL 60010 in the amount of $30,370.00 (Final Payment) for work performed to demolish 4215 Edgewater Avenue. The payment reflects a credit of $1,000.00 for the NICOR service disconnect which the Village scheduled, and a credit of $1,200.00 for a garage structure removed by others.
Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve the purchase of the property at 4203 Edgewater, in the amount of $240,000, and to authorize the Village Administrator to sign and execute same. The property is in the Roosevelt Road TIF District.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to approve the 7G Agreement for Fire-fighter/Paramedic Joe Michalski to act as a Hillside Fire Department Part-Time Fire Prevention Bureau Inspector.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Trustee Watson reported Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Farries, to approve the plat of resubdivision for the property commonly known as 4747 Roosevelt Road. The resubdivision will combine four parcels into one.
Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to accept and place on file the findings of the July 16, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board granting of petition submitted by Yolanda Coleman-Curry, 5156 Madison Street, Hillside, Illinois, 60162, on the consideration for a Variation in an R-2 Zoning District, to permit coverage of the lot by impervious surfaces from 26% to 30.19%, at 5156 Madison Street, Hillside, Illinois 60162.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to accept and place on file the findings of the July 16, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board granting of petition submitted by Daisy Martinez, 458 Clayton Road, Hillside, Illinois, 60162, on the consideration for a Variation in an R-2 Zoning District, to permit coverage of the lot by impervious surfaces from 20% to 29%, at 458 Clayton Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Trustee Lomeli reminded Planning and Zoning Board to conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in the Board Room of the Hillside Municipal Complex, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL, to consider a petition submitted by James A. Battista, 4414 W. Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois, 60162, on the consideration for a Special Use in a B-1 Zoning District for an on-line used auto sales business at 4414 W. Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162.
Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

No report

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Farries)

Trustee Farries reminded Tuesday Summer Nights in the Commons begins July 23rd with Creedence Revived, and July 30th with The Motown Reflections. August line-up includes August 6th with The Young Guns, August 13th with 7th Heaven, August 20th with The Cryin’ Shames, with guest Ronnie Rice, and August 27th with Abbarama. Come out for six weeks of entertainment, with concerts starting at 7:30 p.m. Food and beer will be available for purchase, with Cruise Nights and the Market Place beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Farries also reminded Hillside welcomes Congressman Danny K. Davis for a 7th Congressional District Town Hall Meeting for Hillside and Berkeley residents on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Trustee Farries further reminded Hillside Youth Commission welcomes Magician Frankie Ace with his zany comedy magic performance on Friday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Trustee Farries reported on Proviso Township Property Tax Appeal Workshop held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Trustee Farries reported on Hillside Youth Commission hosting former Barnum and Bailey performer, Rick Colen, on Friday, July 19, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to approve Ordinance 19-12 to limit commercial truck parking in residential areas to periods no longer than 2 hours, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute same.
Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
      Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Farries, to
approve Appropriation Ordinance 19-13, and authorizing Mayor and
Clerk to sign and execute same.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
      Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to
approve Ordinance 19-14 to allow certain surplus Fire Department
equipment to be donated to the City of Ocotlan, in Jalisco,
Mexico, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute same.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
      Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to
approve Ordinance 19-15 for the sale of surplus Village equipment
and vehicles, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute
same.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
      Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried
Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to approve Ordinance 19-17, amending longevity pay, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute same.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion approve Ordinance 19-16, amending Article II, Alcoholic Beverages, increasing A-1 license by 1, from 8 to 9, retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on premises with one bar that directly serves the public, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute same. This adds a liquor license for Boss Burger Joint.

So moved by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to approve appointment of James Erlander, 523 Maple, Hillside, to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, for a two-year term, expiring April 30, 2021.

So moved by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Delgado.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board-of-a-Whole Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, August 12, 2019, in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL, 60162.

As there was no further business before the Board, Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter under the provision of ILCS Ch. 120 Sec. 2(c)(2).

So moved by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Kramer.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Farries, Watson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion declared carried

Adjourn to Executive Session 8:35 P.M.

Linda T. Gould
Clerk