

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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JANUARY 19, 2021**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 8:04 P.M. Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

The Village President read into the record a statement regarding the applicable Illinois Open Meetings Act provisions that permit the Village Board to conduct a virtual meeting during the pandemic, and informed the public how they can view the meeting as well as how to provide comments remotely.

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 Nickell and Patel

The following Trustees were present via Go to Meeting: Trustees Halevi, Klatzco, Sargon, Cope
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; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney; Mike Hansen, Fire Chief.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 1, 2020, December 15, 2020, Village Board meeting, December 22, 2020 Special Village Board meeting, and January 5, 2021 Village Board meeting were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Patel asked if the Village could use redline for any last minute proposed changes to the draft Minutes.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Patel.
Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$1,676,719.77 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Trustee Klatzco announced that we are making final payments for water main work and that we came in under budget.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustee Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Passing of Longtime Resident John Barbino

John Joseph Barbino; age 93; WWII Veteran; died peacefully on January 11, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Dolores 'Dee' for 49 years; brother of Catherine Marguerite Rago; friend to the many relatives of the Barbino, Rago, and Czechorski families. John was born in Chicago, IL and grew up in the Logan Square neighborhood. He was a graduate of Lane Tech High School in Chicago, served proudly in the Navy at the end of World War II, then graduated from DePaul University with a degree in accounting. John was known for dressing in the best of suits and traveled extensively during his lengthy career as an auditor. He retired from Allstate Insurance to quietly spend time at his home in Lincolnwood, IL with his wife Dee, pampering their dogs, and feeding the neighborhood birds and squirrels. Both John and Dee, often with John's Uncle 'Pap', would spend Fridays at Arlington International Racecourse placing \$2 bets with their friends over a bowl of peanuts. John and Dee also volunteered with the Village of Lincolnwood Toys for Tots Program for an impressive 25 years and were recognized by the Village with an award for their outstanding service.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a future date to celebrate John's life, and a Private Interment will take place for John at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL where he will be buried with his late spouse Dolores and next to her parents. Memorial contributions may be made to Toys for Tots, or Kindred Hospice, 85 West Algonquin Road, Suite 100, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. For more info call John Rago Sons FH at (773) 276-6056.

2. Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday, January 18 marks the 35th anniversary of the federal holiday in honor of Rev. Doctor Martin Luther King's birthday. Signed into law in 1983 and first observed in 1986, the holiday is a deserving tribute to King for advancing civil rights and social justice through non-violent protest. His was only the second birthday designated as a federal holiday after the observance of George Washington's birthday.

A characteristic of great leadership, such as with Moses' brother "Aharon" is that even when he became a Great Holy Priest, holding the second highest position in the community, "lo shinah" — he did not change toward his fellow man — he still remained the same "oheiv shalom verodeif shalom" — "lover and pursuer of peace." That was the essence of Dr. Martin Luther King. That foundation of proper character in leadership, with a hard fought mission, MLK was successful reaching the pinnacle of a universal following, in the fight for civil rights, freedom, equality, peace and justice. A lasting message that continues to resonate across the spectrum, of all humankind today, and for years to come.

I Have a Dream-August 1963

King delivered a 17-minute speech, later known as "I Have a Dream". In the speech's most famous passage – in which he departed from his prepared text, possibly at the prompting of Mahalia Jackson, who shouted behind him, "Tell them about the dream!" – King said:

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

"I Have a Dream" came to be regarded as one of the finest speeches in the history of American oratory. The March, and especially King's speech, helped put civil rights at the top of the agenda of reformers in the United States and facilitated passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Let us never forget MLK, constantly grow, learn, and continue to reinforce spreading his mission and message.

3. COVID 19 Update

There have been 19,878 tests performed with 1,883 positive cases, 52 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. Our 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.

I would like to also take this opportunity to remind residents of the supplemental order mandating masks, with ability to reasonably support enforcement.

I would also like to take this moment to remind residents to support Lincolnwood businesses by shopping local.

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 Release of Certain Written Minutes and the Destruction of Verbatim Records of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Board of Trustees
2. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Award of a Contract for Annual HVAC Maintenance to Emcor Services Team Mechanical of Buffalo Grove, Illinois
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Contract Renewal with Best Quality Cleaning, Inc. of Franklin Park, Illinois for Janitorial Services in the Amount of \$38,760
4. Approval of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special use for the Operation of a Drive-Through Facility at 4010 West Touhy Avenue
5. Approval of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use for the Operation of a Commercial Recreational Facility at 7366 North Lincoln Avenue
6. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving an Employee Leasing Agreement with GovTemps USA, LLC for an Interim Finance Director
7. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 11-3-1-3(D) of the Village Code Pertaining to the Placement of Garbage Containers
Removal of Item #8 to Regular Business Item #11 for Discussion.
8. Approval of a Resolution Amending the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt, Illinois, LLC, of Loveland, Colorado, for Temporary Permit Technician Services
9. Approval of a Resolution Approving Amendments to an Agreement with RCN Telecom Services, LLC, for Telephone and Internet Services

Trustee Nickell asked for item 8, Approval of a Resolution Amending the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt, Illinois, LLC, of Loveland, Colorado, for Temporary

Permit Technician Services to be moved to Regular Business.

Mayor Bass affirmed that 8 would become item 11 on the Regular Business Agenda.

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Consent Agenda of Items 1 through 7 and Item 9, seconded by Trustee Nickell.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustee Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

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

This item was presented by the Village Attorney, Steve Elrod.

Mr. Elrod stated that the item is on the agenda for consideration and recommended that it be extended to end of the next regular Board Meeting on February 2, 2021.

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village Board, Trustee Sargon seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

Trustee Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

11. Approval of a Resolution Amending the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt, Illinois, LLC, of Loveland, Colorado, for Temporary Permit Technician Services

This item was removed from Consent at the request of Trustee Nickell.

Village Manager Gaura stated that the overall Agreement with SAFEbuilt had already been approved.

Trustee Nickell asked if this item was budgeted.

Village Manager Gaura stated that the Agreement with SAFEbuilt is operating well below budget and it would come out of this line item.

Trustee Nickell stated that in her research and background in the field she found that the typical pay range for this position is between \$30,000 to \$55,000 a year on the high end and that with the projected cost of this contract after six months it will be upwards of \$65,000.

Village Manager Gaura stated that when the Village had looked at other temporary services there were instances where staff were not trained in the field and were not knowledgeable and led to errors.

Trustee Nickell said that for \$65,000 wouldn't the Village be better served for spending that money for assistance for an entire year to provide a full time staff member to address this staffing concern more efficiently.

Ms. Gaura stated that this contract is based on a staff member's absence and that it may end sooner than that period and the goal is to have coverage during that time.

Trustee Patel added that this is a discussion that started approximately five meetings previously and that the issue of creating a full-time person may create other issues and have other costs.

Trustee Nickell continued that she was not sure why this Agreement was placed on the Consent Agenda and that proportionally it is more expensive than hiring a full time person.

Trustee Klatzco asked if this was someone who was knowledgeable to the position and to assist with the duties of the position and stated that hiring a temporary person will cost a premium. Trustee Klatzco stated that errors have been made and if we hire someone it will have additional costs.

Trustee Sargon stated that she was in favor of the Village Manager's recommendation with capping it at three months.

Trustee Nickell stated that in good conscience she cannot approve this item. Trustee Nickell stated that the cost differential is far too high and the Village would not be paying \$67 per hour for this type of position. Especially in light of other projects coming down the pike, namely District 1860.

Village Manager Gaura clarified the situation.

Trustee Cope made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended with the Agreement being modified to be three months as opposed to six months. The motion was seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

Trustee Halevi, Cope, Patel, Sargon, and Klatzco

NAYS: Nickell

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Ms. Gaura stated that for more than a decade the Village has maintained an advisory committee comprised of Lincolnwood residents, local elected officials, and representatives of the United States Postal Service. The purpose of this committee has been to help facilitate customer service issues facing our community. In the last several months the Village has seen an uptick in issues related to mail delivery including some residents experiencing no mail delivery for many days and in some cases longer. We have been in contact with Congresswoman Schakowsky's Office to help facilitate and address these issues. Residents who experience postal issues are encouraged to call 1-800-275-8777 to notify the post office of any issues that you experience or you may visit the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/postal-complaints/ to see the process to file a complaint.

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Sargon reported that the Environmental and Energy Committee will have its first meeting on January 25th at 7:00 pm and the EDC will be holding its next meeting on January 27th at 8:00 am.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Sargon stated that the Village has had 1,927 cases and 52 deaths from COVID-19 and over 400,000 dead nationwide and she asked to take the opportunity to say a prayer and take a moment to have people in their thoughts and prayers for everyone.

Trustee Patel asked for the calendar to be put on the PowerPoint Presentation.

Trustee Patel stated that tomorrow is inauguration day and that as a resident of Lincolnwood, Illinois and America he wishes the best of luck to all of the leaders at the federal level as they lead us.

Trustee Halevi stated that she spoke with a dry cleaner across from Village Hall and noted that they are struggling and that if there was anything that could be done to help them.

Trustee Nickell stated that dry cleaners are struggling along with restaurants since a lot of their business was based on men's and women's business clothing and clothing for special events which are not happening right now. Trustee Nickell encouraged residents to do cleaning in their homes and bring in those fabrics around the house such as couch cushions and draperies in to be dry cleaned.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Herman reminded people that there is a municipal election in April and that residents will need to make sure that they are registered at the place where they reside and that they can register online, in person at Village Hall or they can call the Clerk's Office as well to help facilitate their registration.

Public Forum

Ms. McFarland read the emails received for Public Forum

Even though Village law prohibits leaf blowers in the spring and summer, we all know that every lawn crew uses them in those seasons. Since it would be futile to try and stop them, why not accept the reality and tax every lawn crew with an affordable \$50 per season license -- and remind them that we won't tolerate blowing grass or leaves onto the streets?

Whether you agree or disagree with this idea, I would like it to be read aloud at the next board meeting.

Thanks,
Chuck Halevi

Adjournment

At 9:06 P.M. Trustee Nickell moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Cope.


Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk