

**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/
MARCH 2, 2021**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:33 P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 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, Patel, and Halevi

The following Trustees were present via GotoMeeting: Trustee Klatzco, Sargon, and Cope

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Present via Go-To-Meeting: Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Doug Hammel, Development Director, Mike Hansen, Fire Chief, Ray White, Deputy Fire Chief, Steve Elrod, Village Attorney.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 16, 2021 Village Board meeting were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to approve the Minutes seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$208,979.34 he moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Recognition of Retiring Deputy Fire Chief Ray White

Mayor Bass introduced Fire Chief Hansen to recognize Ray White for his service to the Village. Chief Hansen spoke. This is not verbatim. Deputy Chief Ray White will be retiring from the Lincolnwood Fire Department on March 15, 2021. Ray was one of the founding members of the Fire Department that began on January 1, 1990.

He was recruited from the Bartlett Contract from Paramedic Services of Illinois for his expertise as a mechanic and his IT skills.

Ray spent many hours working on the Fire Department's fleet of engines, trucks and ambulances. One year, Ray removed the ambulance box off of the chassis frame and remounted the box on a new chassis, saving the Village thousands of dollars. His crown jewel was implementing a complete body rebuild of our original 1989 fire engine for the Fire Department's 25th year celebration. Through his efforts, this engine is still being used as our reserve engine. Ray was equally adept working in IT. He was an original member of the IT Committee. Whether he was fixing a drive shaft or a computer drive, Ray knew how to do it. Often on the same day.

Ray also served on the Wonder Lake Fire Department as a firefighter/officer and is still active there as a Fire Department Trustee.

He also moved up the officer ranks within the Lincolnwood Fire Department as a Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and is retiring as Deputy Chief.

Ray White will truly be missed for his institutional knowledge of our Village buildings, including the heating/air conditioning and electrical systems. His involvement with EMS Data Collection at the Department and the EMS System level as well as the State IDPH Data Committee. Many of us appreciated receiving an accurate paycheck as Ray also handled that activity every two weeks. Thank you Ray for over 31 years of service to the Village and residents of Lincolnwood.

Ray White thanked Chief Hansen for the kind words and expressed his gratitude towards the Village.

Each of the Trustees and Mayor Bass thanked and recognized Deputy White for his 31 years of service.

Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura echoed the sentiments expressed by the Trustees and wished him a well-deserved retirement.

2. Update on Postal Issues in the Village

Mayor Bass discussed the issues relating to the number of postal complaints received by the Village over the past year. He went on to discuss the meeting held recently with Congresswoman Schakowsky's office in which the Village Manager and members of the USPS leadership were present. USPS explained their operational difficulties that included staffing and COVID-19 related challenges. The Mayor expressed to the members present at the meeting that the USPS needs to immediately address issues, regardless of USPS's challenges.

3. COVID 19 Update

Mayor Bass provided a COVID-19 update. He included that there have been 22,949 residents tested for the virus with 1,991 residents with confirmed cases, 54 residents that have lost their lives to the virus since the virus began.

The Mayor noted the positive direction the COVID-19 numbers are going in the right direction and more vaccinations are being administered.

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/.

He then reminded residents that there are multiple groceries in our area that offer delivery including Walmart Grocery in Lincolnwood. Delivery services can be accessed on their web-pages.

President Bass reminded residents to support Lincolnwood businesses by shopping local.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of a Resolution to Award a Contract to Fleck's Landscaping, of Wheeling, Illinois, for Landscaping Maintenance Services within the Village in the Amount of \$50,175.00**
- 2. Approval of a Resolution Approving an Amended Agreement for the North Suburban Employee Benefit Cooperative**

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

- 3. 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 the emergency declaration entered by the Mayor on March 18, 2020 be extended to end of the next regular Board Meeting on March 16, 2021.

Trustee Nickell made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village Board (March 16, 2021). Trustee Patel seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Anne Marie Gaura recognized Deputy Ray White again. Ms. Gaura recognized the accomplishments of Assistant to the Village Manager's Heather McFarland and wished her luck in her new role with the Village of Kenilworth.

The Trustees and Mayor Bass recognized Heather McFarland for her service to the Village and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Ms. Gaura gave an update on the snow event that received 18.6 inches. Ms. Gaura explained the goals and policies of the Village's snow plow efforts. Ms. Gaura explained that plowing in drive way aprons is a side effect of snow plow operations.

Board and Commissions Report

None

Trustees Reports

Trustee Halevi expressed concern about two recent deaths in the Village due to Covid-19. She conveyed that we need to stay vigilant regarding mask-wearing and social distancing. She explained that no one wants to be the last person to die from COVID-19.

Trustee Cope expressed his frustration with the State of Illinois House Bill 3653 Criminal Justice Act. He conveyed his support for our Police Department. He explained his concern on the elimination of bail and other portions of this Bill. He went on to say how this Bill is a disservice to our residents. Mayor Bass conveyed his disappointment in the passing of the House Bill 3653.

Trustee Sargon conveyed to Trustee Cope that there have been multiple opportunities to discuss the bill and convey their concerns. She also mentioned that multiple representatives of the Village and Chief Parrot have discussed and suggested revisions of this Bill with the sponsor of the Bill and other elected officials. She stated that Chief Parrot recommended five items, four of which were modified or removed from this bill.

Trustee Sargon reminded residents that there will be a Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on March 9, 2021.

Trustee Nickell announced the next Beautification Commission Meeting will be held on March 15, at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Nickell requested a status update on the safe crossing at Lincoln.

Ms. Gaura stated that reached out to the Village Manager of Skokie regarding the safe crossing at Lincoln.

Trustee Nickell stated that this safety issue needs to be expedited with the warm weather coming.

Trustee Patel mentioned the landscaping issues near the crossing that cause a line of sight issue. Trustee Patel mentioned that a meeting needs to be scheduled between the Village of Skokie and Lincolnwood. He also mentioned that he was still available for the meeting that was supposed to be scheduled on this issue.

Mayor Bass responded to Trustee Patel by saying that as soon as it is safe to do so, he will set up the meeting with Skokie regarding the safe crossing at Lincoln.

Trustee Klatzco reminded residents to still stay diligent even with the vaccines.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Herman wanted to remind residents about the upcoming election on April 6, 2021. Clerk Herman discussed the early voting locations, mail in ballots, and polling places. She encouraged residents to vote in the upcoming election and to consider using mail in ballots which may be obtained at Village Hall or on line.

Public Forum

Mr. Stevens provided a public comment detailing his concern with the snow plowing of aprons and sidewalks. He stated that it is more than an inconvenience for senior members.

He went on to complain about the Village's edging days after the snow event. He claimed that the snow plowing is adding to the postal issues.

Trustee Patel explained that the Village is examining the issue. A discussion ensued.

Trustee Cope conveyed his support for the Public Works Department and the quality of work performed in the recent large snow event.

Trustees Nickell and Patel agreed with Trustee Cope.

Village Attorney Elrod recommended that the meeting be moved into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition.

Adjournment to Closed Session

At 8:16 P.M. Trustee Nickell made a motion to move the meeting into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion land acquisition, seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

Reconvention

At 9:12 P.M. President Bass reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:12 P.M. Trustee Cope moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

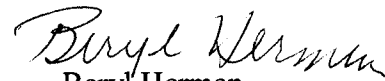
Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk