

ONLINE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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

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**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, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

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

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

Also present via ZOOM were: Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Ken
Carling, Fire Chief; Joseph Pisano, Public Works Director; Sandy
Lozano, Village Treasurer; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; John
Nelson, Village Engineer; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT
Manager

TOWN HALL:

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Clerk Gould read the following comments received via email:

Comment 1

I am Roger Romanelli 4406 Madison. Together with many Hillside residents, we ask Mayor Tamburino, Clerk Gould and the 6 village trustees to dismiss police chief Lukaszek for his extensive police criminal misconduct.

For 4 years, Tamburino, Gould and the trustees have been informed of the chief's gross misconduct and given significant evidence. Instead of you taking action, the chief's misconduct has grown worse, ultimately your responsibility. Here are the allegations against the chief, summarized for Hillside residents:

The chief went on a public radio show identifying himself as officially representing Hillside. After slamming former President Obama and Cook County State's Attorney Foxx, the chief made racially intolerant remarks against Muslim-Americans at the show's 5:30 mark. When the show's racist host decried "Islamists" for holding government offices, the chief agreed and supported her comment immediately. The chief's outright racism against Muslim-Americans are grounds alone for him to be fired. Sadly, there's more.

When the chief found heroin drugs at Proviso West High School, he didn't collaborate with school officials to find the criminals and protect our children or our community. Instead, the chief coordinated an illegal public relations attack against school officials and falsely accused them of committing more felony crimes, namely harboring the drugs on school grounds. If a crime occurs at Proviso West, our police department's job is to collaborate with school officials to protect our children, not launch false media attacks against our school. With his reckless actions, the chief destroyed any proper law enforcement effort to arrest the heroin dealers and protect our children. No one has been arrested or prosecuted for threatening our children with heroin at Proviso West.

Finally, it is a matter of public record that the chief has constantly and illegally harassed me and discriminated against me alone among Hillside residents. Twice, the chief illegally threatened me with false tickets, arrests and prosecutions. The chief slandered my name and a neighbor's name on the police department's Facebook page. The chief illegally transferred my calls into the village non-emergency number, instead routing them to the chief's cellphone, so my calls about dangerous Hillside speeders would not be recorded on the village line, and the chief could try to yell at me on his non-recorded line.

Last year, amid the pandemic, rioters possibly attacking commercial buildings around Chicagoland and Hillside, and at least two gun shootings occurring in Hillside, it was a total waste of our Hillside taxes for the chief - - who is paid \$130,000 dollars a year - - to spend his time trying to yell at me from his cellphone. In total, the chief has committed gross, constant police criminal misconduct. The question for Tamburino, Gould and the trustees is clear: Will you fire the chief or not? Thank you.

Patrick Deady, Village Attorney, said he cannot not comment on what he feels is another one of the big lies that keep spreading in this community about what happened at Proviso West. He added he was a federal prosecutor for ten years prior to becoming Village Attorney and also been involved in criminal cases for forty years.

When issue at Proviso occurred, Attorney Deady said he personally interviewed the Police Officers that were involved in the seizure of the drugs. At the time the drugs were seized, there was no documentation for when the drugs had been seized, from whom, or who seized them. For people to continue to complain that there is no drug prosecution arising out of the seizures ignores the fact of the way the narcotics, which was not a significant amount, were seized. They may have been discarded and found by custodians or teachers. That is not clear from the circumstances. Anyone could have been prosecuted. The matter is still open, but Attorney Deady feels that this isn't a matter that should be continually brought up as something that is the Hillside's Chief of Police problem to solve.

Attorney Deady continued, this occurred almost two years ago. It is time to put this big lie to bed and to stop discussion of this issue as some grounds other than to think about how to deal with drug seizures at Proviso if they occur.

Regarding the calls Mr. Romanelli made to the Police Department despite his public comments and discussion of this issue Attorney Deady has not seen a written complaint filed by Mr. Romanelli about this incident. Because of that there has not been any formal investigation of Mr. Romanelli's complaints because there has been no reason to do so. Until Mr. Romanelli files a written complaint with the Village about this particular incident, signs and swears what he believes to be the truth Attorney Deady doesn't think there will be an investigation by the Village.

Attorney Deady understands that Mr. Romanelli has referred this matter to other law enforcement agencies. He is welcome to do so. If there is an issue that has to be responded to by the Village, Chief of Police or Police Department, Attorney Deady will be happy to do so.

Trustee Watson commented that he formally objects to somebody submitting four statements. Trustee Watson feels this is a direct way of getting around the rules for time constraints. He said we don't know who wrote the letters. They are all in the same exact format and same exact typeset. Therefore, Trustee Watson formally objects to these comments being read tonight.

Comment 2

(Keegan Goss Gave Permission to Send This Email)

I am Keegan Goss 4506 Madison. Together with many Hillside neighbors, we are disappointed in Mayor Tamburino, Clerk Gould and the trustees for failing to stop dangerous speeders threatening everyone in Hillside. Despite hundreds of petition signatures and years of testimonies at village meetings, dangerous speeders are only getting worse.

In December, Tamburino said he would stop the dangerous speeders on Forest Avenue, but nothing has happened. Hillside residents have launched a new website: HillsideSpeeders.com. Watch 115 videos of dangerous, illegal speeders with some driving 40 miles an hour or more in a 20 zone. See FedEx, UPS and village government trucks driving through stop signs. What will it take for Tamburino, Gould and the trustees to act? Will it take another resident getting killed by a speeder which has happened before?

We're paying high taxes, and our village government operates 5 lucrative Red-Light Ticketing Cameras. There better be funds for basic anti-speeder solutions. The Tamburino administration spent at least \$1.3 million dollars to buy 2 private properties in Hillside. If our village government had all this money to make speculative real estate acquisitions, there better be funds for basic anti-speeder solutions.

The Tamburino administration spent \$600,000 dollars to buy and renovate the Stimac's Restaurant property on Butterfield, Hillside's largest restaurant building that now sits vacant with no jobs and no food service, with all of your village government decisions occurring well before the pandemic hit. You also spent \$640,000 dollars to buy a viable church property on Taft despite other congregations wanting it. The mayor's church-to-housing

conversion plan failed, and the church sits vacant, deteriorating and violating the village building code.

Tonight, Tamburino, Gould and the trustees are called to support immediate anti-speeder solutions to protect our precious Hillside children, seniors and families and possibly save someone's life:
2 digital speed monitors on Forest Avenue from Warren to Madison
2 digital speed monitors on Butterfield from Forest to Wolf
1 village security camera at the Forest/Madison intersection to identify speeders

1 village security camera at the Butterfield/Maple intersection to identify speeders

All-way stop signs on Madison from 51st to High Ridge and on Warren from Melrose to Englewood

At least 1 stop sign each at the Hillside/Cypress and Hillside/Randolph intersections where there are no stop signs today, violating American safety standards.

There can be no claim by the Tamburino administration that our village government lacks sufficient funds for these basic safety improvements, since you spent over \$1 million dollars on speculative real estate investments. Now, Tamburino, Gould and the trustees are asked: Will you or will you not support the urgent anti-speeder solutions requested above? Thank you.

(Sent by Roger Romanelli, with permission from Keegan Goss)

Comment 3

(Dan Adams Gave Permission to Send This Email)

I am Dan Adams 736 East End. Hillside residents ask Mayor Tamburino, Clerk Gould and the trustees why you spent \$600,000 dollars and counting from our Village of Hillside taxes to buy, renovate and now own the Stimac's Restaurant property on Butterfield Road.

In 2019 well before the pandemic hit, you bought this property, which is the largest restaurant property in Hillside in the heart of our downtown. Well before the pandemic, you blocked other private investors from getting this property despite significant interest from investors. Today, this restaurant in the heart of our downtown sits vacant, with no jobs and no food service. Tamburino, Gould and the trustees must explain why it was urgent and necessary for our village government to make this real estate acquisition well before the pandemic hit. The pandemic is no excuse here.

Of the \$600,000 dollars, your administration gave a \$373,000 dollar profit to the Stimac family who are voters in Hillside to acquire their property. One family member is Rosalie Stimac, a Hillside resident who serves on the Tamburino administration's planning board. Since your transaction involved a member of your

administration, there must be a clear, decisive explanation for why it was urgent and necessary for our village government to purchase this property. After explaining this tonight, you are called to explain this in writing for all to see.

After you gave the Stimac family a huge profit, you used \$225,000 dollars in Hillside taxes to renovate the building. If there was an urgent need for massive renovations, this was the responsibility of the Stimac family, not Hillside taxpayers. All major renovations should have occurred before our village government acquired this property. How is it fair for the Stimac family to walk away with a \$373,000 dollar profit, but Hillside taxpayers needed to pay \$225,000 dollars to fix the Stimac family's roof?

Instead of spending \$600,000 dollars on this property alone, you could have spread \$600,000 among Hillside's struggling small businesses during today's pandemic. Last week, longtime business Altavilla's Restaurant closed, devastating for this family-owned business and their jobs. Look at the shopping mall on the northwest corner of Wolf and Butterfield, almost no businesses. Look at the Menard's site and the corners of Wolf and Cermak, basically no businesses. While other governments gave \$10,000 grants to struggling small businesses during the pandemic, your administration hasn't. Instead, you spent \$600,000 to acquire one property. Why?

Tamburino, Gould and the trustees must justify why our village government bought, renovated and now owns the Stimac's Restaurant property, then a written explanation must be issued. Thank you.
(Sent by Roger Romanelli on behalf of Dan Adams)

Comment 4

(Amy Woodrick Cc'd Here, Gave Permission to Send This Email)

I am Amy Woodrick 4610 Butterfield Rd. It is unacceptable that Mayor Tamburino and Clerk Gould are refusing to comply with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and respond to basic requests by residents for village government information. On January 28th, I made a Freedom of Information request asking if any Hillside police officer lost any police equipment including firearms and ammunition over the past two years. There is rumor in Hillside that an officer failed to lock his village-issued vehicle, resulting in the theft of his weapon, ammunition and gear.

By law, Tamburino and Gould were supposed to answer my inquiry on February 4th. Instead, they sent a mean-spirited email to me saying that my information request was burdensome. This is outrageous and illegal. The Freedom of Information Act is a

sacred law giving residents the ability to ask our village government for basic village government information. My request about any police officers losing equipment over the past two years should have been answered within 5 business days easily.

Why is the possible theft of a Hillside police weapon and ammunition important? Last year, Hillside suffered two non-fatal gun shootings in two separate neighborhoods. Unacceptable. Often, gun violence occurs with stolen weapons.

Hillside residents have the sacred right to know of any misconduct by our police officers. Already, we know that the police chief committed at least two illegal crimes of sabotaging a law enforcement investigation into heroin found at Proviso West High School, then falsely accusing school officials of committing other felony crimes. In his reckless actions, the chief destroyed any chance to catch the heroin dealer and protect our children. No one has been arrested or prosecuted to date.

For the past 25 years, I have been a registered nurse helping those facing illness. Last week, the Cook County Health Department said that Chicago's western suburbs including Hillside have been hit hard by fatal heroin overdoses. This underscores the chief's misconduct and abject failure to properly investigate the heroin at Proviso West and prosecute the drug dealer, in order to protect our children and our community from heroin flowing here.

Together with my neighbors, I call again on the Tamburino administration to fire the police chief for his misconduct and support the chief's criminal prosecution. Now, I seek an answer from Tamburino and Gould: Will you answer my Freedom of Information request from January 28th according to state law? If so, when? Thank you.

(Sent on behalf of Amy Woodrick by Roger Romanelli)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion that there being no additions and with the correction, noted by Clerk Gould, to change Mike Tecson to Patrick Deady, Village Attorney to the minutes for Regular Meeting of January 25, 2020, and Board of a Whole Meeting of February 8, 2021, the minutes be accepted and approved.

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

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould reported Mail-in Ballot Applications for the April 6, 2021 Election are now available at the Village Hall or online at the Cook County Clerk's website at cookcountyclerk.com. Completed forms must be received at the Cook County Clerk's Office by Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Clerk Gould also reported the last day to register to vote at the Village Hall is Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Last day online is Sunday, March, 21, 2021.

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 December, 2020, in the amount of \$388,799.89. Amount received for December, 2019, in the amount of \$401,243.11.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the month of January, 2021, in the amount of \$23,603.04.

Approval of gross payroll for periods January 16 through January 29, 2021, in the amount of \$457,755.77; and January 30 through February 12, 2021, in the amount of \$346,604.91.

Payment of bills for the month of February, 2021, in the amount of \$720,567.78.

Com Ed: Utility tax for the month of November, 2020, in the amount of \$28,369.67.

NiCor Gas: Utility Tax for the month of December, 2020, in the amount of \$16,662.44.

Excise Tax for the month of December, 2020, in the amount of \$15,912.49.

There was no Video Gaming Tax for the month of December, 2020, due to the machines being shut down by the State of Illinois.

Code Enforcement Officer's Reports (January, 2021).

Police Department Report (January, 2021).

Fire Department Report (January, 2021).

E.M.A. Report (January, 2021).

Public Works Department Report (January, 2021).

Building Inspector's Report (January, 2021).

Social Services Report (January, 2021).

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Delgado, 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:

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Joseph Pisano)

Director Pisano reported a residential garage roof collapsed in town. He also reminded everyone to be careful, check roofs and always look up when entering and exiting buildings.

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

Chief Lukaszek commented the following:

The Hillside PD takes speeding very seriously and has officers working the side streets to enforce speeding vehicles and stop sign violations when available. We get calls from residents all over town that complain about these same issues. With only 3 cars working at any given time, and with the obligation to handle close to 20,000 calls for service per year, we are unable to be on every street, at all times. However, in addition to handling all those calls, during the year 2020 HPD documented 1444 stops for the year, with 812 of them being from August to December 31st. With the population of Hillside being 7958 according to the US Census, 1444 stops is well above 10% of total residents. Obviously, not all stops are residents, but this number is just a representation.

I was notified over the weekend that a website hillsidespeeders.com was actively showing and making statements that the Village does nothing to reduce speeding vehicles. I would like to point out a few issues with this statement. First off, the camera that was used is a Nest video camera. These cameras shoot anywhere between 10-30 frames per second and play back as a video stream. You also need to take into consideration the refresh rate as well as the internet speed to make an estimate of speed. Yes an estimate only. The other issue is that the video is distorted through what we call a fish lens, or wide-angle lens. This makes the entire viewable area much wider and shorter. The biggest problem with video is that it does not show any depth in the field for accurate measurement. Keeping that in mind, many of the so-called speeding vehicles depicted on the website are questionable to say the least.

After speaking with our accident reconstructionist who graduated from the Northwestern Traffic Institute as well as myself for accident reconstruction and speed determination, the proper way to determine speed is having two cameras at different points for reference and quantum physics and mathematical algorithms are used to make an estimate. I continue to use the word estimate, due to the fact that the Cook County Courts and all courts in general only admit evidence for speed based on radar which is calibrated after each entry and laser or LIDAR.

One last comment for the record. With hundreds of phone calls to the non-emergency police number, and after dispatchers were visibly upset by the foul language, cursing, and tone used by Mr. Romanelli, and the constant questioning of dispatchers about the law, his calls were forwarded to me after determining that his

call was not an emergency. As a manager, providing excellent customer service means to step in and attempt to correct issues that employees are having difficulties with. I find it hypocritical that Mr. Romanelli is upset that he is talking to the Chief of Police when I am responsible for the overall satisfaction of our residents. Most people when I answer the phone are delighted and surprised that they actually spoke with the Chief of Police. At no time has Mr. Romanelli ever called to set up an appointment to discuss potential strategies to assist his need after being requested to do so on several occasions, as well as our community policing team reaching out to him to offer assistance as well.

And finally, at no time were any Hillside businesses attacked by Rioters during the issues occurring in the City. In fact, through our community policing efforts and the community watch program, we were able to assist Chicago PD in identifying looters that were parked on a side street in Hillside. A great example of our Hillside residents working with the police.

Chief Lukaszek then played a recording of a message that was received tonight in our Dispatch Center from a resident complimenting our Hillside Police Department on the great job they do.

This concluded Police Chief Lukaszek's report.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

Chief Carling issued a safety reminder that with the melting snow everyone should be careful. They should look up and watch for falling ice and snow.

Village Treasurer: (Sandy Lozano)

No report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Nelson reported the necessary waivers of liens have been received for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program that is on the agenda tonight for approval.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Wajda reported update on Class 6B request from Hillside Lumber for property commonly known as 4324-38 Warren Avenue, 4250 Warren Avenue, 500 Melrose Avenue and 4329 Butterfield Road, Hillside, IL.

Administrator Wajda also reported the U.S. Census Bureau recognizes the Village of Hillside as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program, in appreciation of the efforts in helping achieve a successful 2020 Census.

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 Pay Application #2 to Builders Paving, LLC located at 4413 West Roosevelt Road, Suite 108, Hillside, IL 60162, in the amount of \$34,227.27 for work performed on the 2020 Resurfacing Program, contingent on receiving the necessary waivers 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 Kramer, to approve payment to Builders Paving, LLC, 4413 West Roosevelt Road, Suite 108, Hillside, IL 60162, in the amount of \$10,162.75 for the installation of Class D roadway patch on Wolf Road at Darmstadt Road as a result of emergency work to repair a sanitary sewer manhole and storm sewer.

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 agreement with Fulton Technologies, 16220 Poplar Road, Marengo, IL 60152, for 2021 Outdoor Warning Siren System Annual Maintenance Contract for \$731.02, and authorizing Village Administrator to sign and execute same. This is an increase of \$14.34 from 2020.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried

Trustee Watson reported the next Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Trustee Watson also reported an email was received from Andrew Koteria, thanking the police officers that helped him get his car out of a snowbank after avoiding an accident.

Trustee Watson further reported an email was received from Sergio Serritella, thanking Corporal Paul Wegner for his assistance with helping his mother with her stalled vehicle in the middle of traffic.

Trustee Watson also reported an email was received from Timothy Moore of Hillside, thanking Officer Robert Nevin, and another officer not identified, for controlling traffic while he was in a snowbank on Butterfield and Taft.

Trustee Watson commented the following:

I have been a resident of Hillside for 30 years, I have raised my 3 sons here. I love my Village and am proud to serve in it. As the Chairman of the Public Safety and Education Committee, I feel I need to address the attack on the Village. In particular last month's and this month's attack on our Police Chief.

I am going to start out by saying, I do not agree with some of the political views of the chief, but that is not why he was hired. He was hired to Serve and Protect and as police chief lead here in Hillside. He is being criticized for harassing and threatening a resident. A resident that has called dispatch over "300" times in the last two years with everything from garbage lids left open to unidentified speeders, to dog/goose poop on the prairie path. This same resident has harassed, demeaned and cursed out the people in our dispatch center. They are Adults who

are trained on helping people not on being abused. We have even had a speeding call reported with a police officer sitting at the scene. Who reported no speeder. Whenever a call comes in to dispatch, it take away from them handling real emergencies. Whenever a police car is sent to close a garbage lid or look for a speeder with no description they are not solving or preventing more serious crime elsewhere in the Village. So when the chief started having these calls forwarded to his cell phone; I agreed it was the right thing to do.

Last month and again this month, the Chief was criticized for his handling of a substance found in Proviso West two years ago. The majority of the information stated in these letters were wrong and was based on someone's opinion outside of the investigation. But with the exception of a letter written by a person claiming to be a psychic, no one believes the drugs were planted. Therefore, the real issue is Heroin was discovered inside Proviso West, period! The police investigated, the Village met with and worked with the school district in an effort to move forward. As far as I know, no one believes there is a heroin problem at Proviso West. But what disturbs me the most is, after two years, this dark time in the school's history this one incident has been kept alive not by the district, not by the village, not by the police but by a person who claims to care about the school. How can the school move forward when all people are seeing is Heroin found at the school? It is obvious to me that you only care about the school when it's convenient!

Our police chief who goes out of his way to serve and protect. I recently saw a news report on funeral shootings believed to be associated with gangs and because we have numerous cemeteries, on occasion the violence spills out here. As I look up, I see our chief deep in the fray, chasing down a suspect. Our chief is a man who has assembled and trained one of the best police forces in the area. Department complaints are almost non-existent. Under him, we have a community awareness program, a citizen police academy, a Jr Youth police academy, concealed carry class, Coffee with the chief program, a senior citizens outreach, Human Relations Commission Outreach, a Are you OK program, a Vacation Watch program, a School Liaison Program, Smart 911, CODE RED, Rapid SOS and several others.

A few minutes ago, I read several letters from people who the police have gone out of their way to help. I have personally seen the police department doing things above and beyond their job description. Just to name two incidents I have seen officers shoveling snow, last summer I observed them using a chain saw on a Sunday afternoon to remove a tree that had fallen on a resident's car. These are two examples I am aware of, just think about the other good things they are doing. I believe these great

things are reflection of great leadership. The relationship between resident and police is the best it has ever been.

In today's letter Mr. Romanelli, mentioned the summer riots, most you don't know, that under the chief's leadership and officer placement our mall was not looted by a group of vehicles driving in from Rockford. I believe he earned his money, that day.

In addition, our police chief has been working hard on grants and intra-village cooperation to help get our new dispatch center up and running and the replacement of police camera systems.

And to tell you a little about the man behind the badge, in addition to teaching classes at Triton College, where he is shaping and connecting with our youth; he and his wife, go to Jamaica once or twice a year to take school supplies and spend their vacation time teaching impoverished children of color.

So, as Chairman of the Public Safety and Education Committee I state, I do not see any gross misconduct, my recommendation is to not act on the single source of citizens comments calling for the Police Chief's removal.

As a Black man, living in America, I have seen and lived racism therefore I state our police chief is not a racist! And should be commended for his work in Hillside.

This concluded Trustee Watson's report.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to accept and place on file the findings of the February 2, 2021 Zoning Board granting of petition submitted by Toan B. Truong, 4100 N. Odell Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706, on the consideration for a Special Use in B-2 Zoning District, for the operation of a nail salon at the Hillside Town Center, 168 S. Mannheim, 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 Delgado, to approve a Special Use Petition submitted by Toan B. Truong, 4100 N. Odell Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706, on the consideration for a Special Use in B-2 Zoning District, for the operation of a nail salon at the Hillside Town Center, 168 S. Mannheim, 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 Delgado, seconded by Trustee Farries, to approve quote from Call One, 225 W. Wacker Drive, Floor 8, Chicago, IL 60606, for \$10,812.00, for Shoretel phone system required for an upgrade to the phone system, and authorizing Village Administrator 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

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Farries)

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve Resolution 21-01, Abolishing the E911 Fund of the Village of Hillside, 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 Farries, to approve Ordinance 21-01, 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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Tamburino reported that Chief Lukaszek, Trustee Watson and himself are part of Task Force working on a regional plan to deal with car jackings.

He is also part of the Executive Committee of Metropolitan Mayors Council and Covid Council. He reminded everyone to continue to stay safe.

Mayor Tamburino extended the condolences of Village Board and the Village of Hillside to the family of Charlie Graziano, a longtime resident of Hillside who recently passed away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board-of-a-Whole Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, March 8, 2021, via Zoom.


As there was no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mayor Tamburino to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, Section 120/2(c)(1).

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 8:29 P.M.


Linda L. Gould
Clerk