

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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JUNE 2, 2020**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees, VIA gotomeeting to order at 7:51 P.M. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, meeting held via GOTO Meeting and available live at WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/, 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 Deputy Village Clerk Heather McFarland the following were:

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

ABSENT: Trustee

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; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Anna Walsh-Kaperski, Superintendent Parks and Recreation Department.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 19, 2020 Village Board meeting and May 27, 2020 Special Board meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked that page four of the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Village Board meeting be amended to include the comments on the signed contract for the not mentions strategic plan.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the minute of May 19, 2020 Village Board meeting with a modification as well as the May 27, 2020 Special Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Meyer, the results were:

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

Nays: None

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$2,385,131.09 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

President's Report

1. Parks and Recreation Department

President Bass stated there are a variety of new virtual programs in the Parks and Recreation Department and to learn more to either visit the Village Website or the Village's social media page.

President Bass also announced as part of the State's Phase 3 Restore Illinois Plan that the tennis courts are now open.

2. Re-Opening Illinois

President Bass stated that effective May 29 the Village would move into Phase 3 along with the rest of the northeast region of Illinois and listed some of the things allowed to re-open.

3. Covid-19 Update

President Bass gave an updated on Covid-19 listing the number of illnesses in Lincolnwood and the number of deaths.

President Bass reminded everyone of the safety precautions that people should still be taking when going out.

4. President Bass stated in our communities we stand against racism. President Bass spoke of our diverse community. President Bass stated that we should respect one another.

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 a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Granting Variations Related to Perimeter Screening, Parking Lot Landscaping, Foundation Landscaping, and a Transition Yard at 7225 North Kostner Avenue
2. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Closure of the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center and Lincolnwood Summer Day Camps in 2020 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the schedule for Collection of Fees and Licensing for FY2020/2021

President Bass asked Deputy Clerk McFarland if there were any comments from the public. Deputy Clerk McFarland stated there were. The following was read into the record.

A Lincolnwood VOTER

In Normal times the Taverns music plays late into the night disturbing neighbors hearing patrons leaving the east side loudly, starting cars and motorcycles past 10 PM. with now more congestion and noise till 11 PM is unacceptable for neighbors.

Needed to be addressed with Psistaria, is an east west sidewalk along the north property line for pedestrian, wheelchairs, strollers to pass the Tavern safely, parking on Kilpatrick, exiting issues at Kilpatrick and Touhy, the not to code pork chop, the rodents.

At the Thursday May 27, code meeting Psistaria was absent to address Village issues.

Psistaria disrespects Village laws and codes.

At The Code meeting May 20, the chairman called him to participate and he did not.

Psistaria issues are not resolved because of lack of respect and noncooperation with the village.

There is plenty of room to PUT tents on the west side of the building between the tavern and Synagogue, thus not disturbing the residents of Lincolnwood Suites, and leaving public parking for those who need it.

Until Psistaria issues are resolved additional concessions should not be allowed

To get Village's help, they need to comply with VILLAGE rules in a timely manner.

President Bass stated those comments are actually for another item. Mr. Elrod stated this is to be applied to item six on the Regular Business portion of the agenda.

President Bass asked for a motion or comment on the consent agenda.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Consent agenda as amended, second by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

4. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Article 18 of Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

This item was presented by Robert Merkel, Finance Director.

President Bass asked Mr. Merkel if there was anyone else present for this item. Mr. Merkel stated there was not.

Mr. Merkel stated at the May 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting staff provided a 2021 budget update and stated to the Village Board that there will be a substantial decrease in revenue so adjustments needed to be made to the budget. Mr. Merkel stated that one of the suggestions to the

Village Board at that meeting was that the Village would forgo the 2 cents of the Village imposed gas tax that goes to the Police Pension Fund which is about 40% of the tax revenue goes to the police pension fund. . This was in addition to the other funds for the Police Pension Fund. This is only for 2021. Mr. Merkel stated that per Trustee Hlepas Nickell's request, we have placed in the Ordinance that upon review at the end of 2021 budget year, if the funds are available we will apply them to the Police Pension.

President Bass asked Deputy Clerk McFarland if there were any comments from the public. Deputy Clerk McFarland stated there were none.

President Bass asked the Village Board if any comments. There were none.

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to approve the Ordinance, second by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Deputy Clerk McFarland called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

5. Discussion Regarding Submitting Grant Applications for the Rebuild Illinois Program

President Bass prior to turning the presentation over to Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, asked if there was anyone else present for this item. Mr. Letson stated there was not.

Mr. Letson stated staff is seeking direction from the Village Board regarding as to whether or not a grant application should be submitted through the Fast Track Rebuild Illinois Program for the Street Storage – Stage II Project.

Mr. Letson provided background on the program to the Village Board.

Mr. Letson stated the program is applicable to a wide range of projects. Mr. Letson provided the guidelines of the program in regard to how quickly the funds must be used. Mr. Letson stated the only project the Village has where the grant funds could be applied would be the Street Storage – Stage II Project.

Mr. Letson stated that staff has learned that the chance of the Village receiving the grant is very low as it is based on the points system in the Fast Track Infrastructure Program. Mr. Letson stated that this doesn't mean the Village will not get the funding but it is low.

Mr. Letson stated that staff is recommending the Village apply for the full construction cost with the Village paying for the construction oversight.

Mr. Letson stated staff is seeking direction from the Village Board as to whether the staff should apply their time to the grant process.

President Bass asked if the funds could be used for everything else within the Village. Mr. Letson stated due to the 90 day timeline it would have to be the current project.

President Bass asked the Village Board for consensus.

Trustee Klatzco and Trustee Sargon stated they were in favor of applying for the grant.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if this was a full grant and not a matching grant. Mr. Letson stated that was correct. Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if we get any points for dealing with the flooding issue. Mr. Letson stated not necessarily. Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked but response to the flood survey. Mr. Letson stated the Village is receiving good results regarding number or replies.

Trustee Patel stated in favor of applying for the grant.

Trustee Cope asked for the cost of phase II project. Mr. Letson stated the cost is \$300,000 and the cost oversight. Trustee Cope asked if the Village could ask for funds to cover everything. Mr. Letson stated it is harder to apply the funds to engineering oversight. Trustee Cope stated he was in favor of applying for the grant.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she was in favor of applying for the grant.

Mr. Letson stated that no motion to approve, staff was merely seeking Village Board consensus.

6. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Outdoor Dining Operations by Restaurants During the COVID-19 Pandemic

President Bass turned this item over to Steve McNellis, Community Development Director.

Mr. Elrod stated that the comment read earlier does not need the comment re-read as it was already entered into the record.

Mr. McNellis stated that this item was originally discussed at the May 27, 2020 Special meeting of the Village Board. Mr. McNellis went over the items listed in the Resolution that the Village Board is being asked to approve. Mr. McNellis stated there were letters distributed to the restaurants that were interested in participating in the outdoor dining. Mr. McNellis read into the record the last paragraph of the letter that was sent to residents that would be affected by the outdoor dining:

“If you should find that the impacts of outdoor dining at the restaurant in the vicinity of your property produces an unreasonable nuisance, whether due to excessive noise, late hours beyond the typical restaurant closing time, garbage accumulating on their property or yours, or pest issues, please feel free to contact Jake Litz, Management Analyst for the Village of Lincolnwood, at jlitz@lwd.org or 847-745-4765. Jake will communicate with the appropriate Village department and staff member to respond.”

Mr. McNellis spoke about Psisteria Greek Tavern. Mr. McNellis stated that Police Chief, Jay Parrot and Doug Hammel, development Manager, went to Psisteria to look at the site and discuss the outdoor dining at this location.

There was discussion regarding the tent location for the outdoor dining. Mr. McNellis stated the concerns from the residents at Lincolnwood Suites regarding double parking on North Kilpatrick Avenue.

President Bass asked for Village Board comments.

Trustee Klatzco stated this is a temporary thing and not permanent and we need to do whatever we can to help the businesses and ask for residents to consider this. Trustee Klatzco stated he is for this and reminded everyone that this is temporary.

Trustee Sargon stated the Village wants to be flexible and appreciate that residents reached out and that staff is working with those restaurants.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she is very comfortable with this.

Trustee Patel stated we want to be supportive and flexible to help these businesses open. Trustee Patel stated he met with a resident from 4601 W. Touhy Avenue to discuss the tent at Psisteria and the possible issues that might arise. Trustee Patel stated he read the emails that came in and one of the emails spoke of the parking in the right-of-way and what concerns him is that he wants to make sure the Village is protected and asked staff to look ahead in regard to the right-of-way.

President Bass asked Mr. McNellis that staff be cognizant regarding parking in the public right-of-way. Mr. McNellis stated the Village Attorney, hart Passman, addressed this with staff that this is already in the Village Code regarding the right-of-way and the hold harmless.

Trustee Cope stated he is in favor of the Resolution. Trustee Cope stated that he would like to add that this is a crazy time and we have never been in a time like this, to the extent that we invented an ad hoc method to assist these restaurants to stay in business due to the closing down of the economy due to a nasty illness. Trustee Cope stated that he sympathizes with the residents in those areas but at this stage we are given very little choice due to the choices made by Government and the medical community, and for this reason in favor of this artificial solution and is in favor of passing the Resolution.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated se is in favor of the Resolution and asks residents for a little patience.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to approve the Resolution, second by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Deputy Clerk McFarland called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The Motion passed

7. Consideration of an Extension of the Emergency Declaration Entered by Mayor Bass on March 18, 2020

This item was presented by Mr. Elrod, Village Attorney.

Mr. Elrod provided background on this item. Mr. Elrod stated that currently the Emergency Declaration is in effect until the end of the June 2 Village Board meeting. Mr. Elrod noted that the stay at home order was from the Governor and not from Mayor Bass.

Mr. Elrod stated he and the Village Manager are suggesting extending the Emergency Declaration another two weeks, especially with staff coming back to work.

Trustee Sargon made the motion to extend to the adjournment of the next Village Board meeting, June 16, 2020, second by Trustee Klatzco.

President Bass asked Deputy Clerk McFarland to call the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

None

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if the Village Manager could respond to the following questions in the near future:

- Status of the strategic plan
- How are we communicating the grace period for vehicle stickers
- Who was the requestor for the FOIA with a name left off on the report

Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked staff particularly of the Public Works Department, Fire Department and the extraordinary presence and service of the Police Department, particularly Chief Parrott with what they have done during this crisis. Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked them for their service.

Trustee Cope made comments regarding recent events. Trustee Cope stated that he too would like to commend the Police Department. Trustee Cope stated he would like to point out that we have a great community, a very diverse community. Trustee Cope stated that given the make-up of our community we have a great respect for our Police Department and do not see them as the enemy but rather as the defender of our freedom. Trustee Cope stated he feels offended when hearing people deride the police dept. when they leave their home each day they do not know if they are going to come home.

Trustee Cope also added, in regard to the Virus that we didn't know the impact of the disease on this country and measures that had to be taken to protect the people. Trustee Cope spoke of a worse disease, cancer. Trustee Cope stated that public health officials would not allow cancer patients and others to go to the hospital for treatment and may have cost many more lives and was not the proper thing to do. Trustee Cope stated that 650,000 die every year from cancer, the vast majority of people that get corona virus survive.

Trustee Klatzco stated the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department (MWRD) is requesting not to flush the disinfect wipes as they are causing issues with the sewer lines because they are not flushable.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi also reminded the community of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) award nominations are extended to July 1 and spoke of how to nominate someone for the HRC Person of the Year Award and where to find the form and guidelines for who is eligible on the Village website.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated that she would like to thank Lincolnwood's Police and Fire Departments and Public Works for keeping our Village safe in these troubling times. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi's further comments are as an attachment at the end of these minutes.

President Bass stated that he echoed Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi's comments. President Bass also stated that we as a Village are very fortunate to have some very experienced Fire Department personnel. President Bass especially thanked the Police Department and all their hard work.

Assistant Village Manager, Chuck Meyer responded to the questions earlier by Trustee Hlepas Nickell. Mr. Meyer stated the following:

- Strategic plan is coming back in the near future
- Vehicle stickers are due by September 30 and we are announcing it on platforms but it was just in the Lincolnwood Local
- The FOIA was from Open the Books

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that when sending out information to please keep pushing out the census. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated there still a lot that have not replied to the Census.

Trustees Reports

None

Clerk's Report

None

Public Forum

None

Adjournment to Closed Session

At 8:56 P.M. Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Employment Matters Per Section 2(c)(1), Pending Litigation per section 2 (c)(11), second by Klatzco.

Trustee Patel stated to the class of 2020 had to cancel the graduation on Thursday due to other things going on.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Reconvention

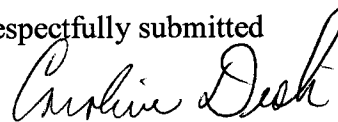
At 9:22 P.M. Mayor Bass reconvened the Village Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:23 P.M. Trustee Patel made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, second by Trustee Sargon.

President Bass announced that the Village Board meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



Caroline Dick
Deputy Village Clerk

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi's Comments:

As we saw the video of George Floyd take his last breaths, it took our collective breaths away in a moment of anger and sorrow. My condolences to the family and friends of George Floyd. We all need to work together to get through this, but the violence and destruction must stop.

Importantly, I'd like to thank Lincolnwood's Police and Fire Departments and Public Works for keeping our Village safe in these troubling times.