

**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 16, 2021**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:50 P.M. Tuesday, March 16, 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; Jon Bogue, Acting Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Doug Hammel, Development Director, 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 March 2, 2021 Village Board meeting were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon provided a correction to the Minutes into the Record.

Trustee Nickell made a motion to table the Minutes until the next meeting seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$862,186.03 he moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Appointment of a Village Treasurer

President Bass asked for a motion to appoint Village Manager, Anne Marie Gaura as the Village Treasurer with no additional compensation,

Motion was made by Trustee Sargon to consent to the appointment, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

2. Appointment to the Park and Recreation Board for a Term of One Year

President Bass stated that he was taking a pause on the appointment on this position and he will be looking to present this person on April 7.

3. Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop

President Bass noted that the Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop would be taking place on Thursday, March 18 at 8:30 A.M.

4. Next Village Board Meeting

President Bass noted that the next Village Board meeting will occur on Wednesday, April 7 due to the election on Tuesday, April 6.

5. Commemorating Albert Einstein's "Intellectual Freedom and Tolerance"

Mayor Bass said that Sunday marked the birthday of Albert Einstein but said that he also took a stance on significant political positions and holding progressive views. Einstein left his home in Berlin and while he was in the United States the Nazis seized power and Einstein declared that he would not be returning to Germany. Einstein's home was raided several times but his daughter was able to bring his work to the French Embassy and he wrote the importance of intellectual freedom and tolerance.

6. COVID 19 Update

Mayor Bass provided a COVID-19 update. He included that there have been 23,715 residents tested for the virus with 2,016 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 Approving the Award of the Seasonal Program Apparel Bid**
- 2. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Article 2 of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Warrants and Transfer of Funds**
- 3. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Recently Adopted Editions of the International Residential Code, Life Safety Code, and Illinois Energy Conservation Code**

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

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

- 4. 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 April 7, 2021.

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village Board April 7, 2021. Trustee Nickell seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Ms. Gaura stated that the Budget Workshop is Thursday and asked for the Board to reach out if there are any questions.

Ms. Gaura stated that the Strategic Plan process was put on hold due to the pandemic and said that Assistant Village Manager Meyer and she met with staff from NIU Center for Governmental Studies today to continue this process and said that everything will likely continue in late summer / early fall to get those dates finalized.

Ms. Gaura stated that at the November 4 Committee of the Whole staff presented the status of safety enhancements on Lincoln Avenue and staff relayed that Skokie would be interested in coordinating a project for this crossing if the Village of Lincolnwood would be willing to provide financial support. At the November 4 meeting the direction was to have the Mayor and staff reach out to lobby Skokie to complete the crossing at their own cost. Ms. Gaura stated that she followed up with Skokie as of today

and they indicated that they would still be in support of the project but would want Lincolnwood to contribute for this project.

Trustee Klatzco stated that he would expect Skokie to address safety concerns within their own borders and does not understand why the Village would be paying for this improvement.

Trustee Sargon stated she was in agreement with Trustee Klatzco in that this should be addressed by Skokie.

Trustee Nickell stated she was in agreement with Trustees Klatzco and Sargon and asked the Village Manager to provide costs for these projects that occurred previously in Lincolnwood.

Mayor Bass stated that he was looking to have a face to face meeting to discuss this topic and try to address these issues.

Trustee Halevi asked how much Skokie was asking for this project?

Ms. Gaura stated that the cost would \$15,000 for the Village's cost.

Trustee Halevi asked if expending money for a project in Skokie would set a bad precedence and if it would create liability?

Mr. Elrod said that it would be a threshold question first to determine if the Village wants to make this expenditure and if there is a desire to provide money for this project then the Village Attorney would take actions to ensure that the Village's liability is protected.

Trustee Patel stated that he had raised concerns regarding the landscaping and the sculpture and if that had been brought up.

Ms. Gaura stated that the focus of the conversation has been on funding the crossing but they would be bringing it up at discussions in the future.

Board and Commissions Report

Trustee Sargon stated that they have an Environmental Committee and EDC meeting next week.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Halevi stated that Lincolnwood has a population makeup of 25% Asian Americans and said that most people when they go out they have concerns about COVID-19 but in certain places people getting targeted and discriminated against for their Asian heritage and that she is thankful for the Lincolnwood community which has not had any issues like that and emphasized the importance of standing up to racism.

Trustee Sargon stated that there have over 2,500 cases and 54 deaths in Lincolnwood and call on everyone to refocus their energy on positivity.

Trustee Sargon wanted to wish a Happy Easter.

Trustee Sargon said that her daughter has been writing about a trash collection initiative and thought that it may be a good idea to have a community cleanup effort.

Mayor Bass also added that Passover and Ramadan are upcoming in the community.

Trustee Klatzco said that hospitals are in need of blood and asked for residents to donate blood.

Trustee Cope said that he wanted to wish residents a Happy Easter or Happy Passover and to respect the various religions that occupy the Village and said that religion is an important part of our lives.

Trustee Cope said that he wanted to comment on House Bill 3653 and that due to the liability it may impact on Police Officers it can create problems to hire and retain competent Police Officers. Trustee Cope asked if staff can research this topic and bring information forward on how staff will be hired and retained. Trustee Cope said that he wants Police Officers to be able to enforce the law and wants to not lose the ability to hire and retain good Police Officers.

Mayor Bass said that he hopes that elected officials hear feedback from public safety professionals and revise the Bill to properly protect residents.

Trustee Nickell said that due to pandemic the Greek Independence Festival has been drawn back but in honor of the event blue and white lights have been shown and wanted to share that with

Clerk's Report

Clerk Herman said that she has gone to Lincolnwood Place and our condominiums and is distributing documents for mail in ballot and requested that people read the report carefully. Clerk Herman read the polling locations for Lincolnwood residents. Clerk Herman said that on March 22 early voting will start at Oakton Community College on Lincoln Avenue in Skokie and said that if you need a form to request a mail in ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 8:38 P.M. Trustee Nickell moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Cope.

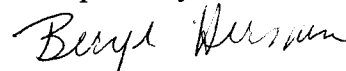
Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk