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, OCTOBER 28, 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; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Joseph Pisano, Public
Works Director; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; Dave Peters,
Hanson Engineering; Tiffany Ingram, ComEd; George Gourley,
William O’Connor, Roger Romanelli, Pia Davis, Marsha Jeffries,
Miguel Lepe, Anthony Simpson, Heidi Schulz, Juan Ayala, residents

TOWN HALL MEETING:

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, asked Village Officials to
consider Spanish translations for services provided our
residents. He also asked that the Village hold a special meeting
with the residents to discuss Red Light Camera tickets and
explain the relationship between Safe Speed Company and the
Village of Hillside. He referenced an article in the Chicago Sun
Times which said the FBI was looking into one of Safe Speed’s
investors.

He continued, a Public Hearing would allow residents to ask
questions about Safe Speed such as who owns the company, why does
Safe Speed get so much revenue, are the intersections safer
because of the cameras, and is there a plan to remove the cameras
if the intersections become safer and why is so much revenue
given to the company?
Mr. Romanelli then talked about neighborhood safety. He said many emails have come in from residents on Iroquois. This appears to be one of the more dangerous streets in our village. He is hoping that digital speed monitors can be installed and mentioned the street doesn’t have sidewalks.

Mr. Romanelli requested a podium be reinstated for the next meeting.

He also said Iroquois residents are asking for more street lights and mentioned the stop signs at Iroquois and Madison should be updated as they are old and faded.

He continued by saying he is hearing from a lot of residents on Jackson Boulevard that those street conditions are deteriorated. He hopes these can be repaired next year. Speed monitors, street lights and a night time flashing stop sign at Madison and Jackson intersection are requested.

Mr. Romanelli said many of his neighbors from Broadview, Melrose, Bellwood, Geneva, Warren and Forest Avenues are in attendance. These streets are also in need of repair and asked to be repaired next year. He also asked for a traffic signal at Forest and Butterfield and a new stop sign at Forest and Warren along with digital speed monitors on Forest.

Mr. Romanelli thanked the Board for the speed monitor on Warren but asked that it be moved east toward Granville to activate the monitor sooner.

Mr. Romanelli is again asking for a new children’s park at Granville and Warren. He feels Thiele Park is too far for the children to walk.

Pia Davis, 726 Hillside, requested street safety improvements for hundreds of families that live in the area bordered by Wolf, Hawthorne, the Prairie Path and Taft. In addition to speed limit signs she is requesting more “Children at Play” signs to prevent speeding.

Ms. Davis requested more street lights on Sunnyside, Cypress and Randolph, along with new stop signs at Cypress and Hillside along with Randolph and Hillside intersections.

She also requested sidewalk improvements that would allow residents better access to the Prairie Path and Memorial Park. She is requesting some type of pathway to get from one side of Wolf Road to the water park.
Ms. Davis said the Hillside Historical House is another concern from residents. She suggested the house be made into something tangible that residents can use.

Mayor Tamburino asked Ms. Davis to please email him her list of concerns.

Marsha Jeffries, 437 N. Forest, said her street needs repair and asked if Forest is on the street repair list for 2020.

Ms. Jeffries also inquired about the building that burned on Warren. She said she thought the building was going to be torn down, but it is still standing. Administrator Wajda reported the situation is close to being settled.

George Gourley, 1629 Wolf, said he has lived in Hillside for 64 years. Over the years, he has attended many meetings. There was usually a small number of attendees. He feels over the last year or so there is a lot of nit-picking. He also feels Hillside is one hell of a village. It is run good. He continued, if people don’t like it here, there is a sign that says For Sale. They can leave. He also said we have two damn good departments, the Police Department and the best Fire Department around.

Heidi Schulz, 765 N. Rohde, asked the Mayor to consider lowering the $100.00 fee for a Red Light Ticket violation. She feels the fine is grossly unfair, immoral and wrong. She understands the amount for these tickets is set in Springfield, but then asked Mayor Tamburino if he approved the amount. Mayor Tamburino said he didn’t. She asked what he did to lower the amount and he said he did not have the ability to do that. She asked the Mayor to ban or reduce the fine. He answered the amount is set by state law. Ms. Schulz said she would be willing to pay a lower fine but, feels $100.00 is not a fair fine.

Miguel Lepe, 402 N. Broadview, said he would have to work half of a week to pay a $100.00 fine. He also said the Police are ticketing cars parked overnight on the street. He doesn’t recall this happening a few years ago.

Ms. Schulz continued that she would like the fee reduced for Red Light Camera tickets. Mayor Tamburino said he can’t do anything because that amount is set by the House and Senate, not the local villages. Red Light Camera tickets are $100.00 no matter what town you would go too.

Police Chief Lukaszek reported the $100.00 fine for Red Light tickets is set by state law. He explained how the fines and court costs are set for any moving violation.
Mayor Tamburino said if anyone ever sees anything in writing about the Village, to please let him know. We run a clean shop. No one here has a full time job and we don’t get health insurance or pensions.

Mayor Tamburino moved on with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes for Regular Meeting of September 23, 2019, and Board of a Whole Meeting of October 14, 2019, the minutes be accepted and approved.

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

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould reminded the Village offices will be closed Saturday, November 9, and Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of Veterans Day.

Clerk Gould reported the November Board of a Whole Meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019; and the November Regular Board Meeting will be the following Monday, November 25, 2019, due to the Veterans Day Holiday.

Clerk Gould also reported the Village Offices will be closed Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, 2019, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Clerk Gould introduced Tiffany Ingram from ComEd for a presentation to Mayor Tamburino on the 2018 LED streetlights project savings and carbon equivalents.

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 August, 2019, in the amount of $391,984.58. Amount received for August, 2018, in the amount of $348,277.87.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the month of September, 2019, in the amount of $29,463.60.

Approval of gross payroll for periods September 14 through September 27, 2019, in the amount of $292,574.89; and September 28 through October 11, 2019, in the amount of $293,697.56; and October 12 through October 25, 2019, in the amount of $299,029.93.

Payment of bills for the month of October, 2019, in the amount of $970,346.22.

Com Ed: Utility tax for the month of July, 2019, in the amount of $36,164.94.

NiCor Gas: Utility Tax for the month of August, 2019, in the amount of $4,902.83.

Excise Tax for the month of August, 2019, in the amount of $19,540.03.

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

Police Department Report (September, 2019).

Fire Department Report (September, 2019).

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

Public Works Department Report (September, 2019).

Building Inspector’s Report (September, 2019).


Motion made by Trustee Watsib, seconded by Trustee Kramer, 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)

Treasurer Flood reported the annual Comprehensive Financial Report is due to be filed October 31st. However, the Hillside Library is not ready to file. We have filed for all the necessary extensions and filing is expected around December 15th.

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

No report

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Joseph Pisano)

Director Pisano reported the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project in the Oak Ridge section, also Lind and Taft Court is ahead of schedule. He expects final pavement in the next week to week and a half.

Director Pisano also reported that in answer to individuals that talk about things in generalities and not specifics the Village of Hillside has and maintains a street sign inventory. We have reflectivity readings on signage within the Hillside area. We do have signs that are not up to code as far as reflectivity, and those signs are being replaced. He continued, that the majority of our stop signs, roughly 95%, have been replaced and meet the current codes and requirements of MUTCD which is our traffic code that we as a community have to follow. These are things that we have been working on over the course of the years. The state had deadlines, which they changed when they found out that the communities could not meet the requirements, they had set forth for replacing all signs for reflectivity at one time.

Secondly, Director Pisano reported there have been several complaints about dog droppings on the Prairie Path. Right now, for the one mile stretch of Prairie Path we have, there are signs for waste pick up for dogs roughly every five hundred feet. We have garbage receptacles, either the dog stations with bags or garbage cans every seven hundred feet.
Specifically, as a department, as we manage the Prairie Path by replacing the bags and garbage, we also police the area for dog waste. Since we can’t be everywhere at one time, we looked at contracting out this service on a weekly basis. We found the range between $13,000.00 and $15,000.00 annually to remove the waste. He also looked at what other communities do to remove the waste and found that three communities have park districts that manage the Prairie Path. We do not have a park district to manage the Prairie Path. Two communities have signs, bags and receptacles, other than that they do nothing to manage the Prairie Path. One community only has signs and receptacles and do nothing extra to manage the Prairie Path. One community has nothing, no signs or receptacles.

Director Pisano would like all to understand what the specifics are within our community. He believes we provide an excellent service to our residents that utilize the Prairie Path. He also believes the Prairie Path is used for recreation and exercise. He further believes the items referenced to are spaced properly to be able to manage the Prairie Path and he thinks what we have are individuals looking to create an issue as opposed to understanding specifics of what is provided.

Mayor Tamburino asked Director Pisano again for the cost to have someone come in and manage the Prairie Path. Director Pisano said it ranged between $13,000.00 - $15,000.00 annually.

Director Pisano concluded his report by adding he wanted to be sure we were clear on specifics.

The Mayor and Board thanked Director Pisano for his report. Mayor Tamburino said he wished people were here to hear the report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Engineer Peters reported the Tollway, Village of Hillside, Tollway Engineering companies and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District are meeting next Monday to talk about helping alleviate flooding in the Village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Wajda reported he received building plans late Friday for Five Below to take space in the Target Center. Plans have not yet been reviewed.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

No report

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve release retainage in the amount of $10,000.00 to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc., 315 S. Stewart Avenue, Addison, IL 60101, for work performed on 2018 Street Reconstruction Project.

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 for Pay Request #1 in the amount of $165,277.07 to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc., 315 S. Stewart Avenue, Addison, IL 60101, for work performed on the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project.

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 Farries, to approve annual Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services with Cook County Health and Hospitals System, for period December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020, 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 Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve agreement in the amount of $147,111.00 with Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, Inc., 2551 N. Bridge Street, Yorkville, IL 60560, to perform asbestos, lead and mold project management and air quality monitoring associated with the remediation project located at Village property located at 431 Hillside Avenue.

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 Farries, to approve Base Bid in the amount of $686,200.00, along with Alternative Bid 1 in the amount of $25,000.00 and Alternative Bid 2 in the amount of $22,300.00 submitted by Kinsale Contracting Group, Inc., 648 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559, for work necessary to abate asbestos, lead paint and mold for Village property located at 431 Hillside Avenue. Bid tabulation for the project is included.

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 Farries, to approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Village of Hillside for Village Participation in the Supplemental Reimbursement Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program, and authorizing Mayor 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 the relocation of the 911 Dispatch Center to the current area occupied by the records department at a cost not to exceed $325,000, as presented by Jenner and Halstead. The project will be paid for by funds in the 911 Fund.

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 Farries, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Westchester for the housing of prisoners. This is a temporary agreement until the Emergency Dispatch Consolidation Agreement becomes effective March 1, 2020, 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 membership of Alan Stohl, 48 Oak Ridge Avenue, Hillside, in Emergency Management Agency.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Farries, to accept and place on file the findings of the October 15, 2019 Zoning Board’s granting of petition submitted by Matt Kronkow, ABR Communications, 1146 Larkspur, Batavia, IL 60510, on the consideration for a Special Use Permit in M-1 Zoning District, to allow for a storage trailer at 4146 Warren Avenue, Hillside, IL 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 Farries, to grant a Special Use Petition submitted by Matt Kronkow, ABR Communications, 1146 Larkspur, Batavia, IL 60510, on the consideration for a Special Use Permit in M-1 Zoning District, to allow for a storage trailer at 4146 Warren Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Farries, to approve quote from Comcast Enterprise Services to run a fiber optic line from Hillside dispatch Center to Hillside Fire Station and Westchester Fire Stations. The installation cost of $2,000.00 and monthly fee of $1,806.00 will be split between Hillside and Westchester 50/50. The proposal is for a period of 60 months.

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 Watson, to approve Service Order Agreement with Call One, 225 W. Wacker Drive, Floor 8, Chicago, IL 60606, for VOIP Phone Service with a wireless backup at a cost of $712.60 per month for 3 years, and authorizing Village Administrator to sign and execute same. This will provide an average monthly savings of $500 per month.
Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Farries)

Trustee Farries reminded Hillside Youth Commission is hosting Halloween Festivities at the Hillside Commons on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Costume judging will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the bonfire and wagon rides. Trick or Treating hours are 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Trustee Farries also reminded Proviso Township and the Village of Hillside will be hosting a Board of Review Property Tax Appeals Workshop on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillside Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve Resolution 19-08, Appointing Members to Position of Director and Alternate Director of The West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, 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 Resolution 19-09, 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, 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 Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to approve Resolution 19-06, Adoption of the Update of the Cook County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, 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 Resolution 19-07, Adoption of Qualified Retirement Plan, 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 Farries, to approve Resolution 19-10, Approving a Subaward Agreement Between the Village of Hillside and the County of Cook, authorizing Village Administrator to sign and execute agreement, and authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute Resolution.

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 reminded the Veterans reception will be held this Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western. Cocktails and dinner will be served.

Mayor Tamburino also reminded Hillside’s 17th Annual Veterans Day Parade is Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Grand Marshal is Hillside resident, U.S. Navy WWII Veteran, Carl Ruzich.

Mayor Tamburino reported this past Friday he had the opportunity to Chair the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus with Mayor Lightfoot and discuss common ground issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board-of-a-Whole Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 18, 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 adjourn.

So moved by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson.

All voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:39 P.M.

[Signature]
Linda L. Gould
Clerk