

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM
AUGUST 15, 2023**

Call to Order

Mayor Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:40 P.M. Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Klatzco led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman, the following were:

Present: President Patel; Trustees Halevi, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera, Klatzco

Absent: Trustee Martel

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Assistant Village Manager Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Public Works Director Brendon Mendoza, Interim Public Works Director Jason Brianas, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Planning and Economic Development Manager Douglas Hammel, Parks and Recreation Director Karen Hawk, and Village Attorney Hart Passman.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 18, 2023, Village Board meetings were presented for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Village Board meeting.

Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Saleem, Halevi, Sargon, Klatzco, Herrera

NAYS: None

The minutes were approved.

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$2,273,257.91. Trustee Sargon seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Herrera, Saleem, Sargon, Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed

ABSENT: Trustee Martel

President's Report

Mayor Patel announced that Najia Ahmed is the recipient of this year's Madeleine Grant Recognition Award. Mayor Patel spoke of Mayor Grant's qualities and accomplishments. He introduced Mayor Grant's daughter Beth Keno.

Mayor Patel stated that Najia is a committed and passionate member of our community who has dedicated a significant amount of her time to trying to improve environmental initiatives in the Village. He noted that she is the first to volunteer her time in support of environmental activities and initiatives.

Najia Ahmed stated that she was pleasantly surprised that she won the award. She said that she has been passionate about the environment and caring about the environment for future generations for a long time. She noted that serving on the Environmental Commission has been a privilege.

Mayor Patel stated that on the weekend of July 27 through July 30, Lincolnwood Fest was held in Proesel Park. He thanked staff for all their hard work in making this event a success; also, thank you to staff members from various departments who helped with the set-up and breakdown of the fest. There is much work that goes into Lincolnwood Fest to make it happen. Finally, Mayor Patel thanked residents living near Proesel Park for being patient and understanding during the four-day event.

Mayor Patel stated that through the end of August, we will be featuring the artwork of Roberta Malkin. Roberta's artwork is woodcut, which is a form of printmaking. It works like a rubber stamp. What is cut away does not print. The plate (a smooth, flat piece of wood) is cut with special tools that look like scoops. The plate is inked, and paper is laid across it. This is put through a press to adhere the ink to the paper. The result is a print. Next time you are in Village Hall, walk the hallway and check out her work.

Mayor Patel announced that the Village Board will once again start meeting twice a month for Village Board meetings. The next Village Board meeting will be Thursday, September 7th.

Mayor Patel congratulated the Lincolnwood Red Heifers for winning the Chicagoland Suburban Youth Baseball Association Mustang Summer Championship. He stated that Mathew Williams led the team in the championship game, going 3-3 with 3 RBIs. After going 9-0 in the regular season, the Red Heifers completed the perfect season with playoff wins in Glenview, Lake Forest, and Highland Park. In the quarter-finals, they beat Lake Forest in dramatic fashion with a walk off hit in the bottom of the last inning, and in the semifinals, they rallied from down 1-0 against Highland Park in the fourth inning to win 3-1. In the Championship game, they defeated the Kenilworth-Winnetka Giants 11-5. This is Lincolnwood's second Mustang title in as many

seasons after taking the crown in Spring as well. He added that Lincolnwood can certainly be proud of these boys.

He also congratulated the Lightning Swim Team on their success.

Mayor Patel urged residents to wear their bike helmets.

Mayor Patel congratulated Trustee Klatzco's Bunny Hutch on being inducted into the Vienna Beef Hall of Fame.

Village Trustees' Report

Trustee Sargon stated that there is an environmental commission meeting on August 28. She urged residents to drive carefully because school is starting next week. She wished her daughter Sophie a happy 10th birthday.

Trustee Halevi stated that the Board of Fire and Police Commission completed two interviews. She thanked Police Chief Parrott, Deputy Police Chief Raypole, and Chairpersons Doniger and Lasker for their roles in the interviews. She thanked the Public Works Department for placing berms on Pratt Avenue and for their professionalism. She noted that she has seen yard companies blowing leaves, and they are making a mess on the streets, and she does not know what to do about that.

Trustee Herrera said that this year's Lincolnwood Fest was one of its best years. She thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, the Police Department, and all the volunteers. She noted that there will be a movie in the park on August 26 and September 9. Finally, Trustee Herrera wished the students luck as they returned to school.

Boards and Commissions Report

None

Village Clerk's Report

Village Clerk Beryl Herman announced that any resident wanting to register to vote could come to Village Hall and be registered. Residents can also call the Village Clerk's office with any questions.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura stated that Village Attorney Hart Passman would provide an update on the dual-branded Marriott Hotel on the District 1860 site. Village Attorney Hart Passman noted that the hotel developers are nearing the submission of applications. They also have updated information on financing for the hotel, which is a condition of approval of the development. Mr. Passman stated that Staff and the Village Attorney would work with the developers and their counsel to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth in the development agreement. He said that if there is anything that requires formal approval, it would be brought to the Village Board at a future meeting.

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura thanked all Village staff. She recognized Public Works and Parks and Recreation Staff for setting up Lincolnwood Fest.

Public Forum

Resident John Swanson stated that there are too many speeding cars in his neighborhood. People often walk on the street because of limited sidewalks and cars speeding around them. He said he would like more speed bumps and four-way stops and hopes the Traffic Commission can look into those speed mitigation measures. Mr. Swanson also spoke regarding bike land safety.

Jill Chalboun, Bonnie Kane, and Hillary Logan expressed their concerns with a resident on Kildare Avenue whose dogs bark at all hours, whose children are always on the loose, and whose excessive noise is coming from the residence. There are grave concerns about safety in the area. Mayor Patel responded.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the State of Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System MABAS Master Agreement 2024
2. Approval of a Resolution Amending the Annual Fee Resolution Regarding Building Code Fees and Fines
3. Approval of a Resolution Approving and Adopting the 2023-2025 Village of Lincolnwood Sustainability Plan
4. Approval of a Resolution Consenting to the Re-Appointment of David G. Eterno and Susan Davis Brunner as Administrative Hearing Officers for the Village
5. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Rates of Pay and Salary Schedule for Village Employees
6. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to Create the Village's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
7. Approval of a Resolution Approving License Agreements for the Village's Stormwater Street Storage Stage III Program
8. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Termination of a Contract with Hacienda Landscaping, Inc., of Minooka, Illinois
9. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing an Agreement with Innovation Landscape, Inc., of Plainfield, Illinois, for Construction and Renovation of M. Lester Flowers Park
10. Approval of an Ordinance Granting Special Fence Approval and Variations for the Installation of a Decorative Fence at 6655 North Central Avenue

Item #10 was moved to regular business.

Trustee Sargon motioned to approve Consent Agenda 1-9. Trustee Saleem seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Halevi, Diaz Herrera, Saleem

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Martel

The motion passed.

Regular Business

11. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant for the Henry A. Proesel Park Renovation Project

Parks and Recreation Director Karen Hawk stated that The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) opened the 2024 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant cycle on July 3, 2023. Staff solicited quotes from Landscape Architects to create a master plan for Henry A. Proesel Park and submit an OSLAD grant on behalf of the Village. Proesel Park was last renovated in 2001 with the assistance of an OSLAD grant. The OSLAD grant awards up to \$600,000 in matching funds for successful project applications. Project elements include the following: A Universally Accessible Playground, looped pedestrian path renovation, and total renovation of tennis courts, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, and the inline skate court. Director Hawk stated that a public meeting was held on August 1, 2023, to provide an overview of the Master Plan and conceptual designs for the universally accessible playground. The cost of the project is approximately \$1,320,440. Director Hawk said that staff recommends authorizing the filing of an application for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant for the Henry A. Proesel Park Renovation Project.

Trustee Sargon asked about the ice skating rink and other items and if they would be included or addressed further down the road with the bigger Master Plan.

Director Hawk stated that it is different from the OSLAD Grant. She said she has worked with JSD to get cost estimates, including ballfield improvements, adding scoreboards, irrigations, grading, and restoration. They also have cost estimates for lighting.

Trustee Diaz Herrera moved to approve the Resolution. Trustee Sargon seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Sargon, Diaz-Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Klatzco

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Martel

The motion passed

12. Approval of an Ordinance Granting Special Fence Approval and Variations for the Installation of a Decorative Fence at 6655 North Central Avenue.

This item was removed from Consent.

Planning and Economic Development Manager Douglas Hammel stated that the subject property is on Central Avenue and in the B-1 Zoning District. The proposed improvement is a fence on the portion of the side yard between the rear corner of the house and the driveway. Mr. Hammel stated that the Petitioner seeks the approval of a Zoning Variation that would allow a fence to encroach into the corner side yard and the approval of a special fence to allow a fence with decorative steel and masonry columns.

Mayor Patel asked if the petitioners are also seeking a front yard variation.

Mr. Hammel stated that they are only seeking a side yard variation.

Mayor Patel asked the petitioners if they would be amendable to a special fence with a landscape fence with a wrought iron fence behind it.

The petitioners stated that they would be open to it. He had always considered adding landscaping for privacy.

Trustee Diaz Herrera asked if the posts would be by the driveway.

The petitioner stated that the posts would be in the corner of the side yard and connect to the side garage.

The Village Board approved an Ordinance to be revised as follows: Approval of a Variation to allow the encroachment of a fence into the corner side yard; Approval of a Special fence to allow the use of decorative wrought iron and masonry as fence materials; and A condition that the fence that encroaches into the corner side yard be screened along its exterior with natural screening on its west and north facing panels.

Motion by Trustee Saleem to approve the Ordinance as amended. Second by Trustee Sargon

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Halevi, Diaz Herrera, Saleem

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

13. Project Update Regarding Phase II Design Touhy/Cicero Intersection

Interim Public Works Director Jason Brianas stated that the purpose of this presentation is to update the Village of Lincolnwood on the planning effort for the design of the Touhy/Cicero Intersection Improvements, provide a history of the project, and review of Source Funding, present highlights of Phase I and Phase II Design elements, review highlights of the design services supplemental and present next steps. In 2016, the Village Board considered project options for grant funding. A decision on an application for grant funding based on a right-turn lane on Cicero was approved. In 2017, the Village submitted for Invest in Cook funding (Phase 1 Design) and IDOT participation for local matches. In 2018, IDOT/Lincolnwood IGA/Stakeholder meetings continued. The Project Development Report (PDR) was Submitted on June 8, 2020, and the design Approval was received on July 1, 2020.

Consultant Paul Schneider stated that the 2021-2022 Phase II Design Highlights included Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) FHWA Authorization on November 1, 2021, and an IDOT Kick-Off on December 8, 2021. Preliminary plans were submitted to the Village on October 27, 2022, and IDOT on November 21, 2022. Phase II Design Highlights (2023) include IDOT Status Coordination on Jan 4, 2023, and Project Program Information (PPI) update on March 2023.

Mr. Brianas stated that staff recommends moving to support Stanley Consultants seeking approval of Touhy/Cicero Intersection Improvements Supplemental increase of \$122,261 by CMAP and IDOT agencies. Once approval is obtained, Stanley Consultants will notify the Village of Lincolnwood. Village of Lincolnwood Public Works staff will coordinate the next opportunity Village Board Meeting as a Consent Agenda item.

Trustee Herrera said she likes the bus stop position west of the intersection. It makes it a bit easier and allows for all the different driveways. She asked if the bus stop was being moved from where it was.

Mr. Schneider stated that the Bus Stop on westbound Touhy will stay where it is but moved back slightly.

Public Forum

Samantha Martinez spoke on the sale of wild animals in the Village of Lincolnwood.

Closed Session

At 9:10 pm, Trustee Sargon made a motion to enter closed session to discuss employment matters and review closed session meeting minutes. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by Roll Call, and the Village Board adjourned to closed session.

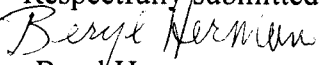
Reconvened

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:22 P.M.

Adjournment

At 9:22 P.M., Mayor Patel called for adjournment of the Regular Village Board meeting. Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saleem.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk