

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and the Board of Trustees met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on January 9, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of Silence for Our Fallen Veterans

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Jean Bartecki** –Beautification Committee, Safety Committee and Friends of the Library
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee
- **Joyce Holste** – Friends of the Library
- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Krygowski – A relative would like to sell his home at 14532 Kedzie but the property had been rezoned to business and will not allow financing on the property since commercial financing is much different than residential financing. The property is vacant at this time. He was trying to find other avenues. He reviewed some portfolio lenders where a bank may use their own money to subsidize a purchase. He spoke with a number of lenders and found a lender, Republic Bank, who would consider a 10% down that would be portfolio lent until the zoning was fixed, so that someone could do an FHA or regular conforming loan. He was providing this information to the Board so that when the changes are discussed, there may be other issues to expedite the process.

Jason Decker – He is here tonight to discuss recreational cannabis, which will be coming to Illinois in 2019. He is a longtime resident, a local contractor and handyman and soon to be manager of a retail outfit for recreational cannabis. He has a good friend, who is also our political consultant and working on four state committees, and he estimates that the timing should be in the first six weeks that it will pass in Illinois. Within the next 3-6 months, licenses will be up for sale with the state. Cannabis will also be part of the municipalities. He explained the many benefits noting that each individual municipality can set their own business license fees and their local sales tax. The Village will receive a 7-figure range tax revenue in year one. He also noted a percentage of their profits will be contributed to the Village for beautification, parks and whatever the Village sees fit. Mayor L'Heureux mentioned that he has discussed this with Trustee Ivan about six months ago and will be discussing this for the future with the rest of the Board. Mr. Decker will provide information to the Village received from his consultant.

Ed Stoehr – He has a zoning issue at 14700 Hamlin, which is currently zoned R-5. His business has been there for over 30 years and was zoned originally for business. He sold his property in Alsip and was planning on moving the repair shop business to Midlothian but found out that he could not due to the zoning. Trustee Caveney explained that the zoning is being reviewed and will get back to him.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Ordinance #2011 Amending Title 4, Chapter 11, of the Village of Midlothian Municipal Code to Adopt the Standards of 2017 Chicago Electrical Code with Changes and Additions.
2. Approval for Captain Kucharski to Attend a Chief Fire Officer Course For a Cost Not to Exceed \$1,775.00.
3. Approval for Firefighters Ramirez, Klimson and Moore to Attend Fire Apparatus Engineer Class For a Cost Not to Exceed \$1,350.00.
4. Approval to Appoint Sandy Cortez to the Community Policing Committee.
5. Approval to Purchase Fourteen Apple iPad Tablets – 9.7 and ZAGG Rugged Book Keyboard/Cover Cases as Recommended by Proven IT and Include the Setup, Configuration and Training for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$8,035.86.
6. Approval of a Payment Drop Box Not to Exceed \$3,000.00.
7. Approval of List of Bills.

Mayor L'Heureux asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Killelea asked that Item #6 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Kreis reported on the following:

- Yesterday Midlothian hosted the Calumet Corridor Green Infrastructure Soil Meeting, which was the second meeting with the Calumet Soils Group. We were selected to be part of their soil study for the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant program. She thanked Superintendent Sparrey and Trustee Killelea for attending. Midlothian is on the cutting edge of stormwater management incorporating green infrastructure and everyone seems to know about us. They talked about the permeable parking lot at Morton Arboretum that exceeded their expectations. There has been no maintenance need for over 20 years. The group will be returning to Midlothian do to some additional soil testing.
- She received an invitation from the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative. They have funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management for a feasibility and needs

assessment for green infrastructure inventory to determine form and function and wanted Midlothian's insights. She will be participating in the core group.

- She was invited by the Delta Institute to participate in a green infrastructure maintenance guide and requested her input. The Institute will also include training. She will only need a letter of support.
- She will be representing Midlothian tomorrow at the Cal Sag Enterprise Zone Meeting. They are working on a brochure and other marketing materials.
- The next Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting will be on January 17th at 12:00 p.m. and Karen Rozmus and Sue Smith will be attending providing additional training.

FINANCE

Trustee Ivan reported on the following:

- The next Finance Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- The next Beautification Committee Meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- The budget process for the Village will begin at the end of January.
- Motion to approve a Payment Drop Box not to exceed \$3,000.00 was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

Discussion: Trustee Killelea asked when the drop box would be installed. Superintendent Sparrey advised that they are unsure at this time. Trustee Killelea commented that the purchase was only discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting and should have been discussed at a Committee Meeting also. Trustee Gillis and Trustee Kreis agreed, however, Trustee Caveney believed that the drop box was discussed at a previous meeting. Mayor L'Heureux then noted that the drop box will help our seniors and will assist others so they can drive up to the drop box to drop off their payments. The drop box will also be ADA compliant. Mayor L'Heureux asked Trustee Ivan if he wanted to amend his motion and Trustee Ivan declined. Trustee Caveney suggested tabling the vote to the next Committee Meeting and withdrew her second. Motion then failed for a second. This will be placed on next week's Agenda for approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Gillis reported on the following:

- We approved the course for Captain Kucharski to attend a Chief Fire Officer Course and wanted the Board to know that the class cost was originally \$3,550.00. Captain Kucharski received a scholarship from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association to pay for 50% of the class.
- The Board had received a letter of resignation for our full-time firefighter/paramedic, which was effective today. Mayor L'Heureux sent a letter to the Fire and Police Commission asking that the next eligible full-time firefighter/paramedic be hired.
- Trustee Crowley advised that the Fire and Police Commission lists are current and are displayed in the lobby.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee Caveney reported on the following:

- Both Building Clerks have started their Permit Clerk Courses. They were away today and will be away next week for three days. The Clerks will be certified when the courses are completed.
- Superintendent Weinert will be going to Maryland in March to attend the FEMA's CRS Course. Trustee Kreis noted that the FEMA training is paid by FEMA and there is no cost to the Village.
- The Building Department is working on updating all Ordinances. The electrical Ordinance was approved today and the plumbing Ordinance will go forward next. Attorney Valadez will provide the drafts of the Ordinances for the Board's review. Trustee Caveney noted that the Ordinances will have to go in a certain order so that we can approve the Residential Code and Property Maintenance Code and it is critical that both Codes are updated before April.
- The Plan Commission met yesterday and are reviewing the Village's Signage Code. Both she and Superintendent Weinert will also be reviewing the Code. There are many signs throughout Midlothian that do not meet the Code and the Building Department will be enforcing the Signage Code.
- Mayor L'Heureux asked Trustee Caveney if she wanted to reschedule the CRS Town Hall Meeting, which had been postponed, and she agreed. She suggested February or March.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Trustee Killelea had nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Crowley reported on the following:

- She will forward to the Board a synopsis of the officer that we will be looking to hire.
- Both she and Chief Delaney have interviewed the two finalists for the Animal Care and Control Officer. She will provide a synopsis for the Board's review and discussion next week.
- The next Community Policing Committee Meeting will be on Thursday.
- An IT Meeting was held on Monday. We are moving forward in getting the infrastructure in order.
- Proven has provided a representative to be on site monthly to review our site, make any recommendations and assist with our needs. The representatives met with three of the Departments and will be coming out next month to visit other two Departments. At the monthly meetings, they can see what they can do to make our systems better, more user friendly and fix any little problems we are unable to fix.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Hotwagner reported on the following:

- In 2018 the Fire Department had 2,369 emergency calls, 1,511 calls were EMS and the remaining 858 calls were Automatic Aid, Mutual Aid, Fires and carbon monoxide alarms.

Chief Delaney had nothing to report.

Superintendent Weinert reported on the following:

- The Zoning Map is being updated by our Village Engineer. The Board will receive a map to show all the changes that have taken place since 2009 that were not updated on the current map.
- The Zoning Board Hearing for the Special Use for the properties on 147th and Kedzie (car dealership and Tastee Freeze building) is scheduled for January 21st.
- Our Plumbing Inspector will now be an employee instead of on call.
- The part-time Property Maintenance Inspector candidate completed their fingerprinting and drug testing and we are only waiting on the results. The candidate is from Orland Park and is highly recommended.
- Public Works will be assisting with the cleanup of the meat market property.

Superintendent Sparrey reported on the following:

- We are still waiting on the poles from the manufacturer for the pedestrian lighting on 147th Street.
- The new candidate has passed all background checks and drug testing and his starting date will be January 28th.
- We received a phone call from a consultant from the County regarding financing opportunities for the Jolly Homes Study. He asked Engineer Nagle to provide further information.

Engineer Nagle reported on the following:

- He advised that this was the CDBG-DR Grant application for Jolly Homes, Bremen Heights and Belly Button Hill. They saw Jolly Homes study as being an appropriate study and are looking to possibly do the funding but had questions for us. There will be a consult with himself and Superintendent Sparrey with CDM Smith, which is a civil engineering firm that the County hired to review all applications. One of the key notes is that the money will need to be spent by July 2019 and we had asked for an extension. The grant is for \$315,000 and the Village's share was \$50,000. We are not sure if we will receive the grant but are still moving forward.
- The EPA offers low interest loans for forgiveness associated with watermain work. The interest rate is currently 1.8%, but in order to receive this rate you must be on a preapproved intended use list and is due on January 31st. This was previously done with sewer lining. He is recommending that we submit the one-page letter regarding a watermain area that needs to be done. The cost is \$1.1 million to qualify for the low interest loan and we could possibly receive forgiveness. He explained that the watermain is currently down and crossing Pulaski at the railroad tracks and will be almost impossible to fix. He suggested other options including taking some service lines down. The EPA will not allow a watermain job unless we take the service line out since it is owned by residents and not the Village. Any watermain job we do we have to remove the lead service lines. The lead service lines will need to be replaced with copper. Superintendent Sparrey noted that in a normal watermain project, we replace all taps to the curb stop which is the B-Box in the parkway and tie it to an existing line. But if it is lead, we will have to go all the way to the house. Engineer Nagle is suggesting that the application be completed.
- We know that Mr. Pritzker is part of the problem with the infrastructure bill. They are looking for shovel ready projects, in which Midlothian has a number of. There are many maintenance projects

that we can put together relatively quick to prove that we have shovel ready projects such as sewer lining, lead service waterline replacement, sidewalk repairs, curb repairs and roadwork repairs.

- The updated Zoning Map will be provided to the Board next week. The Board will receive three maps to include the current zoning map, the proposed map with the highlighted changes and a final version to be updated with any new zoning changes by the Board. Once the Board reviews, the final version will be up for approval.
- Trustee Crowley asked if any of the projects would be for the school projects and sidewalks discussed and he confirmed that it would be. He advised that the sidewalks and concrete replacement can be done. The school projects with the Safe Routes needs a study involvement with parent participation and the principal will need to work with the parents. Sidewalk moves or replacement or handicap ramps can be done quickly. It only requires field work, measuring and pricing.

Treasurer Britton had nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Kolacki had nothing to report.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Attorney Nick Valadez reported on the following:

- He advised that there is a petition and litigation to set regulations for the Village to continue to use salt on its streets and has been going on for a couple of years. The Illinois Pollution Control Board agreed that we, as well as two dozen other municipalities, are in substantial compliance for 15-year designated use for a specific water quality. The IPCB agrees we have set forth sufficient case to use salt on our roads during the winter months.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Mayor L'Heureux had nothing to report.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Clerk Moskal reported on the following:

- We have been contacted by our implementation specialist for BoardDocs. He asked the Board if they would be available for training on Monday, February 18th or Tuesday, February 26th for a one-hour training session in the evening. It was decided that February 26th would work best for everyone from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The training for Department Heads will take place the following day. There are four sessions, two of which will be for Publishers (Clerk Moskal and Deputy Clerk Kolacki), Board Training is on the evening of the first day and the Village Board Members and Staff on the second day. We will also have a training session for the i-Pads.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Kreis.

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

The Mayor advised that there will be action following Closed Session. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:32 p.m. Motion to return to Open Session was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

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

- Motion for approval to extend an offer of employment to the candidate for the Front Office Clerk Position with the salary range discussed in Closed Session was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Gillis.

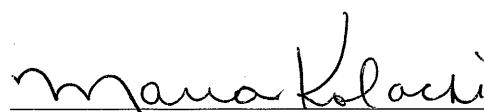
Discussion: There was no discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Gillis, Caveney, Crowley, Killelea and Kreis. Nays: There were none. Motion carried.

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 Caveney. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Caveney, Gillis, Ivan, Kreis and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolaeki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk