

**ONLINE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2020**

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Meeting ID: 899 8647 7740, Passcode: 054136

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: are required to be sent in advance via email to Clerk Linda Gould - [lgould@hillside-il.org](mailto:lgould@hillside-il.org) before 4:00 p.m. on meeting day.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD-OF-A-WHOLE 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, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino. 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.
	- John N. Kramer
	- David V. Delgado
	- Valerie J. Farries
	- Marvin A. Watson
Absent	- None

Mayor Tamburino and Clerk Gould were present at the Village Hall. Village Trustees attended remotely.

Also present via ZOOM were: Russell Wajda, Village Administrator; Sandy Lozano, Village Treasurer; Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Joseph Pisano, Public Works Director; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Tamburino opened the Public Comment section of the meeting.

As there were no comments from the floor, Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to close the Public Comment portion of meeting.

So moved by Trustee Delgado, seconded by Trustee Lomeli.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

Clerk Gould reported the approval of Board meeting schedules and anticipated changes for 2021 to include December, in observance of Christmas Holiday will be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2021.

Clerk Gould reminded the December Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, December 21, 2020.

Clerk Gould also reported the Village Offices will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Clerk Gould further reported Thursday, December 31, Friday, January 1 and Saturday 2, 2021 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:**

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

Chief Lukaszek reported there will be a holiday parade through town on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director:(Joseph Pisano)

Director Pisano reported approval for the final payment of the 2018 and 2019 street projects will be on the agenda at the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2021.

**VILLAGE TREASURER:** (Sandy Lozano)

No report

**VILLAGE ENGINEER:** (John Nelson)

Report given by Public Works Director.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Wajda reported a request has been received from the Marathon Gas Station owner to offer free COVID-19 testing. The plan was sent to the Mayor and Board for review.

Discussion between the Mayor and Board followed with all expressing the same concern of traffic back up on Butterfield and Wolf Roads. It was agreed that the only way the Board can see this working would be for the owner to schedule the testing be done by appointment only or have this at a larger location. Administrator Wajda will contact the owner.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Trustee Kramer reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2020.

- A. Approval of gross payroll for period November 21, through December 4, 2020, in the amount of \$314,386.72.
- B. Approval of bills for the month of December, 2020.
- C. Second reading and approval of Tax Levy Ordinance 20-10 for FY 2020-21, in the amount of \$13,364,816.00, will be on the Regular Board Meeting Agenda.
- D. Approval of Ordinance 20-11 abating \$221,200.00 tax levied for the year 2020 to pay the debt service on \$1,635,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (alternate Revenue source) Series 2017A of the Village of Hillside, Cook County, Illinois.

- E. Approval of Resolution 20-10 providing for the retirement of certain municipal indebtedness \$221,200.00, by the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds \$1,635,000.00, General Obligation Bonds (alternate revenue source) (Series 2017A).
- F. Approval of membership dues for National League of Cities for \$1,172.00.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Trustee Walter reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2020.

- A. Consider requested adjustment to waste hauling contract with Waste Management due to adverse impacts related to collection of recyclables. Due to market conditions and handling requirements to process recyclables, Waste Management is requesting an increase of \$0.39 per household per month. This will result in an approximate annual increase in contract value of \$9,715.00.

Administrator Wajda explained the increase was due to the increased costs in the separation process. He said the hauler has agreed to help educate residents on how to recycle.

After discussion all agreed to have Administrator Wajda check with hauler to see if this additional cost will help to keep items out of landfills and also get information on the proper way to recycle.

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Trustee Watson reported there will not be a Community Awareness Meeting in December, due to the Christmas Holiday.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Trustee Lomeli reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2020.

- A. Approval to accept and place on file the findings of the December 8, 2020 Zoning Board granting of petition submitted by Fermin Lucena, 2 North Irving, Hillside, IL 60162, on the consideration for a Variation in R-2 Zoning District, to construct a 28 ft. x 22 ft. garage At 2 North Irving, Hillside, Illinois.

Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

No report

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Farries)

Trustee Farries reported a Holiday Parade is being planned for Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Farries also reported the Youth Commission is providing letters from Santa. If you would like your child to receive a letter or email from Santa, email him at [Santa@Hillside-il.org](mailto:Santa@Hillside-il.org).

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

Mayor Tamburino reported Roger Romanelli 4406 Madison St. submitted questions for the Mayor and Board via email.

Why did the Village of Hillside buy the 5207 Ridge Ave. property for the people of Hillside?

Mayor Tamburino replied this was a redevelopment opportunity to change property from tax exempt to taxable. Originally wanted Senior Housing, but the tax credits went away. Hopefully the tax credits will come back.

How much total Village of Hillside funds have been spent here? For what?

Mayor Tamburino replied: Purchase \$640,000, Demolition \$41,500, Grass cutting \$5,275, Utilities (\$5,272.38 and \$2,159.87) total \$7,432.25

Were there any dangerous building conditions prior to your purchase?

Mayor Tamburino replied: No

What public use was intended for the property prior to your purchase?

Mayor Tamburino replied initially, Senior Housing but now looking into development issue with Berkeley.

What other church congregations did you assist to buy this property prior to the village's purchase?

Mayor Tamburino replied: None

What are your efforts over the past 4 years to sell or lease this property to a new congregation?

Mayor Tamburino replied we want to sell to someone that will give us tax dollars.

Why did you buy the 4843 Butterfield Rd. property for the people of Hillside?

Mayor Tamburino replied to facilitate redevelopment, property faced a tax sale and foreclosure potentially delaying redevelopment for years.

How much total Hillside funds have been spent here?

Mayor Tamburino replied: Purchase \$372,500., Utility bills \$4,650.94, Roof \$224,505., Electrical code and roof work, \$29,399.52, Service and replace heat exchange HVAC \$7,069.18, Total \$638,120.64

Were there any dangerous building conditions prior to your purchase?

Mayor Tamburino replied: No

What public use was intended for the property prior to your purchase?

Mayor Tamburino replied: Restaurant/bar

What other restaurant buildings has the village acquired over the past 10 years?

Mayor Tamburino replied: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Tamburino announced the next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Monday, December 21, 2020, in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162.

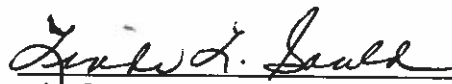
As there was no further business before the Board, Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion to adjourn.

So moved by Trustee 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

Adjournment: 8:18 P.M.

  
Linda L. Gould  
Clerk