

**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/
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees, VIA GoToMeeting to order at 8:02 P.M. Tuesday, September 1, 2020, meeting held in the Village Hall Council Chambers and 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 Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco
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; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney; Jake Litz, Management Analyst.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 Meeting of the Village Board were presented for approval.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Meeting of the Village Board, second by Trustee Patel.

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

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel, Cope, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco
Nays: None

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$1,262,549.55 moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

President's Report

President Bass wished Trustee Patel a happy birthday. Trustee Patel thanked his family and everyone present.

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Article 2 of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding the Office of Village Treasurer

Trustee Patel made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: none

2. Appointment of Village Treasurer

President Bass appointed Robert Merkel as the new Village Treasurer as of September 1, 2020, with no additional compensation for these duties.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked for clarification on the appointment.

Mr. Elrod clarified that the appointment is for Bob Merkel so long as he is the Finance Director. It will not always be the case that the Finance Director is the Treasurer in the future. This is a single appointment.

A motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Klatzco seconded by Trustee Patel.

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

3. Water Transmission Celebratory Wrench

President Bass shared that on August 13, the Village held a ceremony with the City of Evanston to celebrate the completion of the water transmission main project. As part of that ceremony, Mayor Hagerty and Mayor Bass opened a hydrant. The gold wrench used in that ceremony has been mounted and is now on display currently in the Village Manager's Office but will be moved to the Village Hall hallway for full display in the near future.

4. Parks and Recreation Program Guide

President Bass shared that the Parks and Recreation program guide, filled with classes and events that will be taking place this fall, had been released and registration is open. Residents can visit recreation.lwd.org to view the program guide. To request a printed copy of the program guide, residents can contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

5. Trucks on Tour

President Bass shared that on September 13, 2020 Trucks on Tour can be viewed from the sidewalk, public parks along the route, or a parked vehicle along the route. A map of the route can be viewed at recreation@lwd.org and the fleet of vehicles can be tracked online as they proceed along the route. If you're viewing from a public park along the route, please avoid crowds and keep 6' distance from individuals outside of your household, or wear a mask.

6. September 17 Blood Drive

President Bass reminded residents that, while walk-ins are welcome during the blood drive, it is highly recommended that you call at least a day or two in advance of the blood drive date and schedule an appointment. This allows for staff to help maintain social distancing with participants. The number to call is on your screen along with the required group code number. You may also call Carrie Dick in our Administration office as well and she will also provide you the number and the code. Upon arrival your temperature will be taken. There is an urgent need for blood at this time as donations have dropped due to COVID. Your blood will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Remember, every blood donation can save up to three lives in our community.

7. COVID-19

President Bass stated that there have been 4,841 residents tested for the virus with 284 residents with confirmed cases, 25 residents that have lost their lives to the virus since the virus began.

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.

President Bass stated that the Village Board was originally scheduled to consider items related to the PUD and incentive agreement for the District 1860 at tonight's meeting. But, the Village negotiating team is still working with the Developer on the details. It is anticipated that those items will be on the Village Board agenda for approval at the September 15 Meeting.

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 Approving a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, Waiving Competitive Bidding, and Approving an Engineering Services Agreement for the Touhy and Cicero Intersection Improvement Project
2. Approval of an Ordinance Declaring Public Works Dump Trucks 14 and 18 as Surplus and Authorizing their Disposal
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to be Designated a Qualified Training Establishment for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Program
4. Approval of a Resolution Rejecting the Bids Received for a Contract for Installation of Ionization Systems
5. Approval of an Ordinance Granting Variations for the Renovation of a Building for Operation of a General Commercial Space at 3921 West Touhy Avenue

6. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Enforcement of Section 14-15-10 of the Municipal Code to Permit Construction at 7101 North Lincoln Avenue

Trustee Klatzco asked a question about what land would be included in the land acquisition for item one.

Mr. Letson explained that the Phase 1 study showed that there was additional right of way that the state would require at the corners. He said that the property owners affected are aware of the project.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked about item six and asked for clarification on the hours that were listed as starting at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Meyer stated she is correct, that the time needs to be pushed back but that they would make sure it does not negatively affect L. Woods operations.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell suggested amending the language.

There was some discussion about the time of closer of L. Woods and how it would affect the construction permit.

Mr. Meyer clarified that the language in the ordinance assumes that they will not negatively impact the operation of the restaurant.

Trustee Cope asked what the reason is for limiting the time.

Mr. Meyer explained that it is to mitigate any negative impact to neighboring businesses.

Mr. Hammel explained that the project will include removing a water main, shutting down one lane of Lincoln Avenue, and shutting off water.

Trustee Cope asked if anyone other than L. Woods will be affected.

Mr. Hammel explained that it should not be impacting residents in the area but they will receive a notice.

President Bass stated that there will be a follow up discussion with Loeber Motors.

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 Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended concerning the time period in Item #6, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

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

The item was presented by Village Attorney, Steve Elrod. Mr. Elrod stated that it is the recommendation of the Village Attorney, Mayor, and Village Manager that this Order be extended until the adjournment of either the September 15 or October 8 Village Board meeting .

Trustee Klatzco expressed concern that the number of COVID cases in Cook County are on the rise. He recommended putting some teeth into the ordinance for the Village of Lincolnwood in order to enforce safety measures and to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

President Bass expressed that the Village has increased enforcement of safety measures and is leading the way for other communities.

There was some discussion about the difficulty of enforcing mask wearing outside as well as emails that have been received from residents.

President Bass expressed the importance of keeping residents informed about what they should be doing to prevent the spread of the virus but stated that he rarely sees people out without a mask.

Trustee Klatzco insisted that if the Village has the ability to fine people for cutting down a tree, it has the ability to fine them for wearing a mask.

President Bass reiterated that it is difficult to enforce mask-wearing outside.

Trustee Patel stated that our local emergency order does go further than the state of Illinois in that we can fine individuals who visit a business without a mask. The previous Village Board discussion lead to the decision to arm police with masks to gain compliance rather than enforce with fines. He confirmed the difficulty of enforcing the mask wearing outdoors. He suggested discussing at the next meeting whether or not a pivot needs to be made in enforcement.

President Bass reiterated that from what he sees, most residents are complying with mask wearing. He expressed concerns over increasing enforcement efforts beyond what has already been done.

Trustee Klatzco stated that Lincolnwood should be leading in the state by preventing the virus as much as possible.

There was more discussion on the issue of enforcing mask wearing outside.

Trustee Cope expressed that the Village Board should focus on the issue of extending the emergency declaration.

A motion was made by Trustee Cope to extend the emergency declaration to the adjournment of the Village Board meeting on October 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Patel.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Trustee Klatzco

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Village Manager Gaura reminded the Village Board about their invitation to the Bridges Adult Transition Center event. She reminded them to RSVP to the event as those organizing the event are thankful to the Village Board for their cooperation in the making of the Center.

Ms. Gaura also provided an update on the Irrigation Rebate program. She explained that it has been a very popular program.

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked for confirmation about whether there will be another CORB meeting to discuss open permits. She also asked whether or not there has been a recent telephone bill audit. She expressed concern over the census only being at 76 percent. She recommended that there be another reminder for residents to purchase their vehicle stickers by September 30. She wished a happy birthday to Trustee Patel and to resident photographer, Steve Lasker.

President Bass asked for Trustee Hlepas Nickell to clarify the topic of the discussion she recommended for the CORB meeting.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell explained that she wished to do an overall audit of policies. She asked Village Attorney, Mr. Elrod if there is a service available to do an overview of our codes similar to what was done with the school board.

Mr. Elrod stated that there is not a similar service to that which exists in school districts except for police orders. He explained that the process that Villages engage in would be a comprehensive review of its municipal code, similar to what has been done in the past.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked him when such a review was done in the past.

Mr. Elrod stated that it was most likely 10 years ago.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if that process would be done through CORB.

Mr. Elrod confirmed that it has gone through CORB in the past.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that she would like to pursue that process with CORB to be more proactive with Code policy.

Trustee Patel explained that there were two CORB members who worked with a staff and attorney-led team in the past. He asked if CORB should do a preliminary review to determine which smaller areas need to be addressed. He emphasized that it's a large project and suggested identifying smaller sections to focus on.

Village Manager Gaura stated that staff would have to look into this item and determine the amount of time and expense that could be allotted to this project with consideration to staffing changes that may occur.

Trustees Reports

President Bass asked Trustee Sargon if she would like to share the project she has been working on with Northwestern.

Trustee Sargon stated that she is working to coordinate student internships with Northwestern University.

Mr. Meyer answered Trustee Hlepas Nickell's previous question about vehicle stickers. He confirmed that the Village will send out an email about vehicle stickers. He explained that there was a phone audit already and the Village is planning to switch to RCN as quickly as possible to save money.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked Mr. Meyer for his response.

President Bass suggested the connections with Northwestern University's school of law could potentially help with the Ordinance review.

Clerk's Report

There was no report.

Public Forum

Mr. Meyer confirmed that there were no public comments submitted.

Adjournment to Closed Session

At 9:01 P.M. Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn the meeting to discuss Pending Litigation Per Section 2(c)(11) and Employment Matters per Section 2(c)(1), seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Reconvention

At 10:18 P.M. Mayor Bass reconvened the Village Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:18 P.M. President Bass announced that the Village Board meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



Chuck Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk