

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 21, 2020**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:42 P.M. Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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 stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel, Sargon, Klatzco, Cope

ABSENT:

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Mike Hansen, Fire Chief; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Katie Lazzara, Recreation Supervisor; Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 17, 2019 Village Board meeting were tabled to the next Village Board meeting.

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$979,357.36 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustee Klatzco, Sargon, Hlepas Nickell, Patel, Cope, Ikezoe-Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. President Bass spoke of the Asian Lunar New Year that was attended Sunday, January 19 and hosted by MWRD Commissioner Josina Morita.

2. Appointment to the Human Relations Commission

President Bass spoke of Amina Elmahdy who was stepping down from the Human Relations Commission (HRC) due to time constraints in her schedule.

President Bass stated that he is nominating Archawee Anny Dhamavasi to serve on the HRC, to fill the vacancy of Amina Elmahdy. He asked for the consent of the Village Board. Trustee Cope made a motion to consent to the nomination, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi, spoke regarding wanting to have a conversation about the process for nominations to Village commissions.

There was further conversation regarding the nomination.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell requested that the discussion of the appointment be tabled to the end of the agenda because there is a lot of business here and there are people waiting from different companies to speak on different topics.

President Bass agreed to call the matter at the end of the agenda.

Consent Agenda

If anyone wishes to speak to any matter on the Consent Agenda, a Speaker's Request Form must be completed, presented to the Village Clerk, and the matter will be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Regular Business.

1. Approval of an Ordinance Amending to Chapters 10 and 17 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding E-Cigarettes
2. Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to MQ Construction of Chicago, Illinois for the Installation of Sewer Restrictors and Covers in the Amount of \$138,820.00
3. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt an (A) Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center, a (B) Resolution Revising the Annual Fee Schedule, a (C) Resolution Concerning the Issuance of Non-Resident Season Passes to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center, and a (D) Resolution Concerning the Issuance of Non-Resident Daily Passes to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center for 2020

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked that Consent #2 regarding the awarding of a bid be moved to Regular Business #6 and Trustee Sargon asked that Consent #3 regarding pool fees be moved to Regular Business #7.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve Consent #1 with the motion being seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

4. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 16-5-2 of the Subdivision Ordinance to Establish Minimum Lot Widths for the R-2, R-3, and R-4 Residential Zoning Districts

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Department Manager using PowerPoint giving a brief recap of what occurred at the Plan Commission meeting.

Mr. Hammel stated in 2018 the Village Board recommended that lot width requirements in other zoning districts be reviewed.

Mr. Hammel went over the Village Board referral to the Plan Commission.

Mr. Hammel also went over the criteria as to how the Plan Commission reviewed the lot widths.

Mr. Hammel stated the different widths in the different zones. The Plan Commission had staff send notification to those residents that would be affected by the proposed changes in the Zoning Code.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell made a motion to approve the Ordinance, motion to second by Trustee Sargon. There was further discussion regarding lot size and home size.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hlepas Nickell, Cope, Patel, Ikezoe-Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

5. Discussion Regarding the Use of "New Brick" on the Proposed District 1860 Hotel and a Modification to Reduce the Requirement of a Minimum of 75% of High-quality Materials on each Building Elevation

This item was presented by Mr. McNellis using PowerPoint.

Mr. McNellis explained that Project 1860 Hotel is looking to use a lot of glass and brick, and modified brick, known as New Brick. Mr. McNellis stated the Plan Commission had a long conversation regarding New Brick that the petitioner is proposing, and Staff is now seeking guidance from the Village Board before the matter is acted upon by the Plan Commission.

Mr. McNellis did a brief overview as to how much of the building was going to be glass, how much would be brick and how much would be New Brick.

Mr. McNellis stated that after the Plan Commission had reviewed the proposed project the petitioner came forward looking to modify their plan making the building higher. Mr. McNellis stated that the variations are going back to the Plan Commission and is taking this opportunity to talk to the Village Board about the proposed New Brick before the variations are heard again by the Plan Commission.

Mr. McNellis went through the four elevations to show the Village Board what would be used where and how it would possibly look.

Mr. McNellis turned it over to John Powers, National Technical Director of Dryvit Systems, Inc., owner of New Brick.

Mr. Powers stated that when installing New Brick it uses the same type of mortar as regular brick and that New Brick has been tested to all current code requirements. Mr. Power's stated the goal is to

lower the energy consumption on each of the buildings. Mr. Powers noted the two samples in the room for the Board to look at.

Mr. Powers stated the warranty for New Brick is for 25 years and real brick has a five year warranty. Mr. Powers showed photos of buildings that currently use the proposed New Brick. Mr. Powers

showed a video of a pressure test performed on there different types of bricks and New Brick did not break during the test.

Mr. Powers gave a history of New Brick which is manufactured in Rhode Island.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked about the mortar, is it more likely to wash away, if it used a smaller amount of mortar than real brick. Mr. Powers stated it uses the same amount of mortar and there is an additive. Trustee Hlepas Nickell also had concerns about mold. There was further discussion about the bricks regarding mold.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated it is such a new product, she asked what has been the biggest obstacle or reluctance that can be spoken to. Mr. Powers stated that New Brick combines the insulation with the brick and that it started in the northeast. Mr. Powers stated that staff from the company is on site when the New Brick is installed in a project.

Mr. McNellis stated staff take-away is that it looks and feels like brick.

Mr. McNellis stated additional information that was compiled: No lawsuits at this time; patent information; Fire Department stated testing appears to be in order; also checked other communities in the area to see if they allow New Brick.

Mr. McNellis stated staff is seeking direction from the Village Board on moving forward with possibly using New Brick.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if Marriott had any issues with using New Brick. Paul Eskenazi, Senior Vice President of Operations, First Hospitality Group stated they do not have any issues the using New Brick.

Mr. Powers noted that New Brick is three times the cost of traditional brick.

Trustee Klatzco asked if the construction of the building is a metal frame. Chris Kleehammer of NORR Architects came forward to speak regarding the mounting of New Brick and the type of framing that would be used.

Trustee Klatzco asked Chief Hansen if New Brick met fire safety standards. Chief Hansen stated the brick meets the frame standards and meets the normal limits.

There was further discussion regarding New Brick

Steve Elrod, Village Attorney, stated another way to look at this is to ask the question do we want to add New Brick to the list of permissible use.

President Bass asked if anyone objects to the use of the material before it goes back to the Plan Commission.

Board consensus was that this can go to the Plan Commission for them to review for the use of New Brick.

Consent #2 was taken off of Consent Agenda and is now #6 on regular business.

6. Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to MQ Construction of Chicago, Illinois for the Installation of Sewer Restrictors and Covers in the Amount of \$138,820.00

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she just had a question regarding two different contractors crossing over on that piece of the project area and how would that be monitored to prevent issues.

Mr. Letson stated these projects would not be crossing each other by either contractor.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell made a motion to approve the Resolution awarding the bid, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco

Consent #3 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Regular Business as #7.

7. Approval of a Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to Adopt an (A) Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center, a (B) Resolution Revising the Annual Fee Schedule, a (C) Resolution Concerning the Issuance of Non-Resident Season Passes to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center, and a (D) Resolution Concerning the Issuance of Non-Resident Daily Passes to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center for 2020

Parks and Recreation Director, Melissa Rimdzius, provided background information on this item using PowerPoint.

Ms. Rimdzius stated that staff relies on feedback from users of the pool. Ms. Rimdzius stated that some of the common themes in feedback are as follows: lack of consistent steps between season pass fees; above market non-resident season pass fees; inability for non-residents to access the facility without a pass. Ms. Rimdzius stated the pool relies on fees from non – resident passes to help support the pool.

Ms. Rimdzius presented the Village Board with information showing the downward trend in non-resident pool pass sales. Ms. Rimdzius stated the Aquatic Center really relies of the sales of pool passes, both resident and non-resident to help with maintaining the center.

Trustee Klatzco stated weather in 2019 was bad which added to the slow sales in pool passes. Trustee Klatzco asked if there was data regarding the days the pool was closed. Ms. Rimdzius stated they did not have that data prepared at this time.

Ms. Gaura asked Ms. Rimdzius to give an overview of the presentation.

Ms. Rimdzius stated the first portion is the revision to the resident and on-resident Aquatic Center fees for 2020.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked why the board was being asked to make a decision on only one portion of the operations for Parks and Recreation and not for the overall department. Trustee Hlepas Nickell felt this was being piecemealed and not about the overall department. Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if there were other portions of the Department having issues or is it primarily just the pool.

Ms. Rimdzius stated that the biggest producers for the Department are camps and the pool. Ms. Rimdzius stated that they are not experiencing any decline in any other areas in programming besides the pool. Ms. Rimdzius stated the camp fees are going up but that is due to extended hours.

Ms. Rimdzius stated that the Parks and Recreation Department takes in about 1.5 million but the payout is 2.5 million including Public Works functions and most of that is due to increase in capital improvement projects.

Ms. Gaura stated this is a big part of the budget and Ms. Gaura clarified that as she and Ms. Rimdzius looked at the fee schedule, felt it was important to bring this forward to the Village Board. Ms. Gaura stated that currently fees for the pool are not in the current Village Code and they should be. Ms. Gaura stated that after the 2020 pool season an analysis of the fees will take place to figure out the 2022 budget year, that all fees will be looked at across the board for a comprehensive review.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she feels we should look at the Parks Department as a whole.

Laura Tomacic, Park and Recreation Board member came forward to speak on this subject. Ms. Tomacic stated that it is a huge factor to change the policy and felt the need for it to be tabled. Ms. Tomacic stated only half the Park and Recreation Board was at that Park and Recreation Board meeting and felt the need to hear all sides on the topic.

Trustee Sargon stated she would be more comfortable with proceeding with the fee schedule going forward and remand items C and D back to the Park and Recreation Board.

Trustee Cope asked Ms. Tomacic if the Park and Recreation Board would be okay with the fee schedule. Ms. Tomacic stated that she felt the fee schedule could be changed but was not in favor of a vote on the policy.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to approve Items A and B of former consent item #3 regarding the fee schedule only, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco

Nays: None

The motion to approve only Items A and B passed.

Mr. Elrod stated there was one more item that needed a vote and that was to remand parts C and D back to the Park and Recreation Board.

Trustee Sargon made the motion to remand parts C and D back to the Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

President Bass introduced the HRC nomination matter once again. He spoke regarding the appointment recommendation that was made under the President's Report. President Bass stated he picks residents that would work best on boards and commissions. President Bass stated this is what the Human Relations Commission wanted. President Bass stated he has no hidden agenda. President Bass stated he is nothing but transparent on all of his nominations.

Trustee Klatzco stated that as a Village Board it was agreed upon that the liaison would be part of the interview process with the candidate.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she was not invited by the Mayor for an interview.

There was further discussion regarding the appointment.

Trustee Cope suggested bringing the appointment back at the next Village Board meeting after Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi had a chance to meet with the candidate.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that Trustee Cope raised a good point, that maybe we should consider this as this would allow for the time and maybe we should revisit the language used to adopt for the appointments for these boards and commissions, present the name for a first reading and allow the liaison to reach out to the person, or the other community members and let the mayor get the feedback and then at the second meeting approve the appointment. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated the Board meets twice a month, and the boards and commissions meet once a month. Trustee Hlepas Nickell suggested adding that in.

Trustee Sargon stated she did not have a problem with what Trustee Hlepas Nickell suggest but she stated that if we are going to have a process, The Village Board needs to stick to the process moving forward.

There was further discussion regarding the process and policy.

Trustee Cope made a motion to table to the appointment to the very next meeting, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Resident, Ayer Habeebuddin, came forward to speak regarding the process for appointments to commissions. Mr. Habeebuddin spoke of getting a text message versus a posting in regard to the opening on the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Habeebuddin spoke of the need to allow time for people to reply for a board or commission opening.

Manager's Report

None

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi spoke about the postal issue from the last Village Board meeting noting the issue was resolved.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked Commissioner Josina Morita of MWRD for hosting the Asian Lunar New Year event. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi reminded everyone of the Iron Chiefs event on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked staff and the Plan Commission for all their work regarding the proposed brick that was discussed at the meeting.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked the Chair and the Village Board for a Long Range Planning meeting to better facilitate the Strategic Plan meeting.

Recognize the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce joining forces with Niles and Skokie with the mix and mingle at Stephani's.

Clerk's Report

Village Clerk, Beryl Herman, will be at the Carrington on Friday registering voters. If you have students at school they can register on-line.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 9:50 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted



Caroline Dick
Deputy Village Clerk