

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

Call to Order

President Bass called the regular meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:40 PM, Tuesday, October 3, 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 Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

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

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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 15, 2017 and the September 5, 2017 Village Board meetings were distributed and examined in advance. Trustees Hlepas Nickell and Ikezoe-Halevi found spelling errors which will be corrected.

Trustee Sugarman moved to approve the minutes as amended, 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 \$720,930.18. Trustee Sugarman moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Nickell.

Upon a Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Village President's Report

1. Recognition of Lieutenant Schenita Stewart Regarding a Homicide Investigation

Lt. Stewart has been recognized by the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) for the

excellent work that she did on the Dajae Coleman Homicide Case. Lt. Stewart's contribution to the investigation included, but was not limited to, the interview of the offender's sister and of an eyewitness. Lt. Stewart also assisted the State's Attorney's Office with preparing the case for trial. Lt. Stewart has applied her experiences to the NORTAF Command Staff, her experience and lessons learned has provided leadership to the NORTAF Major Crimes Task Force, especially in the area of updating report management. The Evanston Police Department and NORTAF are grateful for Lt. Stewart's contribution to the Dajae Coleman homicide case. The result of this work was the conviction of Wesley Woodson. Lt. Stewart, thank you for your professionalism and dedication to law enforcement.

2. Recognition of Sergeant Justin Lauria Award from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, Sergeant Justin Lauria received the MADD Heroes Award for the fifth consecutive year. This prestigious award is given to the top 25 nominated officers in the State of Illinois in the area of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement and education. In his eight year career, Sergeant Lauria has arrested over 300 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Sergeant Lauria has also educated hundreds of police officers throughout the state in the field of DUI enforcement.

3. Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest Winner

Each year, the Beautification Task Force holds the annual Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest to showcase property owners that landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. Entries are evaluated based on creativity, design, composition, environmental sensitivity and overall quality. This year's winner is Sharon Mau of 3729 West Albion (Photos of Mrs. Mau's gardens were exhibited). Mrs. Mau describes her project as a vision to landscape her ordinary yard into something extraordinary and encourage wildlife to visit. She first added the stone hardscape which included a waterfall pond, followed by trees, bushes perennials and annuals. Now she is able to enjoy all types of wildlife including humming birds and monarch butterflies. As the contest winner, Mrs. Mau will receive a certificate and a \$75.00 gift card to Lowes, so that she may continue to enhance her yard. Mrs. Mau has agreed to hold and open house in early spring to allow the community to view and enjoy her hard work. A date will be announced in a forthcoming edition of Lincolnwood Connections. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Mau on this award.

4. Lincoln Avenue Median Project

The project is nearing completion with all of the major work expected to be done next week. After that the contractor will be working to correct any deficiencies that may have occurred. The project was constructed between Kostner and Devon Avenues, added landscaping to six medians where it did not previously exist, added a brick border around the landscape beds to help protect the plants from road salt, and refreshed the landscaping palette throughout the corridor. Over the next three seasons, the plants will continue to mature and fill in the beds, enhancing the beauty of the new medians. I would like to thank Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd for designing the project and overseeing construction as well as Nettle Creek Nursery for building the project.

5. Touhy Avenue Overpass

The Touhy Overpass project is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 9 and is anticipated to be complete on or around June 15, 2018. This project will include the construction of a pedestrian/cyclist

bridge over Touhy Ave. along the Valley Line Trail. Resident in the immediate area of construction will be receiving a construction notice which will include the project engineers contact information.

6. Regal Courts Condo Board Meeting

Mayor Bass thanked Diane Allen of the Regal Court Condominium located at 6400 N. Cicero in Lincolnwood for the gracious invite to meet and greet the condo residents at Regal Court on Monday, September 25. It was a great opportunity to meet some wonderful people, some of which I recognized as parents of kids I grew up with, Nick Rizzo, class of '77 with which we had any mutual friends, Burt Brodsky, an old friend of my father that we bought cars from when he owned a Chevrolet dealership years ago. And of course Clerk Beryl Herman was in attendance.

7. Turkey Trot

The 41st Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot is Sunday, November 19. This historic 5k/10k race and 5k fitness walk attracts over 2,000 registered participants and has sold out early for the past two years. If you'd like to walk or run, you can register at the Parks & Recreation office to receive a resident rate. You can also receive a discounted early registration rate if you register before October 6 at 5PM. We are also looking for volunteers for Turkey Trot such as course marshals, people to pass out water, packet pick-up and more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Olivia Antosz at oaantosz@lwd.org.

If you know of any businesses or organizations that may be interested in promoting their products or services by sponsoring the Turkey Trot or donating in-kind items or prizes for our Turkey Trot Raffle. Please contact Linda Vering at lvering@lwd.org

8. Stefani's

The project at 6755 North Cicero is well underway, with exterior walls erected and the roof structure being put in place. To the best of the mayor's knowledge they are targeting an opening towards the end of 2017.

9. Carrington

Construction continues to progress ahead of schedule. The owner is expecting occupancy of Phase 1 (the eastern half of the property) in early November, with completion of the project in the first few months of 2018.

10. AT&T Store

The new AT&T store at 3701 Touhy is getting closer to opening. Currently they are working on the interior build-out and signage will be installed shortly. Redevelopment of this property from light industrial to a commercial, sales tax generating use would not have been possible without the retail overlay district created in this area in 2013.

11. Safety Alert-Break-ins

We have posted some safety tips from the Police Department regarding keeping your vehicles and home safe. Please take these pre-emptive measures: 1) whenever leaving your vehicle parked outside, make sure that you keep your vehicle locked; 2) do not keep any valuable items in the vehicle

(especially in plain sight to anyone who walks by the car; 3) do not keep FOBs in the vehicle that will allow criminals to steal the vehicle; 4) do not leave the vehicle running and unattended, even if it is just for a couple of minutes; 5) leave porch lights and other exterior lights on to deter criminal activity.

Finally, if you see any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to dial 9-1-1 immediately.

12. Property Tax Appeal Workshop

Mayor Bass attended the Property Tax Appeal Workshop in conjunction with Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Office and the Cook County Assessor. Commissioner Suffredin suggests you appeal your property tax early. The Assessor is now accepting appeals on line at <http://cook county assessor.com/>

Consent Agenda

Trustee Hlepas Nickell requested removal of Item 1 to be placed under Regular Business. Mr. Wiberg stated that all 4 items on the Consent Agenda needed to be removed and placed under Regular Business.

There is no Consent Agenda.

Regular Business

5. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Traffic Commission to Deny an Application for Designated Parkway Parking on Chase Avenue

This item was presented by Chief LaMantia using PowerPoint.

This item is for consideration at 7300 N. Cicero (Cicero and Chase).

The Traffic Commission heard this request in July and August and notifications went out to nearby residents.

The request is for seven additional parking spaces. Two variations for planting were requested: Foundation planting and Perimeter planting
Photos and renderings of the area were shown.

Traffic Commission Recommendation

At the Traffic Commission Meeting on September 28, 2017, the Commission recommended that the Village Board deny the request for the following reasons:

- Resident Parking
- Grossinger Parking
- Proposed Hotel Parking
- Traffic Safety
- Bus Stop (School Bus)

It was noted that about one dozen locations in the Village have approved designated parking. Some locations were identified.

Chief LaMantia stated that there have been no motor car crashes in any of these areas.

The petitioner (Nik Turek) addressed the Board. He spoke of concerns from a resident who has stated that if the work is done properly, she could support it.

Questions and comments ensued with clarification by Mr. Wiberg and Chief LaMantia.

Sara Gensburg addressed the Board. Ms. Gensburg is the architect for this building. She stated that this is the only solution to the problem and was representing the petitioner in requesting approval.

Christina Daratzis, neighbor of the property, addressed the Board. She stated that some of her concerns had been addressed, but she is still concerned about individuals, not tenants, using this parking.

Scott Troiani, Traffic Commission Chair, addressed the Board and stated that most of his concerns have been alleviated.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the creation of documents to be voted on at a later Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

6. 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 at 6733-35 North Lincoln

This item was presented by Mr. Wiberg.

Mr. Wiberg stated that the petitioner has requested that this item be tabled until the Village Board meeting of November 7.

Trustee Patel moved to Table, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Regular Business for discussion and vote.

7. Approval of the Following: A) an Ordinance Amending Sections 12-6-6-6 and 12-6-9 of the Village Code Regarding the Village's Fee-in-Lieu of Stormwater Detention Regulations and B) a Resolution Amending the Annual Fee Resolution Regarding the Fee-in-Lieu of Stormwater Detention

Trustee Hlepas Nickell requested that items A and B be voted on separately. She has difficulty with one component. The Trustee opined that the fee being charged is excessive.

Trustee Spino moved to approve A) An Ordinance amending Sections 12-6-6-6 and 12-6-9 of

the Village Cord regarding the Village's Fee-in-Lieu of Stormwater Detention regulations and B) A Resolution amending the Annual Fee Resolution regarding the Fee-in-Lieu of Stormwater Detention. The item was seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: Trustee Hlepas Nickell

The motion passed

- 8. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt a Resolution to Purchase Playground Equipment for the Renovation of Central Park Playground through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Contract #R170301 from BCI Burke Company, LLC of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin in the Amount of \$53,640.50**
- 9. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Playground Equipment Owned by the Village**
- 10. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt a Resolution to Award a Bid for the Installation of Playground Equipment and Implementation of Alternates #1, #2 and #3 at Central Park in the Amount of \$39,700 to Hacienda Landscaping Inc. of Plainfield, Illinois**

Mrs. McCarty provided background information for these items. Item 10 was addressed first, due to speakers waiting to address the Board.

Jodi Frailey of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (IIFFC) addressed the Board. She spoke of having investigated Hacienda for her union sponsored organization. She offered the opinion that although Hacienda was the lowest bidder, they have a great number of questionable items which were identified during investigation.

Questions were presented by Trustees regarding her organization.

Mayor Bass stated that our Parks and Recreation Board and our staff have vetted Hacienda.

Parks and Recreation Chair Reese Gratch addressed the Board and stated that it was felt that most of the issues brought up were union issues.

It was noted that the Village has contracted with Hacienda recently and the work was satisfactory. Trustee Sugarman moved to approve Items 8, 9 and 10 by Omnibus, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

Manager's Report

None

