

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

**Call to Order**

President Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:38 P.M. Thursday, September 7, 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, Public Works Director John Welch, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Planning and Economic Development Manager Douglas Hammel, Police Chief Jason Parrott, Parks and Recreation Director Karen Hawk, and Finance Director John Risko.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 15, 2023, Village Board meetings were presented for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Village Board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon roll call, the results were:

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

NAYS: None

**Warrant Approval**

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$1,552,168.53 and moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call, the results were:

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

The motion passed

### **President's Report**

President Patel stated that the Village invites residents to participate and show off their hard work in maintaining their beautiful yards. Entries are due by Friday, September 15. You can find the application to apply on the Village website. Winners and runners-up will be recognized at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

President Patel said that on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Touch-A-Truck event will occur from 1-3 p.m. From 12:30 to 1 p.m., we will have quiet time Touch-A-Truck minus sirens and horns. This event will take place in the parking lot directly behind Village Hall.

President Patel asked residents to mark their calendars and plan on joining us on Sunday, September 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we work on keeping our trails clean. Volunteers should meet in front of the Flowers Park sign on Pratt Ave. Clean-up supplies such as bags will be provided. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothing for the event, and if you have gloves, be sure to bring those along. Lastly, he said that we have our annual Turkey Trot. This is the 47<sup>th</sup> year of the event. There is an early registration discount, so register today. Turkey Trot will be on Sunday, November 19, at 8:45 a.m. The QR Code is currently showing on your screen. We are also looking for volunteers for this year's Turkey Trot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kandice Newton at [knewton@lwd.org](mailto:knewton@lwd.org) or 847-745-4723.

President Patel stated that now through the month of October, we will be featuring the artwork of Lee Colpi. The recent works of Mr. Colpi capture personality and life in every portrait, regardless of whether the oil painting is a portrait, landscape, or architectural surrounding. The artist is offering the viewer a feeling of how things are at a point in time when peacefulness and harmony reign, and our fast-paced world is captured in a happy moment. Mr. Colpi is a self-trained, local artist living with his wife, Anne, in Northfield. Mr. Colpi will be having an art reception on Tuesday, September 19, here at Village Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending.

President Patel said the Village would hold its 9/11 Remembrance on Monday, September 11, at 9 a.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will take place in front of Village Hall, where the flags are located. There will be a volley salute near the end of the ceremony. Please join us as we remember those who gave their lives on that day.

Lastly, President Patel reminded residents to wear their helmets when biking.

### **Village Trustees' Report**

Trustee Diaz Herrera wished President Patel a Happy Birthday. She stated that there would be a movie in the park on Saturday at 7 p.m. titled "The Bad Guys." She said that there will be a Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Tuesday, September 12.

Trustee Sargon wished President Patel a Happy Birthday. She stated that there is a Finance Committee Meeting on September 14. The Environmental Commission meeting will take place

on September 18. She gave her condolences to George and Ernesto for losing their mother, who was a long-time Lincolnwood resident.

Trustee Halevi wished President Patel a Happy Birthday. She wished the Jewish community a happy Rosh Hashanah.

Trustee Saleem wished President Patel a Happy Birthday.

President Patel said there will be a joint Parks and Recreation Board and Village board meeting on Tuesday, September 12, where they will visit the Village's parks in preparation for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan meeting.

### **Boards and Commissions Report**

None

### **Village Clerk's Report**

No report.

### **Village Manager's Report**

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura introduced John Welch as the new Public Works Director.

### **Public Forum**

Simone Abbasi spoke on the traffic light on the Lincolnwood side on the intersection of Kenton and Devon avenues. She stated that the sensor does not work properly, and she often waits up to six minutes for the lights to change. She asked the Public Works Department to fix the issue.

Amanda Solon spoke on Spur the Tortoise and her opposition to the sale of wild animals in the Village.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the Following Items Pertaining to the Pump Station Water Pump #2 Replacement: A) a Resolution Approving a Contract with Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc., of Arlington Heights, Illinois, for Pump Replacement Work in the Amount of \$268,888; and B) an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd., of Rosemont, Illinois, for the Provision of Construction Engineering Services Related to Pump #2 Replacement Work in the Amount of \$27,000
2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. D/B/A Verra Mobility to Provide a Red Light Camera System
3. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Enforcement of Section 10-2-36(A) of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood for the Sale of Beer and Wine at the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Trivia Night

4. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Policy Concerning Electronic Attendance at Meetings
5. Approval of an Ordinance Granting a Variation for the Installation of a Fence at 3601 West Pratt Avenue
6. Approval of an Ordinance Granting Side Yard Setback and Rear Yard Setback Variations at 6851 North Knox Avenue
7. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving an Employee Leasing Agreement with Creative Financial Staffing for an Interim Public Works Account

Consent Agenda Items five and six were moved to Regular Business.

Trustee Saleem motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-4 and 7. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

### **Regular Business**

8. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Termination of a License Agreement with SBLP Lincolnwood, LLC (The Carrington)

Fire Chief Barry Liss stated that the Village was approached about a Planned development in 2015 that would be known as the Carrington. Development included the approval to include a remote EMS substation within the facility capable of housing an ambulance and paramedic crew, which opened late in 2019. Existing paramedics and an ambulance relocated from the main station only between the approximate hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Statistically, the Fire Department responds to approximately 3,000 incidents annually, of which 70% are for paramedical care. Three years of data have been collected and analyzed, indicating the EMS substation has ultimately been proven ineffective. Data supports the current centralized location of the main fire station, which is ideally situated in the center of town, providing safe, effective, and efficient responses to ALL areas of Lincolnwood. Responses from the Far East sub-station delay our ability to quickly reach areas such as, but not limited to, the westernmost portions of the Village, including the Towers section, District 1860, the proposed new hotel, and Eden's Expressway. The physical attributes of the sub-station and lack of amenities prevent the facility from operating independently in a similar fashion to the main fire station. The inability of personnel to properly bathe, disinfect following a potential infectious exposure, prepare meals, restock medical supplies, prevent vehicular exhaust contamination, have proper drinkable water available, and the lack of a dedicated and reliable station alerting system are all serious concerns in our ability to achieve our mission. Despite the high demand for calls emanating from The Carrington and Lincolnwood Place, our ability to serve those residents is equally effective in responding from our main fire station and does not compromise life

safety, which The Carrington and Lincolnwood Place agree with. 70% of all calls the department responds to occur at locations other than The Carrington and Lincolnwood Place.

Fire Chief Liss stated that staff recommends approving a Resolution to terminate the license Agreement with SBLP Lincolnwood, LLC (The Carrington).

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Resolution. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

9. Approval of an Ordinance Granting a Variation for the Installation of a Fence at 3601 West Pratt Avenue

Planning and Economic Development Manager Douglas Hammel stated that the subject property is 3601 West Pratt Avenue. It is in the R-4 Residential Zoning District. The property is a Single-family attached home directly abutting three other units. Drake Park is immediately east of the subject property. Across Pratt Avenue to the north, properties are zoned M-B manufacturing and business. The initial proposal included a 6-foot tall fence and gate across the driveway. The revised proposal includes a 4-foot tall fence without a gate. Mr. Hammel stated that staff recommends approving an Ordinance granting a Variation from Section 3.13(9) c to allow a fence in the front yard of a residential property at 3601 West Pratt Avenue, including the following conditions: That hedges along Pratt Avenue sidewalk be maintained by the Petitioner to a height of no more than five feet and that the hedges be maintained to effectively screen the visibility of the fence from the public right-of-way.

President Patel stated that he would like to see there be an obligation for maintenance of the bushes in the public right of way if the item is to be approved.

Mr. Hammel stated that the bushes would occupy the lot line. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) determined that the fence must be on private property. That, in turn, could result in a small gap in the hedge and fence. The ZBA also determined that the property owner should be able to fill the gap with more hedges. There is a code provision that allows hedges through Special Fence Approval.

President Patel asked whose obligation it is to maintain the bushes in the public way.

Mr. Hammel stated that it is the obligation of the property owner.

Trustee Sargon asked if the maintenance of the bushes is on the owner and if there is a provision that would stop the property owner from removing the bushes completely.

Mr. Hammel stated that there is no general provision that would prohibit the property owner from removing the bushes. In the event that the bushes are removed, the property owner would have to come back in front of the Board to get a special fence approval if they would seek to add something else.

Trustee Klatzco stated that he is in favor of having a provision that would require maintenance of the bushes. He asked how we would put in place that if the property owners remove the hedge, then they would have to also remove the fence.

President Patel said that there could be a motion that would state that there should be a hedge at any time that the fence is erected.

Trustee Sargon stated that her main concern is that it would change the aesthetic of Pratt Avenue if a fence were to be visible.

Trustee Halevi stated that this is a unique situation, and it does not mean everyone on Pratt can start planting bushes. It's important that people know that.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Ordinance with the condition that the property has to maintain the hedge in front of the fence. Trustee Saleem seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

10. Approval of an Ordinance Granting Side Yard Setback and Rear Yard Setback Variations at 6851 North Knox Avenue

The Petitioner, Karmel Kifarkis, stated that her proposed addition does not infringe on anyone, and nobody would be affected by the additions. She noted that everyone in her neighborhood knows and is excited by her proposed plan.

President Patel said the lack of input from neighbors concerns the Village Board. The protection in the Village Code applies to every property owner and is standard.

The petitioner, Karmel Kifarkis, asked what she needed to do to convince the Village Board to approve her addition.

Trustee Sargon stated that if the Petitioner's neighbors would be in favor of the addition and if the Petitioner is open to building on the other allowed spaces, maybe the Village Board could continue and come back and have the discussion.

**Trustee Martel entered the meeting telephonically at 8:45 p.m.**

Trustee Klatzco stated he has had to experience living next to a lot that encroaches on his property, and he has to look at a giant wall that removes sunlight. He doesn't want to set a precedent just because the neighbors are okay with it.

Trustee Halevi stated that the petitioner has options and should seek suggestions to ensure that it meets the Village Code requirements.

Trustee Saleem informed the petitioner that seeking other options may be more economical when you factor in stormwater and other issues.

Motion by Trustee Klatzco to continue the discussion to a future Village Board meeting. Second by Trustee Diaz Herrera.

Upon Roll Call, the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

**Public Forum**

Jodie Wiederker spoke on Spur the tortoise and her opposition to the sale of wild animals in the Village.

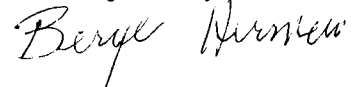
**Adjournment**

At 8:59 P.M., Mayor Patel called for adjournment of the Regular Village Board meeting.

Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Klatzco

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Beryl Herman  
Village Clerk