

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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DECEMBER 1, 2020**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees, VIA GoToMeeting to order at 7:38 P.M. Tuesday, December 1, 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 the following were:

Present: President Bass, Trustees Halevi (Via GoToMeeting), Patel, Klatzco (Via GoToMeeting), Hlepas-Nickell (Via GoToMeeting), Sargon (Via GoToMeeting), Cope (Via GoToMeeting)

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.

President Bass requested that all roll call votes at this meeting be started with Trustee Klatzco and end with Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi, and be called in the order in which the trustees sit on the dais.

Martinez knows everyone and has great knowledge of the Village. He is often sought out to answer questions about the operation of the Village. Mr. Letson expressed that Mr. Martinez has always wanted the best for the department and the community as a whole. He is a model employee who works extremely hard and has had a positive impact on everyone in the Village. Mr. Letson expressed his gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with Mr. Martinez. Mr. Letson then presented Mr. Martinez with a plaque.

Mr. Martinez expressed gratitude for the opportunity he has had to work with the Village of Lincolnwood for so many years. He shared that he has always said it is a great place to work.

President Bass thanked Mr. Martinez for his work for the Village. He expressed that Mr. Martinez is always willing to help others and is both a model and a rarity. He expressed it is a blessing to have him around and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Trustee Nickell thanked Mr. Martinez for his work and expressed her appreciation for him as both a trustee and a resident. She shared that her son Peter appreciated learning from him and wished him well.

2. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism

President Bass asked that the Village Board allow Jason Rosensweig to say a few words prior to the reading of the Resolution and entertaining a motion.

Mr. Laurence Bolotin thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to speak. He expressed that hard times can bring out both the best and the worst in people and appreciated the opportunity to speak about anti-Semitism. He shared that there has been a recent uptick in anti-Semitism in America. He spoke about the American Jewish Committee and explained their main priorities and actions. He also shared statistics which resulted from a survey of the General Public related to anti-Semitism.

Mr. Rosenweig continued by thanking the Village Board for the opportunity to speak to them today. He explained what can be done to help in the Village of Lincolnwood. He explained why a definition of anti-Semitism is needed to address the problem. He stated that the IHRA Working Definition is a global standard and shared the text of the definition. He shared what adopting a definition does and does not do, how it can be made available as a tool.

Mr. Bolotin thanked two board members from AJC for being in attendance, Cary Glenner and Michael Srulovitz

President Bass spoke about the importance of this issue and shared his own experience of increased anti-Semitism at this time. He then read the resolution.

Trustee Nickell made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon roll call the results were:

Ayes: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Nickell, Patel, Cope, Halevi

Nays: None

President Bass thanked the Village Board and the AJC for being in attendance. He also thanked his uncle for being present at the meeting.

3. Toys for Tots

Mayor Bass stated that the 2020 Toys for Tots campaign is underway! Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks. Drop boxes are located in Village Hall, Police Department and the Fire Department as well as throughout the Village at local businesses. For a list of drop box locations please call the Administration office at 847-745-4717. Drop boxes will be out through December 9. Please help those that are less fortunate this holiday season.

Mayor Bass continued that on Tuesday, December 8 there will be a Toys for Tots Reverse Parade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is in conjunction with the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and the Lincolnwood Town center Mall. The parade and toy drop off will take place on the south end of the mall by The Room Place. Please plan on participating and bring a new, unwrapped toy to help those less fortunate this Holiday season. Masks must be worn as you are dropping off the toys. There will be signage in the mall parking lot directing you where to go. For further information you may visit the Lincolnwood Town center website at lincolnwoodtowncenter.com and go to the events tab or to the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce website at lincolnwoodchamber.com under the event tab.

4. Parks and Recreation Upcoming Events

President Bass provided information on the Parks and Recreation events of Lincolnwood Lights, Make-a-Flake and Cookie Cabins to go.

5. Larry Froman Blood Drive

Mayor Bass stated that the Larry Froman Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, December 17 from 2-7 P.M. in the Community Center located right next to Village Hall. Mayor Bass asked people to please mark your calendar and plan on giving blood. One blood donation can save up to three lives.

6. COVID-19

Mayor Bass stated that there have been 13,739 residents tested for the virus with 1157 residents with confirmed cases, 28 residents that have lost their lives to the virus since the virus began.

The Village of Lincolnwood is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and adapting to best meet the needs of our residents during this difficult time. Here are a few key points that residents should keep in mind.

Residents can look to the Village's website and social media pages for updates on local facility closures, service updates, and how to help neighbors during this unprecedented time. Staff will continue to update these pages as new information becomes available. The Village's Coronavirus web-page can be found at www.lincolnwoodil.org/our-community/coronavirus/.

As per the Governor's guidelines, The Village requires all persons over the age of two to wear face coverings, which cover their nose and mouth and are made of cloth or other material that is reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter, or restrict the breath, sneeze, cough, or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth.

Continue washing your hands often and wipe down surfaces often to prevent the spreading of the virus.

Social distancing is a public health practice that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order to reduce the spread of the disease. It is recommended that individuals maintain at least a six-foot distance between themselves and others and practice self-isolation if they show symptoms of being ill.

There are multiple groceries in our area that offer delivery including Walmart Grocery in Lincolnwood. Delivery services can be accessed on their web-pages. If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance, the Niles Township food pantry is available at (847) 983-0073. If you need additional assistance or have questions call the Village at (847) 673-1540.

If you have neighbors who are elderly, home-bound, or that may need assistance, giving them a phone call during this challenging time can go a long way. A neighbor may need food, medicine, supplies, or might appreciate just having someone to talk to on the phone.

Please see the updated guidance on Essential Businesses and Operations FAQ at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Documents/Essential%20Business%20FAQ.pdf> which includes a summary of the May 2020 stay at home order along with guidance for a range of business types.

President Bass stated that he would like to also take this opportunity to remind residents of the supplemental order that he entered two weeks ago concerning the wearing of face coverings.

President Bass continued that he would also like to take this moment to remind residents to support Lincolnwood businesses by shopping local.

President Bass reminded people to donate to Niles Township food pantry. He also shared that he is writing a letter to the governor regarding saving local restaurants, to be completed this week. He noted that he reached out to the Village of Skokie to discuss the crosswalk situation.

Trustee Klatzco thanked President Bass for strengthening his mask requirements but expressed concern about there being no press release urging residents to wear masks at all times. He expressed concern over the rising numbers in Lincolnwood and implored the President to strengthen ordinances even more. We have had 318 new positives and two more deaths, since our last meeting.

President Bass agreed for the need to urge residents to wear masks. He stated that he is relying on staff to help with getting the message out.

Village Manager Gaura responded that staff will gladly write a press release.

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 Levying Property Taxes in the Amount of \$5,943,868 for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois for the Real Estate Tax Year 2020, Payable to the Village in the Calendar Year 2021
2. Approval of an Ordinance Approving the Abatement of the 2020 Tax Levy for the 2019 General Obligation Bond Issue
3. Approval of an Ordinance Approving the Abatement of the 2020 Tax Levy for the 2020 General Obligation Bond Issue
4. Approval of a Recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to Approve Ordinances Approving Special Fences and Fence Variations at 6421 North Longmeadow Avenue and 6425 North Longmeadow Avenue
5. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Contract with F.E. Moran, Inc., of Northbrook, Illinois for the Relocation of an Exhaust Vent in the Amount of \$15,800

Trustee Klatzco asked that item number four be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Regular Business.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell raised a question about the timeline for item number five to be completed by December 31. She asked if that was adequate time to complete the project.

Mr. Letson explained that staff have spoken with the contractor and they are very comfortable with that time frame.

President Bass entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda with the removal of item 4, seconded by Trustee Nickell.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Nickell, Patel, Cope, Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

6. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Approve an Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Lincolnwood Town Center Planned Unit Development and Approval of a Special Use for the Operation of a Liquor Store at 7001 North Central Park Avenue/7080-7100 North McCormick Boulevard

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager, using PowerPoint. Mr. Hammel shared that the petitioner, Scott Judy and attorney, Harlan Powell were present in the meeting.

Mr. Hammel reviewed the location and size of the Subject Property as well as the regulatory context of the recommendation. He explained the proposed use of the space known as, "WyneTyme" which would include the online sale of wine and liquor delivered directly to the customer. The space would be used as a warehouse, however, it does meet the zoning definition of special use with the sale of alcohol. He reviewed the required approvals needed as well as the Plan Commission Discussion related to this recommendation. The motion recommending approval by the Plan Commission was passed by a 5-1 vote. Mr. Hammel recommended a motion to approve the amendment of Ordinance no 1988-1801 and to approve a special use at the subject property.

Trustee Klatzco asked if the business will have their own delivery force.

Mr. Judy answered that he did not plan to have any delivery as part of this. He doesn't expect local sales to be the focus but expects more sales using FedEx and UPS pickups.

Trustee Klatzco asked how this would relate to sales tax.

Attorney Harlan Powell answered that all sales would be regarded as sales occurring in Lincolnwood. They would be local sales and they will abide by the Lincolnwood ordinance.

Village Attorney Steven Elrod stated that he intended to follow up with Mr. Powell and codify that response into writing. Mr. Powell said that would not be a problem.

Trustee Sargon had no questions at this time.

Trustee Nickell asked if the motion should be approved broken into two parts such as the PowerPoint reflected or as one.

Trustee Nickell suggested the Village Board consider the adding the stipulation that no on-site sales be permitted. She clarified that this was not to restrict the applicant but, to ensure that the business remains what is expected in the future.

Trustee Patel shared that he had no comments.

Trustee Cope had no comments and approved continuing with the motion.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked for more detailed information about the pickups from FedEx and UPS.

Mr. Judy answered that he expects to have scheduled times for pickups so they would not be happening throughout the day. He stated there might be a higher volume as the business grows but does not expect a very high volume of deliveries to be a problem in the short term.

A motion was made by Trustee Nickell to approve the Ordinance with the addition of a restriction of on-site liquor sales, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Nickell, Patel, Cope, Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

The motion passed

7. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 10--2--3 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Class B Liquor Licenses

President Bass then introduced Josh Gross, on line, who works across from the proposed location of the car wash.

Mr. Gross explained his business's proximity to the proposed car wash. He shared that, for the past year, there has been an increase in traffic in this area. He explained that many of the businesses on Ridgeway use large vehicles that make daily pickups and drop offs which add to the traffic issues in this area. He expressed concern that the addition of a Drive Thru car wash could also add to these traffic issues. He asked if a traffic study has been performed prior to considering the carwash. Mr. Gross concluded by asking the Village Board to consider what is best for the residents and businesses of Lincolnwood.

Next, resident Mohammed Hussain spoke. He shared that he lives on the corner of Touhy and Hamlin and that there have recently been many accidents at this corner. He expressed concerns that the car wash would destroy peace, safety, and the value of resident's houses. He shared that new businesses have already resulted in an increase in traffic in the area. He asked the Village Board to consider if they would approve this business if it was being built behind their own backyards.

Resident Ghulam Hussain Karini shared that he bought his home in Lincolnwood 10 years ago because of Lincolnwood's good reputation. He expressed concern over the possible increase in crime that would occur as a result of this business being built. He was also concerned about an increase in traffic and traffic accidents occurring in this area.

Resident Fawad Siddiqui shared that he has been renting a house in Lincolnwood for eight years. He moved to Lincolnwood from Chicago to provide a relaxing home and yard for his parents. He expressed concern over the noise pollution as well as some of the other issues brought up by his neighbors.

President Bass reiterated the traffic on Ridgeway Avenue has been an issue. Trustee Patel asked about the no-parking signs on Ridgeway as he noticed that the signs are not being adhered to. He also asked Mr. Hammel to clarify the matter of Code to ensure that everyone has the right information.

Chairman of the Plan Commission, Mark Yohanna, clarified that he voted against the car wash originally because he wanted to know more. He shared that he visited the other location in Harwood Heights which has an identical design beside the addition of the fence. He observed that the only noise was from the spill out where the cars exit. His opinion was that this would not be louder than traffic already is on Touhy. He expressed that he

understood the concerns of the residents but, based on what he observed, believed that their concerns may be overblown.

Next, the item was presented by Mr. Hammel, using PowerPoint. He stated that the petitioner was also present to answer questions.

Mr. Hammel reviewed the subject property's location and explained that the property is already entitled to have a car wash based on the code. The item before the Village Board is to approve the special uses. He provided an overview of the proposed development. He addressed the question about a traffic study and confirmed there was a study for stacking but not for turning onto neighboring streets. He overviewed the requested approvals including a change regarding a masonry wall and reviewed the concerns previously expressed at the last meeting. He reviewed some of the actions taken by staff since the last meeting. He stated that the recommended motion from the Plan Commission was to approve the ordinance.

President Bass asked the petitioners if they had anything to add.

Petitioner, Christian Kalischefski emphasized that they would be putting in an 8-foot high fence with landscaping. He also proposed moving the fence five feet in from the property line to add more landscaping on the resident side if they prefer.

Trustee Patel reiterated the importance of the suggestion to move the property wall farther from resident's homes. He explained to the residents that this could be a good option to ease the transition.

Mr. Kalischefski explained that a functioning property always raises the value of property in the area. He also explained that the building is designed to hide the sound within the structure and shared the measures taken to trap the sound in the building. He asked Mr. Millan to answer the questions raised about traffic.

Javier Millan shared that he conducted the traffic evaluation for the proposed car wash. He reviewed some of the data that resulted from that traffic study.

Mr. Tammo spoke about the Harwood Heights location. He read some of the online reviews of the Harwood Heights location which all stated the customer service was poor.

Ms. Tammo expressed concern again over the potential noise pollution that will be created by the traffic and customer base.

Allison Sloan spoke again.

Trustee Klatzco shared that he went to the Harwood Heights location with his sound meter and was amazed by how quiet the operation of the car wash was. He explained that the noise coming

from traffic is louder than the noise of the operating car wash. He also addressed the concern over criminal activity stating that there is no evidence that the car wash would cause an increase in crime. He also mentioned that there is a car wash tax at the Harwood Heights location.

Mr. Elrod asked the petitioner if they are paying a fee in lieu of tax in Harwood Heights, or is there an actual car wash tax that is being implemented.

The Petitioner answered that there is a fee in lieu of tax in Harwood Heights, and that they would entertain such a fee in lieu in Lincolnwood.

Trustee Klatzco reiterated how impressive the low noise level was. He asked Chief Parrott about the crime level as it relates to car washes.

Chief Parrott explained that unattended self-serve car washes are the only ones that typically result in an increase in crime.

Trustee Patel asked if a business like the self-serve car wash on Dempster would require the same permit and would it be allowed at this location.

There was then some discussion between the residents present at the meeting and President Bass. The residents were continuing to express their concerns.

Trustee Sargon thanked everyone who presented. She shared that she also visited the other location and the proposed site in Lincolnwood. She expressed that this proposed development would create an environment that is very different from what the residents are currently experiencing. She was not in favor of the proposed car wash.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell expressed her concerns that notice was not executed properly as well as concerns about the impacts the development would have on the neighboring residents. She expressed concern about the number of vehicles that would be idling near resident's homes and causing changes to the air quality. She was most taken with the reference to the Trustees responsibility to the residents. Trustees should be approaching decisions in a way that is considerate of residents. She also suggested the Mayor examine whether the allegation about a trustee getting involved in the planning of the development and directing business to one specific area over another was true or false and emphasized the need for transparency.

Mr. Yohanna reiterated that he would be against the proposal if he thought it would be harmful to the neighbors.

Trustee Cope stated that he also went to visit the Harwood Heights site of the other location and was impressed with the operation. He shared his initial reaction was to be in favor of the development but, after looking at how quiet the residential area is, he is not in favor of the development at this location because of the adverse impact it would have on the neighborhood.

Trustee Halevi stated she also went to the Harwood Heights location. In walking around, the location was not as loud as she had expected. She thanked the residents for coming out and she understands that the location would be literally in their backyard. She expressed that she thought the residents would be surprised and their minds would be put at ease after visiting the Harwood Heights location. She stated she was initially in favor, however, she has concerns regarding traffic and the impact on the neighbors

President Bass asked Trustee Halevi to clarify her questions about traffic.

Trustee Halevi clarified that her concern was regarding the no-parking signs not being observed on that street. She asked Chief Parrott if this would be a big concern.

Chief Parrott explained that the issue brought to the traffic commission was regarding two trucks not being able to pass each other, therefore parking is now only allowed on one side of the street.

President Bass entertained a motion one way or the other.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the ordinance.

Trustee Patel asked for clarification on the location of the wall that was brought up by the petitioner. He wanted to hear from the residents what they would prefer in regard to the wall and asked if they had any feedback.

Mr. Tammo stated that residents do not want the car wash to be built regardless of the wall.

President Bass asked for clarification on the approvals being asked for.

Mr. Hammel clarified.

President Bass returned to Trustee Klatzco's motion.

Trustee Klatzco amended the motion to include the movement of the wall five feet off the property line with landscaping on the residential side, and to include that the petitioner would pay a fee in lieu of taxes, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Upon roll call the results were:

Ayes: Trustees Klatzco, Patel, Halevi

Nays: Trustees Sargon, Hlepas Nickell, Cope, President Bass

President Bass was required to vote due to the tie. He made a statement expressing concerns about the process of notification of the residents. He expressed concern over passing a motion with so many issues to discuss. He therefore voted nay. .

Mr. Elrod clarified that the motion failed. He suggested that it would now be appropriate for the Mayor to seek a motion to deny the application.

A motion was made by Trustee Nickell to deny the application on the grounds that the application does not meet the standards set forth in the Village's Zoning Code for the relief requested, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Sargon, Nickell, Cope, President Bass

NAYS: Trustees Klatzco, Patel, Halevi The motion to deny passed.

Trustee Halevi asked if the Village is also denying the applicant the opportunity to go to another site in Lincolnwood.

It was clarified that no, the applicant would not be denied that opportunity.

Trustee Patel noted that the Village Board could be back in this position next week or next month if the zoning code is not amended.

Trustee Sargon agreed with Trustee Patel and suggested amending the code.

Trustee Patel noted the importance of considering what use is allowed where and bringing it to the zoning commission.

Mr. Tammo reiterated that letters to residents should be hand delivered and not left at the door.

President Bass concluded by stating that staff would make a better effort to inform residents in the future. He thanked the petitioners and residents for being at the meeting.

9. Consideration of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of 13 Laptop Computers

This item was presented by Mr. Meyer. He explained that staff gave feedback on their inability to do work remotely without a Village laptop. Three quotes were found, the lowest of which was from Lenovo. The computers would go to employees who are already working on laptops that are six or more years old. The older laptops would go to front line staff who do not have laptops. The cost would be \$20,000.

Trustee Klatzco asked for clarification if this would be deferring other budget items.

Mr. Meyer clarified that this was already deferred.

Trustee Sargon asked who the thirteen laptops are for and how many people are working remotely. She asked if the thirteen laptops will still be in use when remote working is no longer necessary.

Mr. Meyer explained that the current guidelines are that people who can work remotely should. He clarified that these laptops would go to staff members who already utilize a laptop that is more than six years old. They would be spread across every department and would replace laptops that are at the end of service life.

Ms. Gaura explained that many employees use a laptop as their primary PC.

Trustee Nickell asked if this purchase would fall under the CARES Act.

Mr. Meyer answered that this would not be submitted under the CARES reimbursement. There was some discussion about whether or not this would fall under the COVID related funds.

Trustee Nickell expressed concern over the amount of money being spent.

Ms. Gaura reiterated that staff is looking at spending very carefully and would not be recommending 13 laptops if they were not needed. The laptops are greatly needed with technology changing quickly.

Trustee Nickell reiterated that she would like to see where the Village is saving money, not just spending.

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

Attorney Elrod noted that a supermajority vote was required.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Patel, Cope, Halevi

NAYS: None

Abstain: Trustee Nickell The motion passed.

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

there previously. An agreement was made with the Zoning Commission that they would make changes if needed for ComEd.

Trustee Halevi asked if it was a legal problem for the fence to have been built with the light pole inside the resident's property.

Mr. Hammel explained that the resident would have to enter into an easement agreement with the Village to gain access to the light pole and that it would be the responsibility of the property owner to restore the fence if needed. He clarified that this was accounted for in the ordinance as is the issue of IDOT approval.

Trustee Halevi stated that the fence was built with spikes on the top of it and asked if this is allowed in the Village.

Mr. Hammel answered that there is nothing in the code that prohibits that type of treatment.

President Bass asked how the situation with this fence arose. He asked if it was due to an enforcement situation.

Mr. Hammel explained that a contractor acting on behalf of the property owners approached Community Development and was told that this fence would not be permitted. After some time passing, the fence was installed anyway. He explained that there will be enforcement action but the zoning discussion needs to play out before the Village can proceed with enforcement.

Trustee Klatzco asked if approval by the Village Board would ensure IDOT approval.

Mr. Elrod clarified that it provides for the event that IDOT disapproves but that approval by the Village Board would not be binding for IDOT.

Trustee Klatzco expressed concern that the contractor did the work with it being disapproved by Community Development.

Mr. Hammel explained that an option could be to amend the ordinance to allow a six foot tall fence as the design of the fence is also an issue to consider.

Trustee Patel asked if the Village has ever approved a fence being built not on applicant's property by a resident. He expressed concern over establishing a precedent.

Mr. Hammel explained that there are codes to allow natural screening on public property but not a fence.

Trustee Patel expressed concern that this would allow people to place fences on public property elsewhere in the village. He suggested the Village Board contemplate whether or not they would like to revise the code to address situations like this.

Trustee Cope stated that there might be locations where putting a fence up on public property might make sense but he didn't like the idea of enclosing a light pole. He stated that the ultimate approval would be up to IDOT. He did not share the same concern as Trustee Patel about setting a precedent.

There was then some discussion about the process of approval through IDOT.

Mr. Hammel clarified that IDOT would assess the merits based on their own standards and then ask the Village Board to sign off on the application. If the Village Board doesn't approve this now, it will be difficult to support the application later.

Trustee Cope reiterated that he didn't like the idea of enclosing the light pole but that he would approve contingent upon approval from IDOT.

Trustee Cope made a motion to approve the ordinance contingent on approval by IDOT, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Ayes: Trustees Sargon, Nickell, Patel, Cope, Halevi

Nays: Trustee Klatzco

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Ms. Gaura followed up on the previous discussion about encouraging mask wearing in the Village. She stated that staff would put together the press release tomorrow and send it to the Village Board. She also shared that staff is working to address issues of no mail being delivered in certain areas. She shared that she spoke to one resident who didn't have mail for over a week.

President Bass stated that the process in the past was to meet with the Congresswoman and possibly meet with the Post Master if necessary. He shared that this process worked the last time there was a mail issue.

Ms. Gaura stated that staff would gladly follow that process. She informed the Village Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was canceled and rescheduled for December 21. She said that staff would be looking at scheduling a special Village Board meeting either the 22 or 23rd following that.

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Patel mentioned a CBS news report regarding the current wave of car thefts in the suburbs. He said that residents have asked what the Village is doing to address the problem.

President Bass emphasized the importance of reminding residents to lock their cars.

Chief Parrott thanked President Bass for allowing him to make some comments. He stated that there has been an uptick in theft but wanted to convey the importance of locking your car doors. He urged residents not to leave valuables or extra sets of keys in their cars. He said that 80 percent of thefts are occurring in unlocked vehicles. He stated that the north suburbs are targeted because residents have their cars unlocked and leave valuables out. He emphasized the importance of taking precautionary measures in order not to invite crime into the Village of Lincolnwood. He addressed the carjacking that occurred Friday evening and shared that the last time there was a carjacking was in April of 2019. He went over some of the statistics of crimes in the last few years with a steady increase in thefts. This year there have been more incidents of parts being stolen off of vehicles and an increase in retail theft, however, violent crime numbers have remained consistent over the last few years.

Trustee Cope asked how vigorously these cases are being prosecuted.

Chief Parrott stated that the Village of Lincolnwood is very diligent about putting cases forward. He stated that there is a challenge with the pandemic in that most people are not being kept in Cook County jail unless they have committed a violent crime. Another challenge is that, with everyone wearing a mask, identification is very difficult. He stated that other suburbs are experiencing more carjacking than in Lincolnwood. He emphasized the importance of taking preventative measures in order to discourage people from coming to our community to commit crime. He stated that there has been social media messaging encouraging residents to wear masks and to lock their cars.

Trustee Cope mentioned that he had a neighbor whose car tires were stolen.

President Bass asked Chief Parrott if he could give any more information about the video that was shared on the news and the Lincolnwood officer who aided in the arrest.

Chief Parrott reviewed the events of that evening. He stated that the vehicle which was taken was unlocked with the keys in it. He said that the same group came here after stealing a car in Chicago.

President Bass stated that the car was recovered and returned before the owner knew it was stolen and that the officer who chased the offender risked his life.

Chief Parrott stated that yes, the officers do risk themselves anytime they get involved in a foot chase. He responded that he was not able to reference the video President Bass was talking about.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated that she received two complaints from residents about going into stores or restaurants and seeing people without masks on. She urged residents to wear face masks. She asked what the owner of the business would be able to do in that situation.

President Bass confirmed that they could ask the customer to leave and call the police.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi again urged residents to be cautious and to wear a mask.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell urged everyone to share the link provided for Toys for Tots so that we can overcome the challenges with COVID. She also encouraged residents to shop local and to order carry out to support local businesses. She reminded the other Village Board Members that their anti-harassment training needs to be completed and thanked staff for their patience. She stated that there was a compliment that the group that participated in the discussion of the NEID development was very knowledgeable and gave very solid input.

President Bass reminded residents that a big part of this virus passing has to do with socializing. If you are not with your family unit and mixing outside of that unit, you are aiding the spread. He urged residents to wear masks whenever possible and to social distance.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Herman reiterated that any corrections to the minutes must come to her. She thanked Trustees Sargon and Ikezoe-Halevi for doing exactly that.

Public Forum

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

Adjournment

At 11:38 P.M. Trustee Patel made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

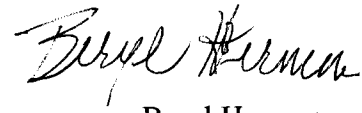
AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Nickell, Patel, Cope, Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President Bass announced that the Village Board meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beryl Herman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk