

**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, AUGUST 8, 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:

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| Mayor | - Joseph T. Tamburino |
| Clerk | - Linda L. Gould |
| Trustees | - Herman L. Walter, Jr. |
| | - Frank J. Lomeli, Sr. |
| | - David V. Delgado |
| | - Claudell Johnson |
| | - Marvin A. Watson |
| Absent | - Trustee John N. Kramer |

Also present were: Joseph Pisano, Village Administrator; Dan Murphy, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; John Nelson, Village Engineer; Joseph Beckwith, Assistant Administrator and Communications and Technology Director; Sandy Lozano, Treasurer; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director, Roger Romanelli, Janet Dubsky, Karen Bimler, Barb Ganschow, residents

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tamburino opened the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, upon approaching the podium, presented a 2x3 poster board only to the audience. Mayor Tamburino instructed him that he needed to address the Council. He also said, Mr. Romanelli needed show and address the elected Council both verbally and with any visual aids as required by Ordinance. There was much back and forth discussion and after briefly showing the visual aid to the elected officials, Mr. Romanelli turned and presented to the audience only.

Mr. Romanelli again complained that Hillside property taxes are too high and must be lowered. He is asking for a two million dollar property tax rebate for residents next year. He said the tax levy must go down.

Mr. Romanelli said that the Village made a mistake by purchasing Stimac's, Hillside Presbyterian Church and allocating money for a walking bridge over the expressway. He asked for a property tax rebate for 2023.

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

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

Mayor Tamburino reported that there will be a Senior Housing project on the church site. The village has been working with a developer for over 2½ years. Things were pushed back due to COVID. At this time, the property is not on the tax rolls and was not on the tax rolls when the village acquired the property. There was no loss in tax dollars to the Village of Hillside.

Mayor Tamburino continued saying a two million dollar tax rebate is not going to happen. Last year there was no tax increase for the Village of Hillside. He can't say if it will be the same for this year. The biggest cost to the Village is pensions for our Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Tamburino explained that the walkway bridge over the expressway is not ours. Hillside is not spending money on this project. This was part of an IDOT grant that never materialized.

He also said the previous owners of Stimac's paid all back taxes on the property. We have had a lot of interest for this property and have even entertained other uses. Mayor Tamburino would like to see a family restaurant. We are currently talking with two people that are interested.

Mayor Tamburino said we have not appropriated \$700,000.00 and we are not going too. He said this was one of the gimmicks that was used constantly, at this point Mr. Romanelli interrupted by asking if the Mayor was talking to him? Mayor Tamburino said he was talking to the people here. Mr. Romanelli said you can't slander me. There continued to be back and forth discussion after which Mayor Tamburino continued with the meeting agenda.

At this time Mr. Romanelli left the meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK:

No report

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Police: (Daniel Murphy)

Chief Murphy reported "Cop on a Rooftop" to benefit Special Olympics will be held at Dunkin Donuts, 335 S. Wolf Road. Hillside on Friday, August 19th from 5:00 a.m. until noon.

Chief Murphy also reported that Hillside Police Department will be represented at the Brookfield Zoo First Responder Day on Sunday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This event is a thank you to all area Police Departments.

Mayor Tamburino recognized the Police Department for the good work that was done with recovering stolen catalytic converters over the weekend.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Dave Peters)

Engineer Nelson reported the strike is over and the water main project at Jackson and Vanna is set to begin again the week of August 22nd. He also reported the first pay estimate for this project is on the agenda for tonight.

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

No report

VILLAGE TREASURER: (Sandy Lozano)

Treasurer Lozano reported auditors from Sikich, are currently conducting field work for the audit of our fiscal year that ended April 30, 2022.

Mayor Tamburino commented that Hillside has been awarded \$447,000.00 as part of an Opioid lawsuit that we entered with several other towns. We do not know how the money can be used.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: (John Nelson)

Report given under Public Works.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (Joe Pisano)

Administrator Pisano expanded more on the Opioid settlement, saying at this time we don't have specifics on how money will be disbursed. Two receiverships have been set up for disbursements and a special receivership will be appointed for municipalities.

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 August 22, 2022.

- A. Approval of gross payroll for period July 16 through July 29, 2022, in the amount of \$337,307.60.
- B. Approval of bills for the month of August, 2022.
- C. Approval of Tuition Reimbursement Policy for all eligible full-time employees who are approved to participate in the village program. The new policy includes a 36 month employment retention agreement.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

Trustee Delgado reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of August 22, 2022.

- A. Approval to Pay Estimate 1 in the amount of \$224,600.40 to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., P.O. Box 831, Huntley, IL 60142, for work performed on the 2022 Jackson Blvd. and Vanna Ct. Road Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement Project.
- B. Approval of proposal in the amount of \$48,000.00 from Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC., 9014 S. Thomas Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455, to perform additional sanitary sewer cleaning and televising on various Village sanitary mains.

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 August 22, 2022.

- A. Approval of Intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Westchester for the installation of an antenna and auxiliary equipment onto and within Fencel Water Tank for the purpose of collecting water meter radio reads for their community. The installation of this antenna may also be used for reading Village of Hillside water meters in the future.
- B. Approval of Axon Enterprise Inc., 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255, for a five-year contract for seven Taser's for a cost of \$8,820.04 per year. This price includes unlimited cartridges, training, and a liability insurance policy for the Police Department.
- C. Approval to purchase one 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicle for \$50,564.00 from Currie Motors Ford of Valpo, 2052 Northland Drive Valparaiso, Indiana, 46385. The purchase price is through the State of Illinois Purchase Program. The purchase was budgeted and will be paid for through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Trustee Watson also reported letter received from Thomas Benno commending Police Officer Ryan Nickel for his professionalism in the handling of a traffic accident that occurred in Hillside, June, 2022.

Trustee Watson further reported the Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

No report

Veteran's and Technology Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Trustee Delgado reported the following are to be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of August 22, 2022.

- A. Approval of Impact Networking LLC, 13875 W. Boulton Blvd, Lake Forest, IL 60045, for a five-year contract to replace all 10 printers/copiers for a cost of \$2,250 per month. The previous contract was \$2,549.00 per month.
- B. Approval to purchase ten Getac S410 Rugged computers and docking stations for police squads at a cost of \$31,426.60 from CDW-G, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, Illinois 60675. The purchase was budgeted and will be paid for through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Johnson)

Trustee Johnson reminded Tuesday Summer Nights in Hillside continue August 9th with 7th heaven, and August 16th with Sail On. Come out for entertainment, with concerts starting at 7:30 p.m. Food and beer will be available for purchase, with Cruise Nights and the Market Place beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Johnson also reported a Back to School event for the children will be held on Saturday, August 27th, in the Board Room and courtyard from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. There will be music, Game Truck and lunch. More information will be on our website and Facebook page.

Mayor Tamburino reported our concert series is paid for with our hotel/motel tax along with some funding from our businesses.

Trustee Johnson reported on the Hillside Youth Commission "Walk on the Wild Side" a live animal exhibit held Friday, August 5th was very successful.

Trustee Johnson also thanked the Youth Commission for their help with the various activities that are sponsored.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:


Mayor Tamburino asked that all remember Clyde Norwood in their prayers during his illness. His wife, Fatima, is on our Human Relations Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Tamburino announced the next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Monday, August 22, 2022, in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex, 425 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, IL, 60162.

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

Adjournment: 8:02 P.M.



Linda L. Gould
Clerk