

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND  
AVAILABLE LIVE AT [WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/](http://WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/)  
JULY 21, 2020**

**Call to Order**

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees, VIA gotomeeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Tuesday, July 21, 2020, meeting held in the Village Hall Council Chambers and via GOTO Meeting and available live at [WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/](http://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 Interim Deputy Village Clerk Chuck Meyer the following were:

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Anna Kaperski-Walsh, Superintendent Parks and Recreation Department; Melissa Rimdzius, Director of Parks and Recreation; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Hart Passman, Village Attorney.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 7, 2020 Special Meeting of the Village Board were presented for approval.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Special Meeting of the Village Board, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

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

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

Nays: None

**Warrant Approval**

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$3,004,073.95 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Cope.

Deputy Village Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

## **President's Report**

### **1. Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year Award**

President Bass recognized Madeleine Grant's daughters, Maura Neuendank and Elizabeth Keno who were present at the meeting. He stated that Paul Grant, father of Maura and Elizabeth, and husband of Madeleine, was unable to be there for the presentation. Before presenting the award, Mr. Bass gave a little background on Madeleine Grant as someone who served the Village of Lincolnwood as a member of several committees, Library Board President, and as its Mayor for nearly eight years. Ms. Neuendank and Ms. Keno congratulated Sheri Doniger and thanked her for her kindness and generosity to the community.

President Bass presented Dr. Sheri Doniger as this year's Madeleine Grant Recognition Winner. President Bass shared some of the contributions that Dr. Sheri Doniger has made to the community including her time as a trustee on the Library Board, as a member of Niles Township District 219 School board, as a member of the Fire and Police Commission, as well as Chairperson on many other committees. He then presented Dr. Sheri Doniger with the award.

Dr. Sheri Doniger thanked President Bass, the Village Board, and the Grant family. She stated that it has been an honor to serve the community of Lincolnwood. She shared that she looks forward to continuing to volunteer for the Village of Lincolnwood. She thanked her family and expressed her gratitude to the community.

President Bass concluded by thanking the Grant Family and Dr. Sheri Doniger for their time.

### **2. Human Relations Commission Person of the Year**

President Bass stated that this year, The Person of the Year Award would be presented to Mr. Tom Bujnowski, building engineer for Todd Hall at School District 74. He stated that Mr. Bujnowski's dedication to his position with the school district exemplifies what it means to be a public servant and that he goes above and beyond the call of duty by making sure the school runs seamlessly. President Bass summarized the ways in which Mr. Bujnowski has showed his dedication to the community.

Present from the HRC were Co-Chairs, Wynne Terlizzi and Jennifer Costantino of the Human Relations Commission attending the meeting virtually to present the HRC Person of the Year award to Mr. Bujnowski

Ms. Terlizzi presented the award to Mr. Tom Bujnowski and congratulated him on his award.

Mr. Bujnowski stated that he was honored to be receiving the award. He expressed his gratitude for being recognized for his work. He stated that he is very passionate about his job and was grateful to know that he has impacted the children and parents he works with.

President Bass thanked Mr. Bujnowski for his work. He also thanked Mr. Bujnowski's family for attending the meeting.

Trustee Sargon thanked Mr. Bujnowski for his work and emphasized that many other families appreciate him and support his nomination for this award.

Mr. Bujnowski's wife, Anita expressed her gratitude for the nomination.

HRC Commissioner, Mario Rizzotti expressed his gratitude for Mr. Bujnowski's work at Todd Hall and emphasized that Mr. Bujnowski is an example to other parents.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell agreed that Mr. Bujnowski is an example to parents.

Daniel Bujnowski expressed that he was proud of his father and is grateful for all he does.

President Bass concluded by thanked Mr. Bujnowski and his family for attending the meeting.

### **3. Presentation to the Niles Township Food Pantry**

President Bass stated that Human Relations Commissioner and lead organizer of the Iron Chiefs event, Mario Rizzotti was in attendance to virtually present the net proceeds donation from this past January's event to Nile's Township Trustee and representative of Niles Food Pantry, Don Gelfund.

Mr. Rizzotti expressed his gratitude to the HRC for helping make this event happen each year.

Mr. Gelfund congratulated Dr. Doniger and Mr. Bujnowski. He expressed the spike in need during this time at the food pantry and the set up of a remote location. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the people in the township for their work in raising funds with this event. He expressed that money is still greatly needed for the Food Pantry at this time. Mr. Gelfund stated he was proud to help serve his community in his capacity.

President Bass asked if Ms. Terlizzi wanted to say anything

Ms. Terlizzi thanked Mr. Rizzotti for his work and expressed hope that there will be another event this year.

### **4. Stormwater Town Hall Meeting**

President Bass stated that the Village will be hosting a virtual stormwater town hall meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an overview of how the sewer system handles large rain events, stormwater relief projects, flooding, and answer other questions residents may have related to storm water management. Members from the Village's contractual engineering firm, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., will be present along with staff and members of the Village Board to present information and answer questions. He encouraged anyone with questions or concerns they would like to raise about storm water to participate.

### **5. COVID-19**

President Bass stated that there have been 2,829 residents tested for the virus with 204 residents with confirmed cases, 23 residents that have lost their lives to the virus. He stated that the death count has fortunately not increased since May 23 for Lincolnwood.

President Bass then provided an update regarding the guidelines and precautions being taken by the Village to prevent spread of the virus.

President Bass concluded by reminding residents to support Lincolnwood businesses by shopping local.

## **6. Mosquito Abatement Activities**

President Bass state that The North Shore Mosquito Abatement District would be conducting a wide-area larval mosquito control operation in portions of Lincolnwood and Skokie on Wednesday, July 22, between the hours of 9:00 pm and 12:00 am, as weather permits.

## **7. Passing of Gail Persino**

President Bass regrettably reported the passing of longtime Lincolnwood resident Gail Persino, the beloved wife of Jim Persino who has served in many capacities for the Village of Lincolnwood including the Economic Development Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. President Bass shared that in lieu of flowers, the family requested that gifts be made in Gail's name to the NorthShore University Health System Foundation at [foundation.northshore.org/donate](http://foundation.northshore.org/donate).

President Bass asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Gail Persino.

## **8. Passing of Representative John Lewis and Reverend C.T. Vivian**

President Bass stated that this past week the country was devastated by the passing of Civil Rights icons Representative John Lewis of Georgia and Reverend C.T. Vivian. President Bass recognized the contributions of Representative Lewis and C.T. Vivian Representative Lewis to the Civil Rights Movement and to the country. In recognition of their accomplishment both were recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest civilian award that can be given by the President of the United States.

President Bass concluded by providing a quote from Representative Lewis' 2017 memoir, "Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America."

## **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 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Diesel and Gasoline Fuel for the Village Fleet from Al Warren Oil Company of Chicago, Illinois, through Northwest Municipal Conference Contract #198
2. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Release of Certain Written Minutes and the Destruction of Verbatim Records of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Board of Trustees
3. Approval of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. of Rosemont, Illinois for the Provision of Design Engineering Services for the Landscaping Improvements to the Lincoln Avenue Medians

President Bass asked Deputy Clerk Meyer if there were any comments from the public. Deputy Clerk Meyer stated there were not.

President Bass entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Deputy Clerk, Heather McFarland called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

### **Regular Business**

4. Public Hearing to Consider the Following Items Pertaining to Fiscal Year 2020-2021: A) Approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B) Approval of the Certificate of Estimated Revenues by Source for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

President Bass opened the Public Hearing.

Deputy Village Clerk, Heather McFarland called the roll.

President Bass stated that a quorum was present. Finance Director, Robert Merkel, introduced the proposed ordinance. President Bass stated that after the introduction, he would entertain questions from the Village Board.

Mr. Merkel introduced the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Merkel explained that the north Lincoln TIF district expenses contributed to the increase in the amount.

President Bass asked if the Village Board had any questions. There were no questions.

President Bass asked if any member of the public would desire to be heard on this matter.

No members of the public were present and Mr. Meyer confirmed that no emails were sent.

President Bass stated that there was a motion on the floor made by Trustee Klatzco and seconded by Trustee Sargon to close the public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Heather McFarland called the roll.

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

NAYS: None

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to approve the Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Deputy Clerk Heather McFarland called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

5. Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed \$2,750,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois,

Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Order, Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof

This item was presented by Robert Merkel, Finance Director.

Mr. Merkel stated that the designated officers in charge of selling the bonds are Trustee Patel and Village Manager Gaura and emphasized that this is a great time to be selling the GO bonds. Mr. Merkel explained that the bonds are private placement bonds with a 15-year maturity. He also explained that the debt payments for these bonds will come from the Fuel Tax revenue.

Mr. Merkel asked if the board had any questions.

Trustee Klatzco thanked Mr. Merkel and the other trustees for their work in securing bonds.

Trustee Sargon also thanked Mr. Merkel.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked Mr. Merkel for his work. She stated that she should disclose that she works for an organization related to bonds.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Interim Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

6. Consideration of a Local Public Agency Resolution of Intent Regarding the General Obligation Bond, Series 2020A

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director. Mr. Letson stated that Motor Fuel tax fund will pay for GO bonds. He explained that the Resolution needs to be approved in order to allow for this through IDOT. Mr. Letson asked if the Village Board had any questions regarding the resolution.

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

Interim Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

7. Consideration of a Resolution Cancelling Community Events Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

This item was presented by Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director using a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Rimdzius reviewed the current state guidelines for group gatherings. She presented community events that were anticipated to have a gathering of more than 50 people and may need to be canceled as well as alternative ideas for community events. She stated that staff will continue to monitor the status of the pandemic and focus on providing alternative activities for the community. Ms. Rimdzius recommended that the Village cancel the Trucks on Tour and Fall Movie in the Park events.

Trustee Sargon asked if there was any information on the fall Turkey Trot event in terms of possible alternatives.

Mrs. Rimdzius stated that staff was prepared to transition to a fully virtual race for the Turkey Trot but she did not have a plan prepared for this meeting for the Village Board's approval.

Trustee Cope expressed that the Village should wait to cancel the Turkey Trot for a month or two and expressed his hope that the event continue.

Trustee Sargon supported staff in transitioning to a virtual event or cancelling this year's Turkey Trot as large group gatherings are not possible at this time. She expressed the importance of making the decision early enough for staff to be able to prepare.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell expressed her disappointment that the Turkey Trot needs to be cancelled or modified but understands that it will not be possible to hold the event as usual.

Trustee Patel suggested a mask-required race and individually spaced start times for runners. He suggested exploring the option of giving out buffs instead of t-shirts. He also recognized that the staff would need time to prepare for changes.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi agreed to cancel the two fall events on this item. As for the Turkey Trot, she agreed with Trustee Sargon that we should be more cautious and lean towards cancelling the event.

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

Deputy Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

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

The item was presented by Village Attorney, Hart Passman. Mr. Passman stated that it was the recommendation of the Village Attorney, Mayor, and Village Manager that this Order gets extended. The recommendation would be to extend the declaration through August 18.

Trustee Klatzco stated that the Village should approach the governor about the issue of enforcement of social distancing and mask wearing. He stated that there should be an ordinance to require people to wear a mask which would result in a fine.

President Bass stated that the police can help with enforcement if residents are not complying with the mask requirements.

There was more discussion about the issue of enforcing mask wearing and social distancing measures.

President Bass expressed that he doesn't see a widespread problem in residents not complying with the requirement for masks. Trustee Klatzco expressed that business are having a difficult time enforcing the safety measures.

A motion was made by Trustee Sargon to extend the emergency declaration to the adjournment of the Village Board meeting on August 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Village Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

### **Manager's Report**

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura reported that the contractor for the Water Transmission Main project was officially able to make water flow from Evanston to the Pump House in Lincolnwood. She stated that the Village was estimating the project to be a quarter of a million dollars under budget. She informed the Village Board that staff are tentatively scheduling a ribbon cutting event on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board and Commissions Report**

There were no reports.

### **Trustees Reports**

There were no Trustee Reports.

### **Clerk's Report**

There was no report.

### **Public Forum**

President Bass asked if there were any public comments. There were not.

### **Closed Session**

At 9:12 P.M. Trustee Klatzco moved to close the meeting to the public, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3). Trustee Sargon seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

### **Reconvention**

At 9:57 P.M. Mayor Bass reconvened the Village Board meeting.




**Adjournment**

At 9:57 P.M. Trustee Hlepas Nickell 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



Chuck Meyer  
Deputy Village Clerk