

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

**Call to Order**

President Bass called the regular meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 8:01 PM Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 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 Charles Meyer the following were:

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Interim Village Manager, Robert Merkel, Assistant Village Manager, Charles Meyer; Management Analyst, Heather McFarland; Development Manager, Doug Hammel; Public Works Director, Andrew Letson; Police Chief, Jay Parrott; Accountant, Benjamin Harris; and Village Attorney Steven Elrod

**Warrant Approval**

President Bass presented the warrants for approval in the amount of \$417,877.44. Motion to approve the warrants made by Trustee Sugarman, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

**Village President's Report**

**1. Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest Winner**

President Bass stated that each year, the Beautification Commission 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 Ms. Ditta Pfaffinger of 6942 Kolmar Avenue. Ms. Pfaffinger describes her project as a backyard privacy screen that includes a number of Arbor Vitae and Spruce trees, as well as a variety of beautiful perennials. As the contest winner, Ms. Pfaffinger will receive a \$75.00 gift card to Lowes, so that she may continue to enhance her garden. Congratulations to Ms. Pfaffinger for her award winning garden.

## **2. Proclamation Regarding Niles Township Food Pantry Awareness Month**

President Bass read aloud the proclamation:

WHEREAS, the number of American households facing food insecurity in the U.S. continues to be more prevalent than it was before the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, in Niles Township, residents may be surprised to learn that nearly 1 in 3 District 219 high school students are going to bed hungry, and going to school without enough food in their bellies; and

WHEREAS, the Niles Township Food Pantry is here to help, providing assistance to roughly 1,800 households and distributing 100,000 lbs. of food each month; and

WHEREAS, right now, there are residents in Lincolnwood, and throughout Niles Township, facing this life-threatening dilemma each and every day. As Americans, we call our network of food pantries and soup kitchens the last line of defense against hunger. We are here doing everything we can every day, but we need the help of the community now more than ever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Bass, President of the Village of Lincolnwood, along with the Village Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim the month of December, 2018 as:

**Niles Township Food Pantry Awareness Month**

In Lincolnwood and call upon citizens, to donate food and time to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for those less fortunate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Lincolnwood to be affixed:

DATED this 4th day of December, 2018

At this time I ask Charles Levy, Niles Township Clerk and President Food Pantry Foundation and Donald Gelfund, Trustee and Director Food Pantry Foundation to come up to accept the proclamation. Gentlemen, the community thanks you for the work that you do at the Niles Township Food Pantry.

Mr. Levy and Mr. Gelfund thanked President Bass and the Village Board.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of an Ordinance Levying Property Taxes in the Amount of \$5,701,897 for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois for the Real Estate Tax Year 2018, Payable to the Village in the Calendar Year 2019**

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

**Regular Business**

**2. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SAFEbuilt Illinois, LLC, to Provide Building Inspection and Plan Review Services to the Community Development Department**

This item was presented by Mr. Hammel who stated that the terms of the contract are substantially similar to the last time this item was presented. He clarified that the contract's price remains flat during the initial two year term, but includes an escalator based on the consumer price index for future renewals. Additionally, SAFEbuilt will provide a consistent plan reviewer for projects submitted by the Village.

Trustee Patel requested that staff provide a performance appraisal prior to renewal of the contract. Mr. Hammel stated that could be done.

Motion to move to approve Resolution was made by Trustee Spino, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Merkel stated that tomorrow is a national day of mourning for the passing of President Bush and Federal offices will be closed; however, Village offices will be open.

**Board and Commissions Report**

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated that the Iron Chief's event will be held on January 26, 2019.

President Bass stated that the annual Larry Froman Memorial Blood Drive will be held on December 20, 2018.

Trustee Cope thanked the residents of Lincolnwood Place for inviting him to entertain at a recent event.

**Village Clerk's Report**

None

**Trustees Reports**

Trustee Hlepas Nickell recommended the following items be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Rules, and Buildings: Setback line on properties as it relates to subdivision and setback requirements for screening as it relates to parking lots. Mayor Bass added a desire to discuss Ordinances for non-conforming buildings and alleys as buffers and setbacks

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that as a former president and private citizen, President Bush forged a friendship with former president Bill Clinton - his opponent and ultimate victor in his last election; joining forces to raise awareness and monies to support the relief efforts after the tragic 2004 Asian tsunami. Leading once again by example and backing up words he had shared with the American public during his presidency. Trustee Hlepas Nickell quoted President Bush as saying, "My friends, we are not the sum of our possessions. They are not the measure of our lives. In our hearts we know what matters. We cannot hope only to leave our children a bigger car, or a bigger bank account. We must hope to give them a sense of what it means to be a loyal friend; a loving parent; a citizen who leaves his home, his neighborhood, and his town better than he found it." She further stated that this is the true meaning of public service and embodies the mission of a thousand points of light and this is appropriate to reflect as we embark on the season of lights and the coming campaigns as we remember the passing of President George H. W. Bush.

**Public Forum**

None

**Adjournment**

At 8:18 PM Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Cope.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Meyer  
Deputy Village Clerk