

**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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

In the absence of Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Clerk Linda L. Gould. Clerk Gould asked for a motion to appoint one of the Trustees to serve as Temporary Chairperson.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Watson, that Trustee Delgado be appointed to act as Temporary Chairperson for this scheduled Board of a Whole meeting.

All voting aye, motion carried.

The following members responded as present at roll call:

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:	- Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino

Also present were: Joseph Pisano, Village Administrator; Patrick Deady, Village Attorney; Marco DeVito, Fire Captain; Sandy Lozano, Treasurer; David Peters, Public Works and Building Services Director; Joseph Beckwith, 911 Director/IT Manager; Anthony Faragia, EMA Director, John Nelson, Village Engineer; John Wardisiani, Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA); George Gourley, Janet Dubsky, Anthony Simpson, Dan Adams, Roger Romanelli, Ellis Funchess, residents

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Temporary Chairperson Delgado opened the Public Comment section of the meeting and announced if anyone had anything to present to the Village Board they would be allowed three (3) minutes.

Janet Dubsky, 452 High Ridge, thanked the Village for both the Summer Nights concerts and 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Both were nice events.

Ms. Dubsy also said, she feels residents complain at the Board Meetings about how the village handles things, but when issues are addressed, they interrupt and are rude. She continued, if they don't know how to control themselves, they should not attend.

Anthony Simpson, 4431 Jackson Blvd., asked when Jackson Blvd. is scheduled for repair. He has discussed this several times and said the street is deteriorating and needs repair very soon. As a taxpayer, he said this street needs to be repaired now.

Dan Adams, 736 East End, said the property tax bills are here and are devastating to homeowners. He is asking for tax dollars to be given back to the people. He suggested auctioning the Stimac's Restaurant and the Presbyterian Church properties, and then give the proceeds to the homeowners as property tax rebates.

Mr. Adams also asked that the Village Board withdraw their support for the \$2,000,000.00 property tax reduction for Hillside Lumber.

Roger Romanelli, 4406 Madison, as a concerned resident and homeowner, asked for a show of hands from the audience as to how many agreed that Hillside property taxes are out of control. After which he said, it was time for a property tax freeze.

He repeated his concern about the Stimac's Restaurant property saying the Village purchased the property 2 ½ years ago for \$375,000.00. He said this property should be sold immediately and proceeds given to Hillside taxpayers as a property tax rebate.

Mr. Romanelli also complained again about the Village purchasing the Presbyterian Church 4 ½ years ago for \$640,000.00. He said the village said they bought the church for Senior Housing. He agreed we need Senior Housing in Hillside, but there are many apartments buildings that could have been bought, in Hillside, for that reason. Again, he said this property should be auctioned immediately and proceeds given to Hillside taxpayers as a property tax rebate.

At this time, Trustee Watson informed Mr. Romanelli his three (3) minutes were up. Mr. Romanelli said the rules were being changed. He said, at the last meeting he had five (5) minutes. Mr. Romanelli was informed he was given extra time at the last meeting. The meeting became uncontrollable. There was much shouting and yelling.

Administrator Pisano called for order and said if order was not restored people would be removed from the meeting.

Again, Mr. Romanelli kept repeating over and over that the rules were being changed. He also said he was almost done and tried to continue with his comments.

At this point, Temporary Chairperson Delgado, said the rules were not changed. Mr. Romanelli finally sat down.

As there were no further comments from the floor, Temporary Chairperson Delgado entertained a motion to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

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

VILLAGE CLERK:

Clerk Gould reported the Village of Hillside and Village of Berkeley will hold a Property Tax Appeal Workshop with Proviso Township Assessor's Office on Tuesday, September 21st, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at St. Domitilla School South Hall. To file your appeal, please bring your latest tax bill and identification to the workshop.

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. Driver's tests and Real ID's will not be available at this event.

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPERATING REPORTS:

Police Chief: (Joseph Lukaszek)

No report

Fire Chief: (Captain Devito)

No report

Public Works and Building Services Director: (David Peters)

No report

Village Treasurer: (Sandy Lozano)

No report

VILLAGE ENGINEER: (John Nelson)

Engineer Nelson reported bids are now being taken for 2021 Street Resurfacing Project.

Temporary Chairperson Delgado asked what streets will be resurfaced?

Engineer Nelson reported the streets that would be done for this project are east of Wolf Road, south of Madison, south of Warren, and west of Forest.

Temporary Chairperson Delgado asked if Jackson would be done?

Administrator Pisano explained there is preliminary water main work that needs to be done on Jackson before the street can be resurfaced. The project will be completed in the spring of 2022.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (Joseph Pisano)

Administrator Pisano reported the Cook County Block Grant that the Village of Hillside applied for two years ago has been approved.

Administrator Pisano also said the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has made some modifications on water usage and he will be looking into why the modifications were made.

Administrator Pisano further said that Target has asked for temporary use on the outside of their building for storage through January.

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 September 27, 2021.

- A. Approval of gross payroll for period August 14th through August 27, 2021, in the amount of \$325,540.23 and August 28th through September 10, 2021 in the amount of \$392,685.48.
- B. Approval of bills for the month of September, 2021.
- C. Approval of payment of membership dues to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for 2021 in the amount of \$367.07.

Public Services Committee: (Trustee Walter)

Trustee Walter introduced John Wardisiani, from the Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA) who presented an update on the Village partnership to formulate a community garden at the Hillside Historical House located at 700 N. Wolf Road. Mr. Wardisiani said about 40% of the garden was planted this year. Everything, including a donation from PMSA Key Club was donated to the local food pantry. The students enjoyed having the garden and all are looking forward to next season.

Public Safety and Education Committee: (Trustee Watson)

Trustee Watson reported the following will be on the agenda for action at the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2021.

- A. Approval 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.
- B. Approval 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 Sgt. Mike Reed.
- C. Community Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, September 29th, 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)

No report

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

Temporary Chairperson Delgado read Proclamation in observance of Chamber of Commerce Week, September 12-18, 2021.

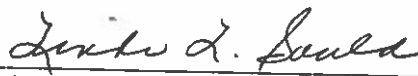
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting of the Village Board scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Monday, September 27, 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 Watson.
All voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment: 7:48 P.M.



Linda L. Gould
Clerk