

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, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

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

Also present were: Joseph Lukaszek, Police Chief; Ken Carling, Fire Chief; Joseph Pisano, Public Works Director; Mike Tecson, Village Attorney; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT Manager; Ellis Funchess, Janet Dubsy, Roger Romanelli, Amy Woodrick, residents

TOWN HALL:

Mayor Tamburino opened the Town Hall section of the meeting.

Janet Dubsy, 452 High Ridge Road, said she has lived in Hillside for over fifty-nine years and seen many changes over the years. She does not have a sidewalk nor does she want one. She also feels safe crossing Butterfield Road at Forest and doesn't feel a need for a stoplight there because most of the time traffic stops for her to cross. In her opinion, Hillside does a wonderful job especially by offering many services for our residents that most other villages do not.

Ms. Dubsy attended the October 26th Board Meeting and said residents complained about expenditures and how tax dollars should be spent. She said most of the complaints were about grant money which does not come from property taxes. She also talked about street lights saying everyone who complains about street lights do not want them in their yards.

Ms. Dubsy said she was proud to be a resident of Hillside and thanked the Village Board, Fire, Police and Public Works for doing an excellent job.

Amy Woodrick, 4610 Butterfield Road, said she is a nurse and disturbed that there is an open meeting tonight and asked why the Village was not having Zoom meetings like other villages. She asked the Board to consider Zoom meetings in the future.

Ms. Woodrick said she is looking for answers as to why the village purchases buildings. She feels that buying buildings in town is a mismanagement of funds and there are other things that need to be done. She suggested that the church which the village bought should be leased to another congregation. She said if investors are interested, let them buy these buildings.

She continued saying that she will keep attending village meetings to find out why the village is purchasing buildings.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, said he is also representing neighbors who could not make the meeting due to safety concerns. He asked that until crisis is under control to make the meetings available to the public remotely by telephone or internet.

He asked for answers tonight on why the village purchased the church at Taft and Ridge Avenues. He asked why \$640,000.00 was spent on the purchase of this building. He also asked why some recommendations of the village real estate appraiser, CBRE Group, were ignored? He said a representative from the Chicago Presbyterian Church said there was a congregation interested in the building before the village purchased it. The building has been vacant for four years and serves no public use to Hillside residents.

Mr. Romanelli asked if tonight the village will admit it was wrong in purchasing the church and to return the \$640,000.00 to the village coffers to be used in the neighborhoods for street lights, sidewalks, stop signs and to help with COVID crisis. He continued why do the residents own church property?

He ended by saying this meeting was being recorded and if the questions were not answered this would be available for all residents.

Clerk Gould read the following comment received via email.

My Name is Ron Vaisvila, I live at 5004 St Paul Ct

I think it is a shame and an embarrassment that some restaurants are defying Governor Pritker's executive order on inside dining. COVID-19 is rising in our population in in the amount of people admitted to our local hospitals. So much so the medical workers are saying they are getting burned out. I know

restaurants are having a hard time now, and it seems unfair, but if you have been alive long enough, you will know everyone goes through hard times. How you deal with the hard time speaks to your character. I think the Governor is doing a good job handling the pandemic, and it is proven by the numbers of people we have infected as compared to other states. I think the Governor is saving lives, by the way he is handling this crisis, but he cannot do it alone, we all have to do our part.

November 17, 2020

Springfield, Ill. - The Governor moved all of Illinois to Tier 3 resurgence mitigations beginning on Friday. In addition, he emphasizes the importance of adapting holiday plans to a virtual platform and staying home unless necessary.

The numbers don't lie," Pritzker said at the time. "If things don't take a turn in the coming days, we will quickly reach the point when some form of a mandatory stay-at-home order is all that will be left. With every fiber of my being, I do not want us to get there, but right now that seems to be where we are heading." (November 17, 2020)

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

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

Mayor Tamburino said when the Presbyterian Church came up "For Sale", and since it is a large piece of property, it was looked at for future development. Our thought was to get the property on the tax rolls. This is the only church we have bought. Previously, churches have bought some of our commercial properties.

We currently are working with the Village of Berkeley, who is taking the lead, on developing Taft Avenue.

Mayor Tamburino said we were looking for a senior housing development, which is something that is needed here, but the tax credits went away. Hopefully they will come back. The church property is approximately two acres. We continue to look at a total redevelopment.

He continued saying the church would have liked to sell to another church, but again, we are looking to put the property back on the tax rolls.

Mayor Tamburino said at the last meeting a question was asked as to why we bought a house in Bellwood. We didn't buy the house, the State of Illinois through CMAP and CAPS bought the house, which is a part of the Butterfield Road project.

He continued saying the village also looks at no bid purchases offered through Cook County for development. All communities look at properties to develop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Tamburino entertained a motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes for Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020, and Board of a Whole Meeting of November 9, 2020, the minutes be accepted and approved.

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

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould reminded the Village Offices will be closed Thursday November 26, Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, 2020, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Clerk Gould reported the December Board of a Whole Meeting will be December 14, and the Regular Board Meeting will be December 21, 2020.

Clerk Gould also reported the Secretary of State Mobile Drivers Unit scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th was cancelled.

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 September, 2020, in the amount of \$449,878.59. Amount received for September, 2019, in the amount of \$395,297.21.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the month of October, 2020, in the amount of \$25,793.54.

Approval of gross payroll for periods October 24 through November 6, 2020, in the amount of \$302,808.88; and November 7 through November 20, 2020, in the amount of \$555,532.40.

Payment of bills for the month of November, 2020, in the amount of \$664,769.66.

Com Ed: Utility tax for the month of August, 2020, in the amount of \$38,809.50.

NiCor Gas: Utility Tax for the month of September, 2020, in the amount of \$6,062.15.

Excise Tax for the month of September, 2020, in the amount of \$16,808.65.

Video Gaming Tax for the month of September, 2020, in the amount of \$5,496.73.

Code Enforcement Officer's Reports (October, 2020).

Police Department Report (October, 2020).

Fire Department Report (October, 2020).

E.M.A. Report (October, 2020).

Public Works Department Report (October, 2020).

Building Inspector's Report (No report).

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:

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

Chief Lukaszek reported on the recent shooting in Hillside. He said we are working on this with Maywood. Because this is a juvenile matter no one wants to cooperate and it is against the law for us to discuss.

Fire Chief: (Ken Carling)

Chief Carling reported the Fire Department helped to distribute coats to the students at Hillside School. This was done in cooperation with Project Warm, a non-profit organization.

Village Treasurer: (Sandy Lozano)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director: (Joseph Pisano)

Director Pisano reported that the 2020 Paving Project finished up this evening. Driveways will be finished this week. Pavement markings will be done in spring.

Mayor Tamburino said this was the largest area in Hillside to be paved.

Mayor Tamburino also said that when the request came in on Friday for tonight's meeting to be a Zoom meeting there wasn't time for Joe Beckwith, our IT Director, to research. Friday was the day that Hillside took over the dispatching for Westchester in our 911 Center. Although there have been a few problems most has gone well.

VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Administration Committee: (Trustee Kramer)

Motion made by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve membership dues for Illinois Municipal League (IML), 500 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 5180, Springfield, IL 62705, January 1 through December 31, 2021, for \$925.00. There has been no increase in the past 5 years.

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 Kramer, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to approve membership dues for Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 433 W. Van Buren Street, Suite 450, Chicago, IL 60607, for FY 2021, for \$306.83 based on population.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Trustee Kramer gave the first reading of FY-2020-2021 Tax Levy Ordinance 20-10 in the amount of \$13,364,816.00.

Trustee Kramer reported on flag disposal ceremony held on Veterans Day.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Lomeli, to approve payment in the amount of \$20,343.75 to National Power Rodding Corp., 2500 W Arthington Street, Chicago, IL 60612-4108 for emergency work performed to clean and televise the Village's eight (8) inch sanitary main on the north side of Butterfield Road from Taft Avenue to N. Forest Avenue due to blockages at various locations.

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 Lomeli, to approve contract in the amount of \$126,500.00, plus the cost of any asbestos abatement, to Langos Corp., 124 Deepwood Road, Barrington Hills, IL 60010, for the demolition of 4203 Edgewater Avenue, 4207 Edgewater Avenue, 4211 Edgewater Avenue, and 4401-4403 Butterfield Road (Bellwood, IL). Four contractors were solicited for bids and Langos Corp. was the only bidder for the project.

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Farries, to approve purchase of 12 new vehicle cameras for the amount of \$121,988.00 with an annual cost of \$23,997.60, from WatchGuard Video, Inc., 415 E. Exchange Parkway, Allen TX 75002, and authorizing Village Administrator to sign and execute same. The purchase is being paid through the equipment replacement fund. The Village will apply for a grant of \$5,500.00 per camera from the State of Illinois in March of 2021. These cameras can be integrated to body cameras at a future date.

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 Community Awareness Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020, had been cancelled, and future meetings are suspended until further notice.

Zoning Committee: (Trustee Lomeli)

Trustee Lomeli reported the Zoning Board of Appeals to hold public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, in the Board Room of the Municipal Complex, to consider petition submitted by Fermin Lucena, 2 North Irving, Hillside, IL 60162, on the consideration for a Variance in an R-2 Zoning District to construct a 28 x 22 foot garage at 2 North Irving, Hillside.

Technology Committee: (Trustee Delgado)

No report

Community Services Committee: (Trustee Farries)

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Motion made by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Farries, to approve Resolution 20-09 Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Construction on State Highways for years 2021 and 2022.

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 entertained a motion to approve Liquor license request by Cater II You, Inc., 4826-4828 Butterfield Road, for a catering liquor license. Cater II You, Inc. is acquiring The Spot Event Hall and expanding to also use the space at 4828 Butterfield. No ordinance change is required as the Spot Event Hall is an ongoing business.

So moved by Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Mayor Tamburino read Proclamation: National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month - December 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:


Next Board-of-a-Whole Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, December 14, 2020, 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 Watson, seconded by Trustee Farries.

All voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:21 P.M.


Linda L. Gould
Clerk