

**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, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

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; Laith Ibrahim, Deputy Police Chief; Ryan Wyckoff, Fire Lieutenant; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; John Nelson, Village Engineer; Joseph Beckwith, Assistant Administrator and Communications and Technology Director; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director, Police Officers Brandon Martsolf, Ryan Nickel, and Robert Campagna, Firefighter/Paramedic Connor Lowman; family and friends of new Police Officers and Firefighters and members of the Hillside Police and Fire Departments; Roger Romanelli, Julio Aguirre, Janet Dubsky, Ellis Funchess, Bill O'Connor, residents

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tamburino opened the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, brought in a visual aide along with his neighbor, Julio Aguirre to hold. Mr. Romanelli said they had some concerns about following the laws of our state and again stated, his concern about high taxes.

He asked why the meeting being held this Friday is only for anyone over 60 years of age. He said the Open Meetings Act was being violated by not allowing anyone under 60 years of age to attend the meeting.

Mr. Romanelli then brought up what he said was with election interference. He said that on the visual aide he brought there was a picture of State Representative Welch along with Hillside Police Officers that were on duty, inside a government building, who, in his view, were promoting Representative Welch's campaign.

Mr. Romanelli said the Police Officers should be assisting the public not posing for illegal political photos.

Mr. Romanelli then said there was a public meeting held on May 14th, where Representative Welch's wife passed out political flyers on the building grounds. He again said this was election interference.

Mr. Romanelli then asked the Mayor, why the meeting on Friday is only for residents 60 years of age or older and why people under 60 years of age are being discriminated against?

Julio Aguirre, 752 Rohde, said when he moved to Hillside 7 years ago, his taxes were \$4,200.00 and now his taxes are \$7,000.00. He also asked why he can't attend the meeting on Friday. He said he doesn't know the laws, but does feel discriminated against.

Mayor Tamburino invited him to come in with his tax bill so he look at it. Mr. Aguirre said he doesn't understand why his taxes are \$7000.00 and his neighbor pays \$650.00. Mayor Tamburino said that was difficult to answer without seeing the bill.

There was discussion at this time between Mr. Romanelli and Mayor Tamburino. Mayor Tamburino said the last time he brought someone in with high taxes the person did not apply for all the benefits he was entitled to receive. Mr. Romanelli told the Mayor he could not slander him. After much back and forth discussion Mr. Romanelli sat down.

Mayor Tamburino said to Mr. Aguirre he wants to look at the tax bill to be sure that all of the exemptions are being applied. He explained that when we passed our property tax levy, we passed a zero increase. He also said the area that Mr. Aguirre lives in has new taxes for the new school that was built.

Mayor Tamburino also said he would be happy to go to the Assessor's office together with him.

Mr. Aguirre again asked about being able to attend the meeting on Friday. Mayor Tamburino said he would talk about that in a few minutes.

Again, there was conversation between Mr. Romanelli and Mayor Tamburino. Mr. Romanelli said it was wrong for Mayor Tamburino to attack him personally. Mayor Tamburino said he was not attacking him. Trustee Watson said to Mr. Romanelli that Mayor Tamburino did not even bring up his name, it was Mr. Romanelli who brought this up. Again, there was back and forth conversation and Mayor Tamburino finally said, this was the end of the conversation or he would have Mr. Romanelli removed. Mr. Romanelli took his seat.

Janet Dubsky, 452 High Ridge, thanked the Mayor, Village Board, Police, Fire, Public Works departments along with the EMA for a great job this past weekend for Autumn Fest. Everyone had a good time. She said, in her opinion, Hillside is a great place to live.

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

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

Mayor Tamburino responded to the comments saying the meeting on Friday, October 14 is to formulate a new Senior Social Club. This was being put together when the pandemic happened. Mayor Tamburino added that if he thinks he is breaking the law, to sue him. Mayor Tamburino added, this is not a political meeting and this is why the meeting has been restricted on age.

Mayor Tamburino said if Mr. Aguirre wants to meet Representative Welch, he will be happy to make an appointment with him and meet with the Representative in his Westchester office.

Mayor Tamburino said the meeting on Friday is to get the seniors together. Jan O'Connor is the coordinator of Senior Services. She will be there to help and guide the seniors.

Regarding the meeting Mr. Romanelli mentioned that took place on May 14th was the annual Martin Luther King breakfast. We normally have this in January and we bring in guest speakers. Every year someone is going to be handing out some kind of literature outside the building.

Mr. Aguirre said the flyers were only in English not in Spanish. Mayor Tamburino said this was an oversight and we are working on an affordable way to have our newsletter in Spanish and English.

He continued saying we are very fortunate in Hillside to have four hotels of which we collect a hotel tax that enables us to have different events.

Trustee Watson said that as Chairman of the Public Safety and Education committee the officers in the photo were not on duty, they volunteered and came in on their own time to take the photo.

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould administered the Oaths of Office to Oaths of Office to new Police Officers, Brandon Martsolf, Ryan Nickel, Robert Campagna and new Firefighter/Paramedic Connor Lowman. Firefighter/Paramedic Emilio Martinez was not able to attend due to illness.

Mr. Romanelli left the meeting at this time.

Clerk Gould reminded online voter registration is available on the Cook County Clerk's website, cookcountyclerk.com. until Sunday, October 23rd. The last day to register in person at the Hillside Village Hall is tomorrow, Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Clerk Gould also reminded Mail Ballot applications for the November 8, 2022 election are available at the Village Hall and online at cookcountyclerk.com. Completed applications must be received at the Cook County Clerk's Office by Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Clerk Gould reported Early Voting is October 24 - November 7, 2022, nearest polling places are the Village of Bellwood, 3200 Washington, or Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Avenue. Clerk Gould also reported mail ballot drop boxes will also be available at the Early Voting locations from locations October 24 - November 7, 2022.

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Police: (Chief Dan Murphy)

Chief Murphy read Letter of Commendation for Corporal Whittle, Corporal Dolan, Officer Reiter and Officer Nickel.

Chief Murphy also reminded the Anthony Raymond 50th Anniversary Memorial Service is Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard of the Village Complex. Several members of the Raymond family will be in attendance.

Fire Chief: (Chief Ken Carling)

Chief Carling reminded that this is Fire Prevention Week and will conclude with the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Chief Carling also thanked the Mayor and Board for their continued support.

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Dave Peters)

Director Peters reported the street patching was completed last week. He also reported that eight trees that were planted did not survive and will be replaced.

Assistant Administrator, Communications and Technology Director:
(Joe Beckwith)

No report

VILLAGE TREASURER: (Sandy Lozano)

No report

VILLAGE ENGINEER: (John Nelson)

Engineer Nelson reported the Jackson Boulevard/Vanna Court water main project is complete except for a few punch list items that should be completed next week.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (Joe Pisano)

Administrator Pisano read the following letter conveyed to Clerk Gould from resident George Gourley:

Mr. Gourley is very proud to be a resident of Hillside. He wants to thank everyone, Mayor Tamburino, Clerk Gould, Trustees Walter, Lomeli, Delgado, Kramer, Johnson and Watson.

He also wants to thank Fire Chief Carling, Police Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Ibrahim along with their departments. He said everyone is well trained and Hillside doesn't take a back seat to anyone. They are top notch and know their stuff. Everyone in these departments presents themselves with pride. Mr. Gourley thanks Administrator Pisano, Assistant Administrator Beckwith, Public Works Director Peters, Dispatch Staff, especially Susan Vacca and Sherri Hopkins and the entire Administrative Staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Trustee Walter reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022.

- A. Approval of gross payroll for period September 24th through October 7, 2022 in the amount of \$331,778.82.
- B. Approval of revision to contract with Municode now doing business as CivicPlus, 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502, to provide supplementation services associated with adding new ordinances and language changes to the Hillside Municipal Code of Ordinances. The new contract will amend charges from a per page charge of \$18.75 to a flat annual rate of \$2,521.00 per year for all supplementation services. The flat rate fee will allow stable budgeting and potential for additional long-term cost savings.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

Trustee Delgado reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022.

- A. Approval of annual Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services with Cook County Health Department, for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023.

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Trustee Watson reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022.

- A. Approval of Communications and Technology Director, Joe Beckwith, to attend the IPSTA, Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications Association Conference, October 23-26, 2022, in Springfield, IL, at a cost of \$1,272.00.

Trustee Watson also reported the Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

No report

Veteran's and Technology Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Trustee Kramer reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022.

- A. Approval of estimate in the amount of \$9,750.00 from Petroleum Technologies Equipment, Inc., 8447 44th Place, Lyons, IL 60534 to replace the obsolete petroleum accounting software system located at the Public Works Department. Due to the age of the software, functions such as printing reports and tabulating fuel usage is no longer possible.

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Johnson)

Trustee Johnson reported "2nd Annual Autumnfest on the Prairie Path" with the Villages of Hillside and Berkeley, on Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th was well attended. All enjoyed themselves. She thanked all departments for their help.

Trustee Johnson also reported residents 60 years of age and older are invited to a free breakfast on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 4400 N. Frontage Road. Guest Speaker will be the Honorable Speaker of the Illinois House, Emanuel "Chris" Welch. Reservations required. Please call Evelyn Belmonte at 708-202-4343 by Monday, October 10th.

Trustee Johnson further reported Hillside Youth Commission is hosting Halloween Festivities at the Hillside Commons on Monday, October 31, 2022. Costume judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a bonfire and wagon rides. Trick or Treat hours are from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Johnson also reported the following will be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2022.

- A. Approval of the appointment of Vivian Logan to the Community Relations Commission.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Tamburino reported Hillside's 20th Annual Veterans Day Parade is Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Grand Marshal is U.S. Marine-Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient and Village Trustee David Delgado.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Tamburino announced the next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL, 60162.

Mayor Tamburino asked everyone to stay for cake and coffee.

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

Adjournment: 8:15 P.M.


Linda L. Gould
Clerk