

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on June 26, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor L'Heureux, Village Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis, Ivan, Killelea and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney, Superintendent Weinert, Superintendent Sparrey, Treasurer Britton and Deputy Clerk Kolacki.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS**

Trustee Kreis was saddened to advise that Midlothian has lost a long-time resident and Korean War Veteran, Wayne Ramsey, who passed away on June 25, 2019. Wayne Ramsey was also the Bremen Township Assessor. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

**MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **Jean Bartecki** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful, Beautification Committee, Safety Committee, Friends of the Library
- **George Doeden** – Veterans' Committee, Midlothian American Legion 691, Midlothian VFW Post 2580
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee
- **Joyce Holste** – Friends of the Library

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Rita Sareny** – She asked about the postage resolution for the vehicle sticker mailings. Mayor L'Heureux advised that Treasurer Britton reached out to the Postmaster to receive reimbursement but it is still pending.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor L'Heureux read the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval to Purchase Paint from Sherwin Williams for the Purpose of Painting the One Million Gallon Water Reservoir at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,500
2. Approval of Ordinance #2030 Amending Title V, Chapter 4, of the Village Code to Raise the legal age for the use of Tobacco Products and License Fee for the retail sale of tobacco in the Village of Midlothian
3. Approval of proposal from BK's Custom Woodworks for replacement of Lobby Glass Panel not to exceed \$2,783 and also for issuance of manual check for 50% down payment
4. Approval of the May 2019 Treasurer's Report

5. Approval of the May 2019 Building Department Report
6. Approval of the May 2019 Fire Department Report
7. Approval of the May 2019 Health Department Report
8. Approval of the May 2019 Police Department Report
9. Approval of the May 2019 Public Works Department Report
10. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2019.
11. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2019
12. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2019
13. Approval of List of Bills

Trustee Kreis asked that Item #6 be removed from the Consent Agenda since the Report was not received for review.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Item #6 was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Kreis.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Kreis, Caveney, Crowley, Gillis and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Trustee Kreis** reported on the following:

- She advised that she, Kate Evasic and Strand & Associates were invited to do a presentation for the monthly Calumet Stormwater Collaborative Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> and they will be highlighting our Stormwater Management Capital Plan.
- She thanked all the volunteers that came out on Saturday to pick up cigarette butts. This was for the Keep America Beautiful Grant we were awarded for the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. They picked up a couple thousand cigarette butts in a very small area.

## **FINANCE**

**Trustee Ivan** reported on the following:

- The preliminary official statement for the new bonds was sent to the Board. If there are any comments, please submit those to Treasurer Britton by June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The draft budget has been revised and a copy of the revised budget will be forwarded tomorrow.
- The front office has been very busy selling vehicle stickers. He believed the signs have helped that were posted on all the intersections. He reminded everyone to purchase their stickers by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Girl Scouts helped pull weeds out of the flower boxes at the Village Garden. Aunt Marthas is planning on planting flowers soon in the boxes.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Gillis** reported on the following:

- He will make sure that the Board receives a copy of the May Fire Department Report.
- We have two firefighter/paramedics that are off due to injuries. The first firefighter will be off for another two weeks and the second firefighter will be off for six to eight weeks.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Caveney** reported on the following:

- Superintendent Weinert has received four bids for the demolition of the house that collapsed. He advised that they contacted six businesses and four bids came in. The amount of the bids received were \$14,300, \$15,000, \$15,900 and \$19,800. He contacted the lowest bidder and will move forward to apply for the Cook County Demolition Permit and expedite the demolition of the house. The property will be graded where the house was and then they will put down seed or a seed blanket.
- Superintendent Weinert and Attorney Valadez have been working to update the Property Maintenance Ordinance and the Ordinance will be provided to the Board soon for review.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Killelea** reported on the following:

- He provided the highlights of the May 2019 Public Works Report.
- Trustee Caveney asked for an update from the South Suburban Land Bank regarding the discrepancy of the list on their website versus the email received. Trustee Killelea advised that the discrepancy was the one condo. She advised that Penny Pincher property would be marketed but the list on the website did not indicate that and was printed as "coming soon". There was no broker or list to prove that it was being marketed. Much of the information provided from the email conflicts with what is on the website. Trustee Killelea advised that there is a sign in the window for a real estate firm and he assumed it was being marketed. He will check further into this.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Crowley** reported on the following:

- The Independence Day Parade is on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. She thanked all volunteers who made this possible and worked very hard in putting the parade together. Mayor L'Heureux advised that the Village will have a float in the parade and everyone is welcome to join us either walking or riding.
- Fiber is in and connected. We will be meeting with IT the Monday following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to come up with the formal schedule to put in the new virtual server. The phones will also be in place. She will provide a schedule in two weeks.
- National Night Out will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of fun, exciting and new activities we will be having. One of the new events that the CPC is hosting is Animals for Awareness, which is a local animal, habitat and sanctuary for animals that cannot be returned to the wild. They will provide a presentation for the kids and families.
- She was pleased to advise that we were able to have donated to the Police Department from Operation Hope 150 school boxes filled with school supplies and our Police Officers will be handing out on National Night Out.

- She thanked CPC, Chief Delaney and the Police Department for their assistance last week. There were approximately 40 police officers from all different jurisdictions, all of which are Cert Trained for the High Schools and trained for hostage situations, who attended training at Bremen High School. The training was provided for free and then our CPC provided lunch for all the officers attending.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Chief Delaney** reported on the following:

- He reminded everyone that the 50 Dirty O Race is on July 20<sup>th</sup> and that this is the last event for Special Olympics.

**Superintendent Weinert** had nothing to report.

**Superintendent Sparrey** reported on the following:

- The pedestrian lighting installation started today from Pulaski to Lawndale.
- Public Works will be out tomorrow applying weed killing spray in the downtown area along 147<sup>th</sup> Street and then next week they will clean everything up.
- Trustee Caveney asked for an update on the Public Works wall. Superintendent Sparrey advised that Oliveri will be preparing a report. He also reached out to another contractor who will be contacting a structural engineer and will report soon. He commented that he would like to know what it would cost to brace the wall versus rebuilding.

**Treasurer Britton** had nothing to report.

**Deputy Clerk Kolacki** had nothing to report.

## **LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Attorney Nick Valadez** reported on the following:

- The Ordinance passed tonight regarding tobacco usage for individuals under the age of 21 and had two minor changes. The first is the inclusion of vaping and the second is the fee the Village charges for a license for the retail sales from \$50 to \$100.
- Abe's Meat Market Owner – He will be contacting his attorney giving him one last opportunity to pay the amount that they agreed to pay for the Village expenses in restoring the property.
- He met with Superintendent Sparrey regarding the Village's sidewalk inspection and repair plan and we are optimistic we will have something ready that will restore or protect our tort immunity for trip and falls on sidewalks in light of a Supreme Court case.

## **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

**Mayor L'Heureux** reported on the following:

- He was pleased to advise that the bus shelter was finally down on 147<sup>th</sup> and Lawndale and they are hoping to relocate the bus shelter.
- He advised the Board that there will be no Committee Meeting scheduled next week on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- He wished everyone a very happy and safe Independence Day weekend and hoped to see everyone at the parade on Saturday. There will be water stations along the way for parade goers and participants.

- University Park has declared a State of Emergency since the level of lead in their drinking water is beyond excessive and is dangerous and will be shutting down their drinking water system. They are asking for donations of drinking water and paper products. Superintendent Sparrey has offered space within the Public Works facility to accept the donations and to deliver to Hazel Crest Village Hall. Everyone will be able to drop off donations from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clerk Moskal then noted that we will also have a truck at St. Stephens during the parade on Saturday to drop off their donations.

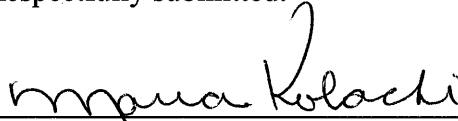
**CLERK'S BUSINESS**

Clerk Moskal had nothing to report.

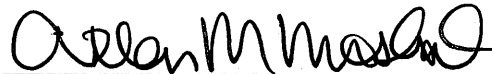
**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business, Mayor L'Heureux asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Kreis. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Kreis, Crowley, Caveney, Gillis, Ivan and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



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Allen Moskal, Village Clerk