

**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/  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

**Call to Order**

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees, VIA GoToMeeting to order at 8:20 P.M. Wednesday, November 4, 2020, meeting held in the Village Hall Council Chambers and via GoToMeeting 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;

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 8, 2020 and October 20, 2020 Meetings of the Village Board were presented for approval.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 and October 20, 2020 Meeting of the Village Board, second by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi with an addition on the minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup>, would like Dr. Cooper's first name added to the minutes. Trustee Hlepas Nickell approved with amendment.

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Herman, 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 \$990,244.29 moved to approve the warrants, and mentioned the first bond payment on our water transmission main was paid with the funds we are saving from lower water rates. Seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

### **President's Report**

#### **1. Toys for Tots**

President Bass provided information regarding this year's Toys for Tots program.

Boxes will be available thru December 9.

#### **2. Blood drive**

President Bass provided information for the Larry Froman Blood Drive that will be taking place on Thursday, December 17, 2020 in the Community Center.

#### **3. COVID-19**

President Bass stated that there have been 9,202 residents tested for the virus with 491 residents with confirmed cases. 26 residents 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 also stated that he is working to secure a COVID-19 testing site in the Village of Lincolnwood.

### **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 Determining Amounts of Money to be Raised Through Ad Valorem Property Taxes
2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Rock Salt for Roadway Snow and Ice Removal through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program in an Amount not to Exceed \$58,116.00
3. Approval of a Resolution Requesting Motor Fuel Tax Funds from the State of Illinois Pertaining to General Maintenance
4. Approval of a Resolution Establishing the Village Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2021
5. Approval of a Recommendation by the Traffic Commission to Adopt an Ordinance to 7-2-12 of the Village Code Pertaining to Prohibited Parking on the Northside of Pratt Avenue 60 Feet East and on the Southside of Pratt Avenue 60 Feet West of the Union Pacific Trail

6. Approval of a Recommendation by the Traffic Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 7-2-6 of the Village Code Pertaining to the Schedule of Yield Streets

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

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Consent agenda, 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**

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. Mr. Elrod stated the current order expires at the end of this meeting and a motion could be made this evening to extend it to the end of the next Village Board meeting on November 17, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Patel to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the Village Board meeting on November 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Trustee Cope stated the Governor is requiring that restaurants and bars had to shut down indoor dining and the Mayor of Chicago was resistant on this. Trustee Cope stated the Village shouldn't require restaurants to shut down indoor dining. Mr. Elrod stated it is a good question but the Governor's requirement is not related to adopting the continuation of this Emergency Declaration.

Trustee Cope stated he is glad to go along with the extension with the provision that the Mayor does not take independent action to shut down indoor dining at restaurants. President Bass stated that he had no intention of doing so.

President Bass stated we have accommodated our businesses to help keep them in business and as long as our businesses are keeping stringent limits on people in the businesses and social distancing he is comfortable with restaurants to keep operating. President Bass stated we can't have people losing their homes, going out of business but yet, they do need to be very careful. President Bass stated most people are complying with these stringencies.

Trustee Klatzco stated that now that the positivity rate is at 11%, he would like to see the mayor make masks mandatory and enforce it with a fine. President Bass stated we have one of the strongest mandates in the state of Illinois. Trustee Klatzco stated he goes by the parks and people are not wearing masks in the park. Trustee Sargon stated we have 90 cases since our last meeting and is in favor of mandating the wearing of masks and agrees with Trustee Klatzco. President Bass stated he has been very open about spreading the word and wearing a mask. There was extensive discussion and debate on the issue.

Trustee Cope disagreed with wearing a mask when walking down the street or in the park alone.

Trustee Cope suggested to Trustee Klatzco that he present an Ordinance requiring that residents of Lincolnwood must all wear masks from the age of two or three years and up when in public, and then we can see if any other trustee would vote for it. Trustee Cope added that he would not vote for it.

Trustee Patel stated that he doesn't recall if there was a second but this matter is only for the extension the Emergency Declaration. Trustee Halevi noted that she had previously seconded it. President Bass asked for a roll call vote.

Village Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: Trustee Klatzco

The motion passed.

President Bass stated he will be more vocal when it comes to people in the parks without a mask.

There was further discussion on the matter of mask wearing in the parks in Lincolnwood.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she agrees with Trustee Klatzco and Trustee Sargon and that it takes just one person to get people sick.

Trustee Patel stated relative to the parks, he would be willing to have the Village Attorney amend or draft an Ordinance to mandate masks when in parks in Lincolnwood Trustee Patel stated he doesn't see this as a harm.

Trustee Cope stated that wearing a masks makes it harder for him to breath and wearing a mask while exercising is not healthy.

President Bass stated we do not have to do an Ordinance mandating this

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated there needs to be a happy medium. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated if on the bike path or in a park you should be required to wear a mask but if you are walking down the street by yourself there would be no need to enforce. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that she understands what Trustee Klatzco is saying and doesn't disagree, but there needs to be a happy medium.

President Bass stated he is willing to do signage that masks must be worn in the park subject to certain requirements such as social distancing.

Clerk Herman spoke as a resident, stating that if you don't wear a seatbelt, you are putting yourself at risk, if you don't wear a mask you are putting others at risk.

Trustee Patel stated to President Bass that the majority of the Village Board appears to want a strong regulation regarding masks in the parks.

President Bass stated he will make the message more clear with the help of staff to enforce in parks and work on cooperation.

There was further discussion.

Mr. Elrod asked for clarification from the Board. President Bass asked if t under the Governor's existing Emergency Declaration , it allows the Village to issue a warning or a fine to a business or an individual in a store or park not wearing a mask with social distancing? Mr. Elrod stated he wants to examine the Governor's order and the Mayor's order and report back to the Village Board about what each order provides regarding masks. President Bass stated he wants an answer by next meeting. Mr. Elrod stated that he would get the answer.

### **Manager's Report**

Ms. Gaura gave an update on a project on Pratt Avenue. Ms. Gaura stated in 2010 the Village received Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant for bike lanes on Lincoln Avenue, Pratt Avenue and East Prairie Road. Ms. Gaura stated that IDOT made a determination the only section eligible was Pratt Avenue between Crawford Avenue and McCormick Boulevard and this project started November 4, 2020. Ms. Gaura stated the expected completion date is November 13, 2020. Ms. Gaura stated information regarding this project will be placed on social media and that this process for this project was started ten years ago.

Trustee Patel stated he brought up this item because he didn't recall this item. Trustee Patel stated he recalls other discussions of striping in the past on Pratt Avenue.

Mr. Letson stated that the previous project that was discussed, the Village is waiting for an agreement with Cook County to study that project.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated her initial concern was the parking along Pratt Avenue where parking was marked. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated the Board was supposed to be notified of accidents due to the line of site and asked if any have been done? Ms. Gaura stated staff will look into that and get back to the Village Board.

Ms. Gaura spoke to the Recognition of the Retirement of Community Development Director, Steve McNellis, and thank him for his years of service. Ms. Gaura presented Mr. McNellis's past work history prior to Lincolnwood and the projects he has worked on while working in Lincolnwood as well as all the behind the scenes things he has done.

Ms. Gaura stated Mr. McNellis has dedicated his life to the business community and he has been a pleasure to work with.

Mr. McNellis thanked Ms. Gaura for valuing his opinion and thanked the former Village Manager, Tim Wiberg, for hiring him. Mr. McNellis thanked staff and the Village Engineers and gave a special thank you to the Village Board and the Mayor and the pleasure of working with them and thanked them for the opportunity to work here. Mr. McNellis thanked his wife for her support.

President Bass stated that Mr. McNellis is one of the most professional, honest, sincere people he has ever worked with and has devoted many hours to projects. President Bass stated that as sad as he is that Mr. McNellis is leaving he is happy for him in his retirement.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked Mr. McNellis for working with her on the Economic Development Commission and other projects and hopes that he will return with certain milestones such as District 1860. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that Mr. McNellis will be missed and wished him the best.

### **Board and Commissions Report**

Trustee Sargon talked about the Creepy Crawly event that took place for Halloween and thanked the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works team. Trustee Sargon stated it was a windy day and staff was great and did an extraordinary job.

Trustee Sargon stated it has been a short tenure for her but thanked Mr. McNellis for all he has done and wished him well.

President Bass stated he forgot to thank everyone for everything they did for the State of the Village.

Trustee Cope thanked Mr. McNellis for the good work he has done here in Lincolnwood. Trustee Cope stated he knows the work he has done in other communities and he has done a good job and accomplished a lot.

Trustee Patel thanked Mr. McNellis for his service and wished him well and thanked him for teaching him a new word.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked the residents for going out to vote and stated that everybody has the best interest of this country and we express it in different ways.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked Mr. McNellis for his work and that he is a successful person and thanked him for working here.

### **Trustees Reports**

Trustee Hlepas Nickell congratulated Mary Liss, Executive Secretary for the Police Department, on her 44 years with the Village.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell thanked her fellow Board members for backing on the street crossing initiative on Lincoln Avenue for the bike path.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she heard there were letters submitted and asked for them to be shared.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell gave a Toys for Tots update regarding liaison position. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she had lunch with women from the Lincolnwood Chamber and there is going to be some assistance from the Village with a contact for the Village regarding logistics and information. Trustee Hlepas Nickell also spoke of Erin Lyons, Director of the Lincolnwood Chamber and how she is working on alternative events to collect toys. Trustee Hlepas Nickell also spoke of the drive-thru drop off on December 8 for Toys for Tots that will be occurring at the Lincolnwood Town Center. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she will bring more information to the next meeting.

### **Clerk's Report**

None

### **Public Forum**

Mr. Meyer stated read several letters that were received into the record. They will be attached to these minutes.

President Bass asked Ms. Gaura to send out our diversity portion of the Long Range Plan from 2016 as well as the recent police letter along with some other documents.

President Bass thanked those for their letters.

Trustee Sargon heard from multiple people of a plan or recommendation for the Board and would like for this to be on a future Committee of the Whole as it is important to have a statement of values. President Bass stated we have a statement of values.

Trustee Patel stated he received a few emails on this but the response from staff, the mission statement and core values that are listed in our comprehensive plan and he was disappointed in it. Trustee Patel stated that he thought about the request that is being made, doesn't think a Committee of the Whole for 15 minutes will achieve the result. Trustee Patel stated it might serve the Village well to hold a workshop or some other avenue that all could come together to talk about those two items, the Mission Statement and the Core Values. Trustee Patel stated he is asking the Board for a path through a workshop or some other venue.

Trustee Cope stated he read several of the letters but feels what would be useful is if that group wrote something up regarding the values of Lincolnwood and submit it to the Board to evaluate. President Bass stated he agreed provide it they keep it to the specifics.

President Bass stated we have a 2016 statement but stated to Trustee Patel that if he feels there deficiencies then by all means we can work on that.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked Chief Parrott if something could be placed on the December Human Relations Commission (HRC) agenda to start a dialogue with Lincolnwood Together. Chief Parrott stated that if that is the direction from the Village Board then it can be done.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:14 P.M. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi 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

  
Beryl Herman  
Village Clerk

To be read during Public Comment (200 words):

I am writing to respectfully request that you commit tonight to creating and immediately publishing a statement of values that reflects Lincolnwood's dedication to peace, neighborliness, dignity and respect for everyone in our diverse community.

Recent events have revealed that Lincolnwood is not immune to the conflicts and unrest plaguing the country. Peacemaking and community are more important than ever. Civility has become a rarity and the Village must take a stand if we want to remain the peaceful haven so many of us cherish.

The statement must be followed by a concrete plan for how the Human Relations Commission will implement their mission of "*servicing as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood.*" If the HRC is not able to fulfill their mission, a Peace Commission should be created. People need to feel heard, considered and understood. The goal is to create a culture of inclusion and provide mediation to residents in conflict, leading to mutual understanding and reducing the need for police intervention.

Members of Lincolnwood Together have clear plans for how this can be organized, implemented and paid for. We would like to be on the next agenda to present our ideas.

Caren Ex

Lincolnwood Resident

(please email response)

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The statement must be followed by a concrete plan for how the Human Relations Commission will implement their mission of "*servicing as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood.*" If the HRC is not able to fulfill their mission, a new commission should be created. People need to feel heard, considered and understood. The goal is to create a culture of inclusion and provide mediation to residents in conflict, leading to mutual understanding and reducing the need for police intervention.

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Thank you.

-(From Brandon Boss -

Dear Mayor and Village Board Members

I am writing to request that you commit tonight to creating and publishing a statement of values and support programs that reflects Lincolnwood's dedication to peace, neighborliness, dignity and respect for everyone in our diverse community.

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Raymon A Grossman

In light of the recent rally in Lincolnwood and the unrest surrounding us, we feel it is important for this community to publicly affirm as its mission our commitment to promoting respect and dignity for all people.

Further, we should ask the Human Relations Committee or another body to help mediate conflicts which challenge this mission.

We support the recommendations of Caren Ex for promoting tolerance and civility in our diverse community.

Respectfully,

Clara Sheffer and Jerry Schenwar

I am writing in response to a rally that was held in Lincolnwood recently. Because of this action and Lincolnwood's lack of a substantive reaction I respectfully propose that we first decide who we are as a community. I ask the board of trustees and mayor to unanimously agree to create a statement that reflects what we value as a community and who we aspire to be. I hope this statement will include the qualities of peace, kindness, caring, respect and dignity extended to all residents of our diverse community.

I also ask that the village board empower the human relations commission to fulfill their mission as stated in regards to "serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood." I believe this would move us toward creating real solutions using mediation rather than police. Empowering the human relations commission could actually save the village money as opposed to being an additional expense. Lincolnwood Together has discussed these issues and would be willing to work with the village to implement these goals.

It is difficult to include any details when limited to 200 words.

Thank you for your consideration.

Edye Kamensky, LCPC

Dear Village of Lincolnwood Board of Trustees,

It has come to my attention that Lincolnwood, in contrast to many of our nearby villages, lacks a values statement. Therefore, I am requesting that you draft a values statement to promote peacefulness, respect, dignity, and kindness toward neighbors. The Lincolnwood community must always model civility.

In order to establish a resource for mediating discord among neighbors in a non-threatening environment, I propose as a member of Lincolnwood Together the creation of a Peace Commission, either as part of the HRC or as a separate entity. This Commission will serve to foster mutual understanding and respectful discourse without taxing our policing resources.

Please schedule time for Lincolnwood Together on your next agenda so that these ideas may be presented. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Andrea Siegel

Dear Lincolnwood Trustees and Mayor Bass,

The rally last Saturday was a super spreader event in our Village!  
There is so much scientific data that states we can cut the number of Covid cases if people just wear masks. WHY ISN'T THIS BEING ENFORCED IN LINCOLNWOOD? I can go by Prosel any given day and see groups of people gathered with no masks. What does it take for one of our police officers to hand out warnings, or issue citations? NO ONE SHOULD BE IN PUBLIC WITHOUT A MASK.

We are suffering from a lack of leadership in our country when it comes to Covid, with over 227,000 Americans dead. Perhaps it is time that the leaders in our village take a stand and enforce a mask policy, with enforcement and consequences.

Thank you,

Susan Ginsburg

I am a resident of peace loving Lincolnwood community for past 22 years. The recent hate rally in Lincolnwood made our family worried and fearful. What made us more upset is that we learned about this from Lincolnwood together group and not from our Mayor or the police chief. We as community would immediately like to know the views of our mayor and police chief and what they are planning to do to protect the community. Inaction or ignoring by our elected leaders make our community concerned.

I am writing to respectfully request that in the board meeting, the board consider creating and immediately publishing a statement of values that reflects Lincolnwood's dedication to peace, neighborliness, dignity and respect for everyone in our diverse community and follow it up with concrete action plan. Our family support the plan presented by the Lincolnwood together group to the board.

Our diverse and pluralistic community has endured and thrived for years because we have been able to reject the forces of extremism and bigotry that could tear us apart. We all need to be proactive stand up together. Please communicate to the community what action plan your are considering.

Syed

Good evening.

I am writing to you to express my concern relating to a pro-Trump rally held in Lincolnwood last month. As long as demonstrations are respectful, I am not concerned that people express views different from my own. I do, however, think that my village should affirm that Lincolnwood

- A. takes pride in its diversity,
- B. residents can appreciate one another even when we disagree,
- C. will strive to prevent or correct any injustices whenever they occur
- D. ensures that every resident is safe living here.

I respectfully request that Mayor Bass and the Lincolnwood Trustees please make a statement this evening.

I am also very concerned that Lincolnwood does not seem to have a mechanism for reconciling groups with divergent opinions. In the past, tough decisions were made by the Board that pleased some and displeased others. I am not aware, though, that afterward meaningful efforts were

made to bring calm and restore peace amongst neighbors. I ask that you please commit to putting plans in place to actively foster such an environment.

Thank you for listening to my comment. I appreciate your consideration.

Mrs Anjum Ali  
Resident since 1987

I am submitting the following to be read and reviewed at the upcoming meeting. After editing, I count 198 words which should fall within the required parameters.

As we've discovered, Lincolnwood can be a location for potential unrest. Our community is not alone navigating these challenges. Our neighboring communities have referenced the idea of creating a community of inclusiveness in their slogans or mission statements. I request that you commit tonight to creating and immediately publishing a statement of values that reflects Lincolnwood's dedication to peace, neighborliness, dignity and respect for everyone in our diverse village.

The statement must be followed by a concrete plan for how the Human Relations Commission can implement their mission of "serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood." If the HRC is not able to fulfill their mission, a Peace Commission should be created. People need to feel heard, considered and understood. The goal is to create a culture of inclusion and provide mediation to residents in conflict, leading to mutual understanding and reducing the need for police intervention. I am certainly open to another approach that could be effective.

Members of Lincolnwood Together have clear plans for how this could be organized, implemented and paid for. We would like to be on the next agenda to present our ideas and work with you on this. Thank you.

Laurie Mucha

Good morning all,

In 1998 after attending K-8 at Lincolnwood schools and graduating from Niles West in 1979, I shopped for an open-minded neighborhood within which to raise my children. I chose Lincolnwood which had become a richly diverse community. It pleased me that the school learning environment celebrated students' heritages, traditions and variations and my children were taught value and respect people of all nationalities, identities and backgrounds.

The ugliness brought to our community during an October political rally on Lincoln Avenue made me wonder, why here? Perhaps because Lincolnwood had not made clear the value we place on our community's diversity. This must be corrected at once. I propose that the board resolve to clarify our public image, actively engender respect and inclusion, and heal the pain suffered by our community members. Perhaps the establishment of a group to monitor and address the community's needs would be a way to begin? These are difficult times for communities as diverse as ours and we cannot allow them to diminish our greatest assets; our residents, friends and neighbors.

Thank you.  
Kathryn Lisco

Sent from my iPhone