

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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AUGUST 17, 2021**

Call to Order

President Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 17, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, 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 Clerk Herman the following were:

Present: Mayor Patel, Trustees Herrera, Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Martel and Halevi.

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager, Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Denise Joseph, Finance Director; Jason Parrott, Police Chief; Jon Bogue, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Doug Hammel, Development Director; Anna Koperski-Walsh, Superintendent Parks and Recreation; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 20, 2021 Village Board meeting, were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

Ayes: Trustees Herrera, Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Martel and Halevi.

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$2,337,368.74 and moved to approve the warrants, He noted that the amount of money was spent on infrastructure repairs, the motion was seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Herrera, Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Martel and Halevi.

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Madeleine Grant Award

Mayor Patel commended Madeline Grant, who served as the Mayor of Lincolnwood for eight years and led several committees at the Village. Each year the Village looks for recipients who make significant volunteering contributions to the Lincolnwood community. Beth Keno Madeline's daughter, and Hilary Keno, Madeline's granddaughter were at the Village Board meeting to help Mayor Patel announce the recipient of the award. This year's winner, John Dreuth was asked to come to the podium for a photograph. Mayor Patel presented Mr. Dreuth with the award.

Mr. Dreuth thanked the Board and the Mayor. He also wanted to thank all the players who were in attendance. He recounted his memories playing little league baseball as a youngster with Mayor Patel and noted the exceptional coaches who had guided him throughout his younger years. He once again thanked all in attendance. Mayor Patel asked the Grant family to step up to the podium too.

Beth Keno gave a short speech thanking Mr. Dreuth for his contributions to the community.

2. Recognition of 3rd and 4th Grade Baseball Team and the 5th and 6th Grade Baseball Team

Mr. Dreuth was asked to recognize the two championship teams in attendance. Mayor Patel noted that many players were not in attendance due to being at practice. He proceeded to award all of the players a commemorative t-shirt and presented the Mayor with a framed poster with Mr. Dreuth and all of the current players.

3. Retirement and Plaque Presentation for Battalion Chief Clyde Heineman

Mayor Patel asked Fire Chief Hansen to step up to the podium. Chief Hansen recognized the retirement of Battalion Chief Clyde Heineman. He recounted three occasions in which he had hired Mr. Heineman throughout his career. He explained to the Board how Mr. Heineman had done an exceptional job in his various roles throughout the years.

Battalion Chief Clyde Heineman made a short speech thanking all his colleagues for their passionate work throughout the years. A photograph of the Mayor, Mr. Heineman and Chief Hansen was taken, and a round of applause was given.

Mayor Patel spoke of current pool hours for upcoming weeks until closing on Labor Day. He also noted that schools are going to be starting and he hopes residents and all will take care to watch out for children on the streets.

4. Retirement and Shadowbox Presentation for Deputy Chief Schenita Stewart

Chief Parrott was asked to step up to the podium. He first wanted to commemorate Deputy Chief Schenita Stewart, who has retired. He lauded her as a brilliant public servant for the Village of Lincolnwood. He recounted her long career and the various awards bestowed to her, including her receiving of two Officer of the Year awards. She currently is serving as Deputy Chief in East Dundee Illinois.

Deputy Chief Stewart asked a few of her family members to come up to the podium. She was presented with a framed shadowbox containing various medals she had received throughout her years of service.

5. Retirement and Shadowbox Presentation for Officer Nick Irsuto

Chief Parrott commemorated Officer Nick Irsuto. He lauded Officer Irsuto for his 20 years of service to the community of Lincolnwood. He asked Mr. Irsuto to step up to the podium to say a few words. A photograph was taken of the two of them.

Mr. Irsuto expressed his gratitude to his colleagues and the community of Lincolnwood. After a round of applause, he had his picture taken with Mayor Patel and Chief Parrott.

6. Swearing in of Police Lieutenants Laura Namovicz and Justin Lauria

Chief Parrott first introduced Laura Namovicz, who became a police officer with the Village in 2011. He delineated Officer Namovicz's various achievements over her decade of service.

Officer Namovicz asked her father to come up to pin on her new badge.

Clerk Herman swore in the new Lieutenant Namovicz.

Lieutenant Namovicz thanked the Board and all in attendance. She thanked all her fellow police officers, before retired and current, as well as her family. She thanked her husband Scott for his dedication and love. Lastly, she gave a poignant speech about her children and the sacrifices police officers make on a day-to-day basis.

Chief Parrott then introduced Justin Lauria who too has many years' experience working in the community of Lincolnwood. He stated that Justin has been a leader in dealing with impaired drivers and has brought Lincolnwood kudos.

Clerk Herman swore in the new Lieutenant Lauria and his wife pinned on his new badge. Lieutenant Lauria thanked his wife, family and his co-workers.

7. Swearing in of Police Sergeant Eric Gronlund

Chief Parrott introduced Officer Eric Gronlund, who too had been previously honored as Officer of the Year. Chief Parrott thanked Officer Gronlund for his service and spoke of his accomplishments as an exceptional detective and the crimes he has solved.

Clerk Herman swore him in as a Police Sergeant and his wife pinned on his new badge.

Sergeant Gronlund spoke thanking his wife, parents and in laws as well as his co-workers,

8. Swearing in of New Police Officer Jack Gutekanst

Chief Parrott introduced Jack Gutekanst, who on August 3rd graduated from police academy. He gave a speech regarding current common perceptions regarding the police, but reiterated his belief in the police service as a noble institution and profession.

Clerk Herman swore in the new Police Officer and his other pinned on his new badge. Officer Gutekanst received congratulations and welcome from the Board

9. Acknowledge the retirement of Police Officer Josh Bakalar

Mayor Patel commemorated Police Officer Josh Bakalar who was due to retire. He wished Mr. Bakalar luck in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service.

10. Lincolnwood Fest

Mayor Patel noted that in an upcoming meeting in September organizers of Lincolnwood Fest would be coming in to discuss next year's event and fundraising.

11. Multicultural Event on Sunday, August 8, 2021

Trustee Halevi discussed the Multicultural Event in her Trustee Report. The event was set up by the Multicultural Taskforce. She thanked the Taskforce for their work, and for showing that the Asian community is valued in Lincolnwood

12. Lincolnwood Pool Hours

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Patel announced that beginning August 16 and running through September 6, the public pool would be open Monday through Friday. Saturday open swim would be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday open swim would run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Monday, September 6 -Labor Day - the pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and then will close for the season.

Village Trustees' Report

Trustee Halevi began by congratulating Jewell Lloyd, who won a gold medal for basketball at the Olympics. The Trustee expressed pride due to the fact that Jewell used to practice in Lincolnwood in her youth.

Trustee Klatzco noted that the Village had recently sold a number of general obligation bonds, intending to pay off their IEPA loan with Village savings. There is a payment upcoming that is budgeted for, and no action is required as of present.

Trustee Klatzco once again reminded the Board and the community of the dire need for blood donations in the Community.

President Patel wanted to remind attendees to get vaccinated, wear a mask and remain socially distant to ensure the COVID-19 Pandemic can end sooner rather than later.

Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Herman introduced Susan Ginsburg, a member of the Multicultural Taskforce to read a letter she wrote to the Lincolnwood Review regarding the Multicultural Event. She noted that coverage of the

event was relegated to page 12, and that the coverage was incorrect and inconsistent. She explained that she had asked for a correction to be issued.

Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Gaura announced there had been a 6.9 percent increase in the Village's population as per the 2020 census.

She then noted that while the Village's Strategic Planning process was put on hold due to the pandemic, earlier this summer the process was resumed.

Lastly, she announced that the Village will initiate a rat reduction program in light of increasing complaints regarding the rat population in the community.

Public Forum

None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Following Pertaining to the Shooting Range Renovation Project: A) a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Construction Contract with Construction Inc. of Lombard, Illinois, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$505,000.00; and B) an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process and Awarding a Contract with FGM Architects for Construction Oversight in an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,000
2. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving an Employee Leasing Agreement with GovTemps USA, LLC for an Interim Parks and Recreation Director, Recreation Supervisor, and Code Enforcement Officer
3. Approval of a Resolution to Purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 XL Pickup Truck through Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Program, Contract #178, from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois in the Amount of \$30,494.00
4. Approval of a Resolution to Purchase a 2022 Ford F-550 XL Pick Up Truck through the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Program, Contract #182, from Sutton Ford Commercial Truck Center of Matteson, Illinois in the Amount of \$75,943.00
5. Approval of a Resolution to Purchase a 2022 Freightliner Truck through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Program, Contract #060920, from Transchicago Truck Group of Elmhurst, Illinois in the Amount of \$89,576.00
6. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., of Rosemont, Illinois, for the Provision of Design Services

7. Continuation to September 9, 2021, of a Recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Variation Related to Floor Area Ratio at 6547 North Central Park Avenue
8. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Procurement of Microsoft Office 365 Software Licenses from Dell, Inc., of Round Rock Texas

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

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Herrera, Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Martel and Halevi.

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

9. Consideration of a Resolution Extending Authorization for Outdoor Dining Operations and Outdoor Advertising During the COVID-19 Pandemic

This item was presented by Jake Litz.

Mr. Litz thanked the Board. He noted that in June 2020 the Board recommended the increased permissibility of outdoor dining due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This meant that five restaurants in the Village chose to utilize expanded outdoor seating. Moreover, the board also increased the permissibility of outdoor advertising. He noted that Staff had received mostly positive feedback for both initiatives.

Mr. Litz requested that the Board move to extend the expansion of outdoor dining and advertising to November 2021. Current authorization would expire at the end of August. Many restaurants were asked but only one responded that it would like the change in permissibility be extended to November.

Trustee Sargon and Herrera suggested that the Board should be flexible and allow the extension. They also both noted that safety measures should be maintained regarding a potential fire hazard with outdoor heaters.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Herrera.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Herrera, Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Martel and Halevi.

NAYS: None

The motion passed

10. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC, of Chicago, Illinois, for Development Advisory Services for an Agreement with the Lincolnwood Town Center

This item was presented by Scott Mangum.

Mr. Mangum explained that Staff recommends that the Village be part of the discussion regarding the future of a mall property in the community. He explained that Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC would perform a market analysis, a concept plan, and a fiscal impact model for the site. He

recommended that the Board approve the motion. He provided the potential fee of just under \$77,000 for the services of Houseal Lavigne Associates.

11. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Cost Sharing Agreement with Torchlight Investors for Development Advisory Services Related to the Lincolnwood Town Center

This item was presented by Scott Mangum.

Items 10 and 11 were considered together by the Board.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Resolution seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Martel, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motions passed

12. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Village Boards and Commissions

This item was presented by Charles Meyer with PowerPoint.

Mr. Meyer explained that, at the July 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Village Board gave direction to review Chapter 3 of the Village Code regarding Boards and Commissions. This would modify and merge the roles and responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Board, Ad-Hoc Environmental Commission and Beautification Commission.

Village Board is currently reviewing this information.

Establishment of the standard that the Village President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, appoints all Chairpersons of all Commissions, except as provided to the contrary by the Village Code or State law.

Modification of the Park and Recreation Board to align with the duties and responsibilities of an advisory Board or Commission.

Creation of the Environmental Commission to serve as a formal advisory body to the Village Board while absorbing pertinent duties and responsibilities of the Beautification Commission.

Dissolving of the Beautification Commission as the members will join the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Patel noted his hesitation with regards to removing certain members of commission members over time, as he felt that anyone who wanted to give their time to the Village should be included. The ordinance would be amended to include 13 commission members instead of 12.

Staff recommendation is that the Village Board approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Village Code as it relates to the Park and Recreation Board, Beautification Commission and Environmental Commission.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Martel, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

Appointment of Commissioners to the Environmental Commission – Terms Staggered and Assigned at Random

Discussion regarding number of members recommended. Village Manager Gaura stated that the Ordinance had been amended to 13.

The following were appointed by Mayor Patel:

Sharon Mau, Nashra Mohammed, Maggie Weiss and Dale Wickum – One Year Term

Gabriella Kowalczyk, Mira Mazur, Susan Perdomo Blankenship and Pamela Stavinoga – Two Year Term

Najia Ahmed, Johnathan Powell, Tahassum Quadri and Richard Sloan – Three Year Term

Amreena Suri would be added to the list in order to include all 13 commission members.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the amended Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Martel, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Adjournment to Closed Session

At 8:15 P.M. Trustee Martel made a motion to move the meeting into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Setting of a Price to Sell or Lease Property, seconded by Trustee Herrera.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Martel, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera and Klatzco

NAYS:

The motion passed

Reconvention

At 9:42 P.M. President Patel reconvened the Regular Meeting and announced that the Meeting will be adjourned.

Adjournment of Village Board Meeting

At 9:43, Mayor Patel called for adjournment of the Regular Village Board meeting.

Trustee Martel moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saleem.

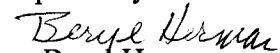
Upon Roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Martel, Saleem, Sargon, Herrera, Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Respectfully submitted,


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk