

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, JUNE 14, 2021

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.
	- David V. Delgado
	- John N. Kramer
	- Claudell Johnson
	- Marvin A. Watson
Absent	- None

Also present were: Joseph Pisano, Village Administrator; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; Sandy Lozano, Treasurer; Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; David Peters, Public Works Director; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT Manager; John Nelson, Village Engineer; Keegan Goss, Roger Romanelli, Amy Woodrick, George Gourley, Ellis Funchess, Janet Dubsky, Valerie Farries, residents; Darnell Johnson, Urban Efficiency Group on Health Energy Equity Transformation

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Keegan Goss, 4506 Madison, asked the Mayor and Board to provide the 2021 plan for infrastructure, streets and sidewalk improvements. He also asked if there will be any anti-speeding measures such as speed monitors and additional stop signs and if there will be plans for a new children's park.

Mr. Goss asked if residents can have input into the improvement process and or recommend projects.

Amy Woodrick, 4610 Butterfield Road, asked what type of repairs are planned for streets and sidewalks. Also, because of the speeding cars on Butterfield Road, more safety measures should be put in place for the residents that live there, along with crosswalk lights with pushbuttons at Forest and Butterfield and Mannheim and Warren.

Ms. Woodrick also said she is not in favor of the \$8,000,000.00 Prairie Path plan. She continued, the Prairie Path is great, just needs to be reconfigured.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, is asking the Mayor and Board to raise questions regarding \$105,000,000.00 no bid school construction plan for District #87. He said in March 2020 only 6% of the voters approved School District #87's property tax increase. He is asking the Mayor and Trustees for government accountability and transparency from School District #87. He asked that Mayor Tamburino through the Proviso Municipal League reach out to the Mayor's of the surrounding communities to oppose the no bid construction process for District #87.

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

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

Mayor Tamburino reported that the Village Board doesn't have any legal course or provision for any school referendum which he said passed by 70%. The Village Board has nothing to do with the School Board's dealings. Public meetings were held, Mayor Tamburino attended some of them did not hear any public outcry from the people. The School Board is a separate elected entity and they chose to go to referendum. There is nothing we can do.

Regarding speeding cars, Mayor Tamburino said there are unmarked police cars on the streets stopping cars and issuing tickets. An average of forty to fifty tickets a week are being issued.

Mayor Tamburino reported the Butterfield Road project has been revived and will probably be done. We do not have a time frame.

Mayor Tamburino continued, the IDOT plan called for an access road continuing the Prairie Path on the north side of Butterfield Road to Mannheim Road, with signaling at Mannheim. He is not sure if the signals have buttons but will check.

Mayor Tamburino also said it is not \$8,000,000.00 to move the Prairie Path. Mr. Romanelli asked how much it is? Mayor Tamburino said he had his turn to talk. Mr. Romanelli continued to ask questions.

Mayor Tamburino said there are public meetings on taxes every year. All are welcome to attend. He explained the appropriation ordinance and tax levy.

Mayor Tamburino also said we have the 50/50 Sidewalk Program to replace sidewalks.

Mayor Tamburino is looking at Historical House area for a park. Right now, PMSA students are putting a community garden in at that site.

Mayor Tamburino said he wants to do more streets, but right now we need revenue. Letters have been submitted to Representative Danny Davis and Senator Tammy Duckworth in Washington for assistance with construction projects.

Mayor Tamburino is also working on getting body cams for our Police Department. He is looking into an Adopt-A-Cop program to purchase body cams for Police Officers.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

No report

**DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:**

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

Chief Lukaszek reported forty to fifty tickets a week have been issued for speeding cars throughout town. Unmarked cars are now being used for this purpose.

Resident Roger Romanelli asked if he could ask a question. Mayor Tamburino said no, the Public Session was over. Mr. Romanelli continued to interrupt and the Mayor asked that he be escorted out of the meeting. Police Chief Lukaszek and Officer Nelson escorted Mr. Romanelli out of the meeting.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

Chief Carling reported, new Firefighter/Paramedic, Emilio Martinez, was sworn in today. He is replacing recent retiree Dan Killian. With the pending retirement of Captain Howard Murray in July, the next candidate on the list will begin the hiring process.

Public Works and Building Services Director: (David Peters)

Director Peters reported the summer interns will begin work this week.

**VILLAGE TREASURER:** (Sandy Lozano)

Treasurer Lozano reported that Sikich, our new accounting firm, will begin the annual audit this week.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER:** (John Nelson)

No report.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** (Joseph Pisano)

Administrator Pisano clarified some items that were stated incorrectly by people in attendance regarding ownership of roadways, particularly the Butterfield Road project. Butterfield and Mannheim Roads are State of Illinois roads. The relocation of the Prairie Path was required by the State, not Hillside. Modifications have been discussed with the State of Illinois.

**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 June 28, 2021.

- A. Approval of gross payroll for period May 22, through June 4, 2021, in the amount of \$313,650.78.
- B. Approval of bills for the month of June, 2021.
- C. First Reading of Appropriation Ordinance 21-06.
- D. Approval of Resolution 21-04 Appointing Joseph Pisano, Delegate and Joseph Beckwith Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).

E. Discuss approval of proposed Inter-governmental Agreement between the Illinois State Tollway Authority and the Village of Hillside regarding the rehabilitation of Darmstadt Road from Butterfield Road to a point near Storage Mart Driveway Entrance. The agreement pertains to the use of the exhibited segment of Darmstadt Road during the construction activities I-294 Interstate Improvements.

F. Discuss approval of proposed Resolution 21-05 for Board and Commissions Public Comment Procedure.

Trustee Kramer reported that the above Resolution 21-05 has not been completed and will be tabled.

Trustee Kramer reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flag Disposal Ceremony with Broadview-Hillside American Legion Post 626 was held today, in the Hillside Commons. About 35 flags were burned. This ceremony will continue to be held on Flag Day.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

No report

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Trustee Watson reported Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

No report

Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

No report

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Johnson)

Trustee Johnson reported Tuesday Summer Nights in Hillside begins July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Johnson recommended to enact Juneteenth Holiday for Freedom Day. Mayor Tamburino asked that this be placed on the agenda for the June Regular Board Meeting.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

Mayor Tamburino explained the Proviso Municipal League and what they do.

Mayor Tamburino reported on Hillside's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Veterans Memorial in the Hillside Commons.

Mayor Tamburino thanked Pastor John L. Belser, First Baptist Church of Melrose Park donation of face masks and hand sanitizer to the Village of Hillside.

Mayor Tamburino reported Speaker Chris Welch along with Jordan Temple, on Roosevelt Road, will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**


Next Regular Meeting of the Village Board scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Monday, June 28, 2021, 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 Delgado. All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Tamburino introduced Darnell Johnson from Urban Efficiency Group on Health Energy Equity Transformation who gave a presentation.

Adjournment: 8:17 P.M.

  
Linda L. Gould  
Clerk