

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 19, 2019**

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Call to Order

President Bass called the regular meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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 Patel, Cope, Ikezoe-Halevi, Hlepas Nickell, Spino, Sugarman

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Manager, Ann Marie Guara; Assistant Village Manager, Charles Meyer; Community Development Director, Steve McNellis; Public Works Director, Andrew Letson; Assistant to the Public Works Director, Nadim Badran; Management Analyst, Heather McFarland; Village Attorney, Steven Elrod.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 5, 2019 Village Board meeting were presented to the Village Board.

Trustee Cope stated that the appropriate manner in which to present Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi's letter, would be to add it to the minutes as an attachment to assure accuracy. Attorney Elrod stated that this is the usual way this is done but it would be up to the Board.

Trustee Cope moved to approve the minutes with the changes recommended by Trustee Cope, seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Warrant Approval

President Bass presented the warrants for approval in the amount of \$1,052,480.06. Trustee Sugarman moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Upon 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. Christchurch, New Zealand Tragedy

Before we begin tonight's meeting, I would like to take a few moments to talk about the tragedy that occurred last week in Christchurch New Zealand where at least 49 people lost their lives with many others injured. It is heartbreaking to see such suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with the

families of those that were killed and injured. As Mayor, I, along with the Village Board, stand united with our community and take freedom and safety of worship very seriously. Our community must continually remain vigilant during this period of mourning for the many victims who lost their life in New Zealand. We must be aware of taking proper precautions to promote a safe and secure location for gatherings at houses of worship, schools, shopping malls and other public areas. I want to express my sympathy for this tragedy and at this time let's have a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives and those impacted by this senseless act.

2. Former Trustee John Flannery

I would also like to take a moment to express my sympathy to former Trustee John Flannery and his family. John's wife of many years, Catherine B. Flannery, passed away last week. John was a Trustee from the late 70's to early 80's, serving the Village of Lincolnwood. Our thoughts are with his family during this time.

3. Blood Drive

On Thursday, March 21 there will be a blood drive in the Police/Fire Training Room located in the building with the Fire Department. The blood drive will be from 2PM to 7PM. Remember, every pint of blood you donate can save up to three lives. Please plan on giving.

4. Reminder of Procedures during a Public Meeting

As we begin tonight's meeting, I would like to remind those in attendance and watching at home of our procedures for speaking during a public meeting. If you wish to speak during a topic on tonight's agenda, please complete a speaker request form and turn it into the Village Clerk.

If you would like speak about a topic not on the agenda, then please fill out a speaker request form as well and turn it into the Village Clerk. These comments will be heard during the "Public Forum" section of tonight's agenda. All comments from speakers will be limited to three minutes apiece.

I will add that this meeting is being recorded and broadcasted so anyone wishing to speak tonight will need to utilize the microphone at the podium. To ensure that all speakers have a chance to talk, I would ask that people wait until a person is done speaking before someone else speaks. Comments made from the crowd while someone is speaking will not be recognized and will be asked to stop to ensure everyone feels comfortable while speaking. If necessary, if you continue to talk over others, you will be asked to leave.

In addition, I would like to remind Village Board members that these procedures on order and decorum apply to all of us as well. If you want to speak on a topic, I will recognize you to speak. Please do not talk out of turn and do not speak over each other. Let's all treat each other respectfully.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of a Solicitation Permit for Misericordia to Conduct Candy Days on the Public Highways Located Within the Village Boundaries on April 26 and April 27, 2019 and an Ordinance Authorizing a Waiver of Non-Commercial Solicitation Permit Card Fees
2. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt a Resolution to Award a Bid for the Provision of Apparel to Sunburst Sportswear, Inc. of Glendale Heights, IL

3. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt an Ordinance, Waiving Section 6-3-2(B) Governing Park Hours, Section 9-1-3 Requiring the Issuance of Business Licenses and 6-3-9(I) Prohibiting Gambling, Allowing the Friends of the Community Center to Hold Lincolnwood Fest 2019 on July 25-28
4. Approval of a Resolution to Award a Contract to Petroleum Technologies Equipment, Inc. of Lyons, Illinois for the Replacement of the Underground Fuel System in an Amount Not to Exceed \$338,000
5. Approval of a Resolution to Award a Contract to Petroleum Technologies Equipment, Inc. of Lyons, Illinois for the Replacement of the Underground Fuel System in an Amount Not to Exceed \$338,000 Approval of a Resolution to Purchase 65 Trees from the Suburban Tree Consortium for the Spring 2019 Planting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$22,000
6. Approval of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Approving 1) a Special Use for a Banquet Facility/Banquet Hall in the M-B Manufacturing and Business Zoning District, 2) a Special Use for Parking in the Front Yard, 3) a Special Use to Allow Hours of Operation until Midnight, and 4) a Variation Related to On-Site Parking Capacity
7. Approval of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance 1) Amending Ordinance No. 2018-3334 to Permit a Monument Sign in a Different Location on the Property, and 2) Variations Related to Monument Sign Setback, Wall Sign Area, Wall Sign Elevation, and Wall Sign Height at 3900-3910 West Devon Avenue

Trustee Spino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

8. Consideration of the Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter Eight of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Village Home Rule Sales Taxes Adjusting the Village's Home Rule Sales Tax from 1% to 1.25% Effective July 1, 2019

This item was presented by Mr. Merkel.

Mr. Merkel spoke of costs involving the stormwater program (\$6.2 million). Staff looked into options for funding. The option which was concurred upon was raising the sales tax to 1.25%. Trustee Cope spoke regarding this raise. He does not like to see taxes going up by even small amounts, as this seems to keep happening. President Bass clarified the procedure used to reach this decision. Trustee Patel thanked staff for the work put into this process. He stated that sales taxes are paid mostly by non-residents. This is a way to not raise property taxes.

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

9. Consideration of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Village Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for the Replacement of the Public Works Facility Boiler in an Amount Not to Exceed \$34,755

This item was presented by Mr. Letson.

The boiler was not yet scheduled for replacement, but the need for serious repairs has been identified.

Three bids were obtained and the best bid was selected.

There was no discussion.

Trustee Sugarman made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Manager's Report

Ms. Guara stated that the FOIA requests are in the Board packet.

Ms. Gaura also stated that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd, due to the local elections on April 2.

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Hlepas Nickell opined that the Village Code Books need to be revised and updated with a major project coming. She would like staff to look into this and see what needs to be done.

Trustee Patel asked Mr. Hammel what building codes were currently in use. Mr. Hammel stated that the building codes were last revised in 2009. Trustee Patel asked if Trustee Hlepas Nickell was referring to building codes only. Trustee Hlepas Nickell agreed that she was referring to only building codes.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Hlepas Nickell quoted George H.W. Bush's comments on Public Service. She stated that politics should stay out of this room. That is not what public service is about.

Trustee Patel spoke of comments made on social media regarding his taxes. He has a copy of tax history which he will share with anyone who is interested.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked Ms. Guara for joining her at SWANCC and Northwest Municipal Conference meetings.

Trustee Halevi read a statement which can be found at the end of this meeting's notes.

Clerk's Report

Early voting began yesterday at any Cook County Polling Place.
Go out and vote.

Public Forum


Resident Edie Kaminski addressed the Board. She spoke critically of some comments and issues which have been raised during the current election period in the Village.

She stated that had Trustee Halevi's issue been handled – it would have never come to this room. Trustee Hlepas Nickell responded and then exited the meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:18PM Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the Village Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Cope. The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk

The following statement was read by Trustee Halevi during Trustee Reports.

“This is in response to what has happened since our last Board meeting when I read a statement that Trustee Renan Sugarman had yelled and repeatedly told me to control my husband about what he wrote on ‘Next Door Lincolnwood’ and made threats about how he would make sure I didn’t get re-elected in 2021 if I ran for office again. This was and is unacceptable behavior that I reported.

I’d like to clarify a few things. One, I ran for Trustee two years ago to do good for Lincolnwood. I come here prepared for each meeting and care about our Village. I didn’t run to get into this situation.

A few people have questioned the timing of my statement. I did not plan the timing of this, Trustee Sugarman did. Although he complained of past things between himself and my husband, Charles, Halevi, none of these were apparent when they saw each other at the Iron Chief’s competition on Saturday, January 26. They were on good terms and discussed Israeli films, specifically ‘Sallah’, which was the film I referred to in my statement when I said ‘hi’ to Trustees Cope and Sugarman before the Budget Meeting. More than 130 people attended Iron Chief’s and many saw the two talking together. There was no anger. So what happened? My husband wrote two comments that Trustee Sugarman took offense at and suddenly he’s throwing around all the past problems that no longer existed between the two of them at the Iron Chief’s.

The first of my husband’s two comments was, ‘No good deed goes unpunished’ referring to the Lincolnwood Together’s cancelling their meet and greet because only the Alliance members responded to their invitation. This was exactly the same phrase Trustee Sugarman used as his defense as to why he spoke to me rather than my husband. The second comment also did not refer to Trustee Sugarman by name and used the phrase ‘pig in a poke’ referring to why would anyone vote for someone they know nothing about.

On Thursday, March 13, the Chicago Tribune’s Health and Family section ran an article by reporter Cindy Dampier about University of Oregon psychology professor Jennifer Freyd’s observations about

recent outbursts in public by men. She coined the acronym DARVO which stands for – Deny, Attack, and Reverse Victim and Offender, which is what happened after I read my statement.

I've seen a couple of social media posts by people writing that I'm a liar and my husband is a serial harasser. I don't even know who these people are. They've never spoken to me or asked a question about this yet they are signing their names to a statement calling me a liar.

There is a term for this. It's called 'Bearing false witness'. For Christians and Jews this is one of the Ten Commandments. For those who have been so quick to condemn me, I spoke the truth. At some point in our life you will find out that I did not lie about what happened. Will you publicly apologize to me then?

Trustee Sugarman, you have taken people who believe you down a dark path. I did not lie and none of this would have happened if you had spoken to my husband directly instead of confronting me with your anger.

The election is only two weeks away, but even if you win, you have lost.”