

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Call to Order

President Bass called the regular meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:39 PM, Tuesday, November 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Pledge to the Flag

The Corporate Authorities and all persons in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call by Deputy Village Clerk Ashley Engelmann the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope and Patel

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Management Analyst; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Steven McNellis, Community Development Director; Benjamin Harris, Accountant; Robert Merkel, Finance Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 17, 2017 Village Board meetings were distributed and examined in advance.

Trustee Nickell moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Warrant Approval

President Bass presented the warrants for approval in the amount of \$1,053,411.36. Trustee Sugarman moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Cope.

Upon a Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Village President's Report

1. Report by the Mayor of Removal of Officers and Appointment of Officers to Village Commissions

Mayor Bass introduced the item of removal of officers and appointments per a letter to the Board of Trustees dated November 2, 2017. Attorney Elrod confirmed the action of the Mayor regarding the removal of Mr. Jim Persino from the Economic Development Commission.

Fifteen members of the public spoke on the matter. The following individuals spoke in favor of allowing Jim Persino to serve the remainder of his term as a Commissioner on the Economic Development Commission:

Mr. Len Blackman
Mr. Bryan Whitehead
Ms. Shari Haefner
Mr. Preston Noell
Mr. Jerome Ettinger
Mr. Paul Levine
Mr. Mark Yohanna
Mr. Rick Senweig
Ms. Jan Koe
Mr. Andrew Bresler
Mr. Joshua Orlan
Ms. Judy Abelson

Mr. Charles Halevi spoke regarding Mr. Persino's removal as well as the anniversary of Kristallnacht the beginning of the Holocaust. He urged the Village Board to ensure that appropriate police measures are taken during this time.

Mr. Jim Persino spoke regarding his time on the Economic Development Commission and confirmed his acceptance of his removal from the Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Stan Wilk spoke regarding Mr. Persino's removal. He noted that the comprehensive plan needs to be reviewed with respect to the residential interest.

At this time Mayor Bass asked for comments from the Board.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell spoke on the matter of the removal of Mr. Persino. She noted that as an elected official there are many hard decisions that have to be made. A Mayor should be allowed the privilege of creating his own team.

Trustee Cope moved to appoint Maureen Ehrenberg to the Economic Development Commission, Seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

Upon a Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope

NAYS: Patel

The motion passed.

2. Proclamation Regarding Niles Township Food Pantry Awareness Month

3. Government Finance Officers Association Award - The Village Received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. The award represents a significant achievement by the Village. The award reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the Village had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. Only 7% of municipalities receive the GFOA award in the State of Illinois.

4. Purple Hotel Site 4500 Touhy Ave – The litigation involving Rhompsen, the lenders/plaintiffs in foreclosure and subsequent judicial sales of the Purple Hotel site is over. To the best of the Village's knowledge the lender was granted title. Some national level developers are vying to purchase the property. Some of the possible developers I met with my first few months in office and continue to stay on top of their progress. The Village has had meetings with some additional prospects last week and hope one of these candidates are successful soon.

5. Toys for Tots Toy Drive- The Toys for Tots toy drive is in full swing. Toys are being collected from November 7 through December 18. There are many locations throughout the Village including Village Hall and the Police Department where toys can be dropped off that are new and unwrapped. For more locations please contact Carrie Dick at 847-745-4717.

6. Touhy Avenue Overpass Update – Construction of the Touhy Avenue Overpass continues with the contractor working to excavate and install the stone base for the local access path. Additionally, the contractor continues to work with ComEd, AT&T, and Sprint to coordinate the relocation and protection of existing utilities that may be in conflict with the new bridge. The project remains on schedule for completion in June, 2018.

7. Yard Waste Program – The last day for yard waste collection is Monday, November 27th. Please remember to place all yard waste in paper bags or in containers clearly marked "Yard Waste Only" bags. Bags may be purchased at Village Hall for \$2 for a bundle of five bags or at local home improvement stores. Branches must be no more than four inches in diameter, no more than four feet in length, and must be tied together in bundles, weighing no more than 60 pounds. Yard waste collection will resume on Monday, March 18, 2018.

8. Alternate Side Street Parking – November 1st marked the beginning of when alternate side parking restriction went into effect during snow events. The Village Code requires residents to follow alternate side street parking during events when two inches or more of snow has accumulated. When these events occur, cars must park on the even side of the street on even days of the month and the odd side of the street during odd days of the month. These regulations go into effect Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Alternate side parking is not in effect during weekends or major holidays; however, parking is never allowed on Pratt Avenue when two inches or more of snow has fallen as it is designated as a snow emergency route. When alternate side parking is in effect, information will be placed on the Village's cable channel and website.

9. The new AT&T Store at 3701 W Touhy Avenue opened its doors to the public on Friday, October 27th. This is a redevelopment of an office/warehouse site into a commercial, sales-tax generating business that is a good example of the kind of redevelopment the Village hoped to incentivize when adding a Retail Overlay Zone to this area in 2013.

10. Turkey Trot is November 19th.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of a Resolution Determining Amounts of Money to be Raised through Ad Valorem Property Taxes**
2. **Approval of a Resolution to Purchase 72 Trees from the Suburban Tree Consortium for the Fall 2017 Planting in the Amount of \$25,197.00**
3. **Approval of a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for Grant Funding for the Engineering of Improvements to the Intersection of Touhy and Cicero Avenues**
4. **Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 7-1-1 of the Village Code Regarding the Traffic Code**

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

5. **Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission in Case #PC-06-17 Granting Approval of Residential Units as a Special Use and Variations Related to Building Setback, Drive Aisle Width, Off-Street Parking Capacity, Off-Street Parking Location, and Parking Lot Perimeter Landscaping at 6733-6735 North Lincoln Avenue**

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to remove the item from the table. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to table the item to December 5th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Manager Wiberg notified the Village Board that a letter was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) informing the Village that IDOT will fund the local match for the Invest in Cook grant that was awarded to the Village for Phase I preliminary engineering for a review of the intersection of Cicero Avenue and Touhy Avenue for possible design improvements.

Board and Commissions Report

None

