

**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, SEPTEMBER 27, 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
	- Claudell Johnson
	- Marvin A. Watson
Absent	- None

Also present were: Joseph Pisano, Administrator; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; David Peters, Public Works and Building Services Director; Sandy Lozano, Village Treasurer; Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director; John Nelson, Village Engineer; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT Manager; Chris Derby, Dan Adams, Roger Romanelli, residents

TOWN HALL:

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Chris Derby, owner of three apartment buildings on Warren (4338, 4342, 4350) Avenue, said it is very dark between the apartment buildings. More lighting is needed between Butterfield and Warren in the alley. Mayor Tamburino said he would be calling Mr. Derby to set up a meeting.

Dan Adams, 736 East End, repeated concern about the high property taxes in Hillside. He again said the Mayor and Trustees are responsible for the high property taxes because of the purchase and maintenance of the Stimac's property for the last 2 ½ years. He said this was unacceptable government corruption.

Mr. Adams asked the Mayor and Trustees put the Stimac's property up for auction, give the proceeds back to the homeowner's and if the proceeds do not match the amount of tax dollars spent on the property, he asked the Mayor and Board to pay homeowners with their own dollars.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, repeated Dan Adams concern about property taxes and repeated Mr. Adams questions, asking if the Mayor and Board would put the Stimac's property up for auction, give the proceeds to homeowners to reduce property taxes and pay the financial difference from their own pockets to the homeowners if the auction proceeds do not match the amount of tax spent on the property.

Mr. Romanelli said government bodies never buy private properties unless there is an urgent public need. He continued saying the purchase of this property is government corruption.

Mr. Romanelli also said tomorrow, he is appealing to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate the misuse of taxes. He also asked for people to get involved.

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

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

In answer to the questions, Mayor Tamburino said we will deal with the apartment building issues.

He also said we have dealt with the Stimac's issue along with the church in the past. Although the church was not brought up tonight, Mayor Tamburino asked Administrator Pisano to comment on the church property.

Administrator Pisano said we have been working on the church property for a senior housing development for the last 2-2½ years. We are currently working with a developer, that will submit an application to IDHA (Illinois Development Housing Authority) in October. At this time, not much else can be said until our application has been reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Johnson that the minutes for Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021, and Board of a Whole Meeting of September 13, 2021, be accepted and approved.

All voting aye, motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould reported approximately 200 residents from Hillside and Berkeley attended the Tax Appeal Workshop held on September 21st at St. Domitilla. They were provided free assistance from the Proviso Township Assessor's Office completing paperwork for their real estate tax appeals.

Clerk Gould also reported the Secretary of State Mobile Drivers Unit will be in the Board Room of the Hillside Village Hall on Thursday, September 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will offer Driver's License Renewals, Vision Screening for Licenses, Illinois Photo Identification Cards and License Plate Renewal Stickers. Veteran's should bring their DD214 to receive the Veteran Designation on their Driver's License. Real ID's and driving tests will not be available at this event.

In addition, representatives from Hines VA and the Vet Center in Forest Park will also be available to provide information on services and resources that are available to Veterans.

A representative from the Westchester Food Panty will also be available, providing information and resources.

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 July, 2021, in the amount of \$535,028.30. Amount received for July, 2020, in the amount of \$427,558.77.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the month of August, 2021, in the amount of \$29,432.06.

Approval of gross payroll for period August 14 through August 27, 2021, in the amount of \$325,540.23; August 28 through September 10, 2021, in the amount of \$392,685.48 and September 11 through September 24, 2021 in the amount of \$352,914.95.

Payment of bills for the month of September 2021, in the amount of \$918,331.28.

Com Ed: Utility tax for the month of June, 2021, in the amount of \$33,376.42.

NiCor Gas: Utility Tax for the month of August, 2021, in the amount of \$6,291.10.

Excise Tax for the month of July, 2021, in the amount of \$17,480.46.

Video Gaming Tax for the month of August, 2021 in the amount of \$7,310.68.

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

Police Department Report (August, 2021).

911 Dispatch Report (August, 2021).

Fire Department Report (August, 2021).

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

Public Works Department Report (July, August).

Building Inspector's Report (July, August).

Social Services Report (August, 2021)

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

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek

Chief Lukaszek reported three new Police Officers have been hired. They all passed the Power Test and will start the Chicago Police Academy October 4th.

Mayor Tamburino talked about pension costs in the Police and Fire Departments.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

Chief Carling reported the Open House for Fire Prevention week scheduled for Saturday, October 9th at the Fire House has been cancelled because of Covid safety concerns.

Mayor Tamburino reminded everyone that the Hillside Fire Department is a #1 rated department in the State of Illinois.

Communications and Technology Director: (Joseph Beckwith)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director: (David Peters)

Director Peters reported street resurfacing will begin next week and the tree replanting program will begin in a few weeks.

Village Treasurer: (Sandy Lozano)

Treasurer Lozano reported the Village of Hillside has received Certificate in Achievement for Excellence in Reporting for fiscal year 2020. The Village has received this award since 1982.

VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Nelson reported bids were opened this morning. The lowest apparent bid was from Builders Paving in the amount of \$793,825.00. There were five bids. This bid was 6% under the estimate. It is recommended to accept this bid.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Pisano congratulated Treasurer Lozano for the work done so the Village can continue to receive the financial award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve payment of membership dues to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for 2021 in the amount of \$367.07. There was no increase from 2020.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried

Absent: None

Motion declared carried

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to approve holiday decorations and lighting renewal from Holiday Creations Pro, Inc., 202 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60438, for the amount of \$76,338.21, and authorizing Village Administrator to sign and execute same. There was no cost increase from 2020.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
Kramer, Johnson, 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 authorize the Village Administrator to contact the Police and Fire Commission to promote a Sergeant from the current promotional list to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Sergeant Mike Reed.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried

Trustee Watson reported the Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, September 29th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Motion made by Trustee Lomeli, seconded by Trustee Kramer, to accept and place on file the minutes of the Zoning Board Meeting of September 21, 2021, to consider a petition submitted by Kenneth Johnson, 301 Iroquois Road, Hillside, IL 60162 on consideration for a Variation in R-2 Zoning District to permit coverage of the lot by impervious surfaces from 20% to 28.98% at the property commonly known as 301 Iroquois Road, Hillside, IL 60162.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado,
Kramer, Watson
Nays: None
Abstain: Trustee Johnson
Absent: None

Motion declared carried

Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

No report

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Johnson)

Trustee Johnson together, the Villages of Berkeley and Hillside are sponsoring their "1st Annual Autumnfest on the Prairie Path", that will take place on Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day located at Taft and Electric Avenues.

Entertainment, Market Vendors, pumpkins, magic, balloon art, puppets, and more! Free wagon rides and fun for all ages. Food and beverages available for purchase. Beer and wine provided by the Shriners with all proceeds going to the Shriners Children's hospital.

Free parking and shuttle to "fest" area will be available. Event is in planning process and more information will be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to approve Resolution 21-08 Cook County Block Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement for grant received for gymnasium renovation located within Village property located at 431 Hillside Avenue and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Watson, to award the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project to Builders Paving, 4401 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162, as the lowest qualified bidder for the amount of \$793,825.00.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Tamburino read Proclamation in observance of Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2021.

Mayor Tamburino reported the 18th Annual Cemetery Tour is Saturday, October 9th. All tickets have been sold.

Mayor Tamburino extended his condolences to the family of Rich Scheck, former Mayor of North Riverside, who recently passed away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board-of-a-Whole Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, October 11, 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.

Adjournment: 8:08 P.M.



Linda L. Gould
Clerk