

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2019**

Village Clerk Moskal and the Board of Trustees met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on May 8, 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, Deputy Chief McClelland, Superintendent Weinert, Superintendent Sparrey, Treasurer Britton, Engineer Nagle and Deputy Clerk Kolacki

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Village Clerk Moskal then performed the oath of office for the positions of Village Trustees as follows:

**Village Trustee – Sandra Crowley
Village Trustee – Don Killelea
Village Trustee – Carl Ivan**

PRESENTATION

Proclamation – National Police Week – May 12th–May 18th

Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week – May 19th–May 25th

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **Sandy Cortez** – Safety Committee and Community Policing Committee
- **Michelle Cichon** – Community Policing Committee
- **Jerry Gillis, Sr.** – Midmark Water Commission, Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Zoning Board
- **George Doeden** – Veterans' Committee, American Legion 691, VFW Post 2580
- **Kathy Faulkner** – Plan Commission
- **Frank Pierson** – Community Policing Committee
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Smith – He has lived in the neighborhood for the last 64 years. He drove around the neighborhood and saw a lot of pavement repairs needed but is especially concerned about the area at 143rd and Kilbourn which is where the school is located. He asked everyone to view the condition of the street and the amount of activity from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are no curbs or sidewalks and there are

cracks and holes in the street. Cars and buses dodge the holes, and this is extremely dangerous to the kids that walk on the pavement since there are no sidewalks. Added to this is garbage day, which is on Tuesdays, and now the vehicles dodge not only the kids, but the garbage cans also. He was wondering if the Village will be repaving the street soon. Mayor L'Heureux advised that there are streets scheduled to be completed this year. We will be going out to bid soon and the street mentioned is on the list for repair. Trustee Caveney then asked if the Village can put in storm sewers and sidewalks on Kolmar and Kilbourne since they are main thoroughfares and there are so many children. Superintendent Sparrey noted that it was previously brought before the Board and residents. The residents did not want the improvements since it would increase their property taxes. They were provided options and they chose the option for Public Works to regrade the ditches and change out the culverts instead.

Anna Wolf – She works for a Chicago-based not-for-profit technology firm, Center for Neighborhood Technology, and one of their programs is the Rain Ready Program, which is a friend of the Village of Midlothian. She understood that there was question of adoption of the Stormwater Management Capital Plan and wanted to express her support and excitement for this next Phase and the many years planning process to help manage the flooding for residents and businesses.

Sandy Cortez – She thanked Mayor L'Heureux for reading the Proclamation tonight and she thanked Trustee Crowley and Chief Delaney. They appreciate everything they do for and what the Department does for everyone. She presented them with their own copy of the Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Ordinance #2026 - Increasing the Village of Midlothian Water Rate to Pass Through the Increase in the 2019 Water Rate Charged by the City of Chicago
2. Approval of Ordinance #2027 - Amending Title V, Chapter 9, Section 5-9-10(C)1 of the Village Code of Midlothian to Change the Rate of the Municipal Gas Use Tax to Two and One-Half Cents (\$0.025) Per Therm
3. Approval for Firefighter Ramirez to Continue in the Southern Illinois University Bachelor's Degree to Achieve Public Safety Management Bachelor's Degree and Enroll in the Spring Classes
4. Approval to Purchase a 2019 Ford F-150 Truck for the Building Department Not to Exceed \$28,465.00 and Paid With Forfeited Construction Bonds
5. Approval to Purchase Civic Gov Software in the Amount of \$17,675.00 and a Yearly Fee of \$3,850.00
6. Approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2019
7. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2019
8. Approval of List of Bills

Trustee Killelea asked that Item #1 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Item #1 was made by Trustee Kreis and seconded by Trustee Gillis.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Kreis reported on the following:

- Two years ago, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Local Technical Assistance Program put out a call for projects and she submitted a grant application and the Village of Midlothian was awarded the grant. She thanked CMAP, Strand & Associates and the Steering Committee. The Stormwater Management Capital Plan identified 37 projects and are prioritized. There has been a lot of work and the Village needed this. It is difficult to apply for grants if we do not have a plan and this plan will work very well for us. She thanked CNT, CMAP and Strand & Associates for their assistance.

Motion to approve Resolution #19-0508-A to Adopt the Stormwater Management Capital Plan was made by Trustee Kreis and seconded by Trustee Ivan.

Discussion: Trustee Caveney asked that the 4th Whereas should add the following language after Village of Midlothian, “a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A”. Trustee Killelea asked that the 7th Whereas should be changed from “other work occurring in the Village” and changed to “and other Public Works projects occurring in the Village”. There was no further discussion.

Trustee Kreis and Trustee Ivan amended their motion to include the changes.

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

Trustee Kreis noted that Helen Lekavich wanted to extend her thanks to Kate and CMAP, Mike and Kelsey at Strand and Anna at CNT. She thanked everyone for their participation.

- In September of 2017, Helen Lekavich, Chris Parker and herself were invited to participate in the National Academies of Sciences Forum on Urban Flooding. The work goes to Congress and uses the information for FEMA work and she was pleased to report that Floodlothian is mentioned on Page 22. The next day, Dr. David Maidment who is the Chair, came to visit Midlothian and was in Natalie Creek. Trustee Caveney asked that a copy of the report be placed on the website’s CRS page and Trustee Kreis will forward the link. Mayor L’Heureux received the survey from the MWRD regarding urban flooding in our community and made copies for everyone.
- On April 27th, Keep Midlothian Beautiful had its first Great Midlothian Cleanup. It rained and then snowed on that day. There were over 100 volunteers and she thanked everyone that came out. She was pleased to advise that we collected one ton of trash.
- She attended the Southland Capital Town Hall Meeting hosted at South Suburban College. She received the Capital Bill Request from the South Suburban Mayors and Managers. She noted that there is close to \$3.4 billion from the Southland alone. Trustee Ivan also attended the meeting and had information for senior citizens and will pass the information on.
- The next Natalie Creek Trail Steering Committee will meet on May 16th at 11:00 a.m.
- The next Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting will meet on May 16th at 12:00 p.m.

Deputy Chief McClelland left the meeting to go on an emergency call.

FINANCE

Trustee Ivan reported on the following:

- There was discussion on the lobby and bringing it up to Code. The first phase was passed for replacing the window to make that ADA compliant and will be implemented soon. The ADA compliance will also require that a table be installed. This information is in the detail he sent everyone. He also forwarded pictures of the current status of how the lobby looks. The existing table and the water fountain will be removed. The ADA compliant table will be in this position and racks for Building Department forms. He provided two different company's quotes and asked if there were any questions. Trustee Kreis commented that the hallway was an Eagle Scout project and wanted to make sure that their work will not be disturbed. Trustee Ivan explained that project materials will be kept in the hallway but relocated to a different location. Andy from Public Works will be making the repairs and removals if agreeable with the Board instead of hiring an outside vendor. He then explained the additional attachments. There was a long discussion by the Board. It was decided to table the project until next week for further explanation.
- Motion to Replace Board Room Office Chairs Not to Exceed \$250 Per Chair was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

Discussion: Trustee Kreis confirmed that we would be purchasing ten chairs. Trustee Ivan thought all chairs should be replaced at the same time. There was no further discussion.

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

- He provided pictures to repair the lobby walls and faulty lighting. He explained the repairs that would be made. Trustee Kreis thought that at least two quotes were necessary to complete the work. Trustee Ivan explained that the second quote would be Andy from Public Works, but he is needed in Public Works for many other projects. Trustee Caveney thought that if we were considering the same contractor to do the window, there would be no problem hiring the same person to complete the painting. Trustee Ivan agreed and will present the project next week.
- The Beautification Committee is hoping to hire Roy Erikson Landscaping to provide planting medium and flowers to the flower boxes at \$60 per flower box. There are 25 boxes throughout Midlothian and he believed two more would be in place in the next week. Roy Erickson recommends a layer of lava rock, landscaping fabric and engineered soil to each flower box and they will be watering the flower boxes. The engineered soil is a mixture of three elements and is better for watering. They will also be drilling holes in the bottom of the box for drainage. The Beautification Committee discussed with Roy Erikson the plant choice and we will be going with three different plants which include a potato plant, flowering flower and grass type plant.

Motion to hire Roy Erikson Landscaping to Supply Planting Media at \$60 for a minimum of 25 Flower Boxes was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Killelea.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee **Gillis** had nothing to report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee **Caveney** reported on the following:

- She sent a reminder email to everyone with regard to American Tower. She has received a response from the Property Acquisition Department and they have some marketing ideas but no plan. The Village could agree to modify the contract and reduce our annual rent, there may be an additional user but this is not guaranteed, and we may not get the \$225 a month revenue share. She asked the Board what they wanted to do. She thought they should have presented the agreement to us prior to 18 months ago. We can agree to the terms and reduce the rent from \$1,975 to \$1,455 a month that commences July 1st. We will still receive the 3 ½% escalation and if there are new users, we will receive a revenue share. She believed that even if they have one user, that will only bring us up a few hundred dollars and not the \$1,975 revenue we have now. This will go forward for approval at the next Board Meeting.
- She attended a Town Hall Meeting at Prairie State College which was hosted by Senator Michael Hastings who represents the District next to us. The subject matter was cannabis legalization bill that is in front of the legislature now. There was an article in the Chicago Tribune regarding this issue. The information presented was positive information advocating for the bill. She was not sure on how she felt about legalization. Trustee Crowley noted that the Illinois Association of Chief of Police came out with an official statement on this subject. The State of Illinois has been checking to see what other states have done so that the same mistakes would not be made. She had asked about the DUI test kits. The State Crime Lab previously would test the kits for \$300 but were extremely backlogged. We now have to go to contract with the UIC Crime Lab and the cost is now \$1,200. Once the bid is approved, the municipality has one year to opt out and after that one year, we will then be required to go forward via referendum. She gathered from the meeting that the State of Illinois will have stricter regulations regarding the sale and amount to be sold.
- Non-Union Insurance Policy – She forwarded information to everyone. She received a note from the insurance agency regarding continued coverage for dependents in the event of the death of a spouse or retiree and there are certain COBRA laws that are required, so she asked Attorney Valadez to review the information. Once received, this will go forward on a future meeting.
- Water rate discussion – She had questions regarding the sewer charge and the water charge. She asked what the breakdown was for the sewer charge. She noted that on the bill it is \$4.50 and how much of that amount is allocated to storm sewer and sanitary sewer. Mayor L'Heureux advised that the sewer charge is the sanitary sewer charge. Superintendent Sparrey noted that the street funds are used for storm sewers. She wanted to know since we will need to discuss how we are going to start funding some of our stormwater sewer repairs. She thought that the sewer line item on the water bill should include a line item for storm sewers since they are also being repaired, just like sanitary sewers.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Trustee **Killelea** reported on the following:

- Water Rate Increase – The expenses for the Water Department have been increasing due to water main breaks, supplies, labor, etc. and there is no additional revenue planned to pay for the increases. Currently

we are doing just fine but will need this money in the future. He is proposing to amend the increase to \$.06 per 1,000 gallons instead of the proposed \$.02 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor L'Heureux was not in favor of the increase since our water rates are currently in a surplus. Trustee Crowley thought there were other expenses that are needed now that will be necessary to increase and did not want to bring this increase to the residents at this time. Treasurer Britton will provide a current balance in the fund and will also provide the increase to see how much extra money there would be per year. Midmark currently charges \$4.06 per 1,000 gallons and the residents are charged \$8.12 per 1,000 gallons. Superintendent Sparrey advised that the IEPA will be mandating in the future the removal of all service lines in town and we currently have 400 lines. He noted that at a future meeting he will be presenting the increase in the next few weeks. There was no further discussion.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2026 Increasing the Village of Midlothian Water Rate to Pass Through the Increase in the 2019 Water Rate Charged by the City of Chicago was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Gillis.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Gillis, Caveney, Crowley and Kreis. Nays: Trustee Killelea. Motion carried.

- One of the Lift Station Pumps at 147th and Kostner broke and unfortunately could not be repaired. Superintendent Sparrey obtained two bids to replace the pump. The low bid was \$9,194 from Pro Pump and will be placed on next week's Agenda for approval.
- Superintendent Sparrey had asked a roofing company to complete a roof scan to determine where the leaks were. The results of the roof scan will be provided at a future meeting.
- Trustee Crowley asked if the mold report results were discussed. Trustee Killelea advised that we will need to obtain the pricing for remediation first. The mold was minimal. There were two spots in the Fire Department in the ducts and one spot in the Police Department. The report was sent to all Department Heads for their review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Crowley reported on the following:

- She thanked the Community Policing Committee for providing the Proclamation and the event all week for the Police Department.
- The micro pantry concrete pad will be installed once the weather breaks. However, the micro pantry will be delivered May 30th and placed in the grass for now until the concrete pad can be put in place.
- The Community Policing Committee Golf Outing will be this Saturday. There are 40 golfers and lunch and raffles will be provided. The Dirty O 50 T-shirts will also be available.
- Cop on Top will be on Friday, May 17th. One of Midlothian's residents, who is a Special Olympics winner, will be in attendance also.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Superintendent Weinert reported on the following:

- The property on Waverly that collapsed will be fast tracked for removal of debris within 4-6 weeks.

Chief Delaney reported on the following:

- He thanked the Board, Community Policing and residents for their continued support and is very much appreciated.
- The Police Department will be attending on May 21st at South Suburban College their recruitment day and noted that the Police Department has been getting involved in other college fairs.
- On May 25th the Police Department will host a Car Seat Inspection Day. They will install or make sure that car seats already installed are correct and safe for the residents. There are a few car seats they will give away if anyone needs one. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- On June 8th, the Police Department will host the Child ID Program. The residents' children will have their fingerprints taken and a DNA sample with a swab of the mouth. The packet results will be provided to the parents for them to retain to assist if their child is ever missing and the fingerprints and DNA will be on file.
- He received a letter today from the Circuit Court of Cook County that the suspect individual that fired shots at our officer and drove through our Village Green and damaged the property has received restitution, as part of his sentencing. We will receive \$2,781.85 in restitution. We will also still go after the insurance company.

Superintendent Sparrey reported on the following:

- The road resurfacing project (\$500,000 capital bond money) is about 95% complete for the planning and he is hoping to receive the Board's permission to go out to bid at the next meeting. Engineer Nagle will provide the details.

Engineer Nagle reported on the following:

- \$500,000 Roadway Resurfacing Program – The Plans and specifications are about 95% complete. We will be doing close to 13 blocks to include Kildare from 146th to 147th, Tripp from 143rd to 145th, Kilbourne from 143rd to 144th, Kolmar from 143rd to 147th, Kenton from 145th to 147th, Kenton from 143rd to 144th, Kolin from 143rd to 144th and Lavergne from 145th and Billy Casper Lane. We are also be adding 500 square yards of patching at various locations throughout the community and will be determined at a later time. We are asking the Board for approval to advertise the project. They will then come back to the Board with their recommendation. The engineer's assessment is \$500,000 and includes the design, engineering and construction and the job will be done in July. This will go forward for approval at the next Committee Meeting.
- He provided a Summary of the results for External Property Inspections. This was a high priority area and on the back page it showed the worst sewer problems in the Village. The MWRD required that we inspect at least 10% of the sanitary sewer systems and would be able to do external property inspections, storm testing, manhole inspections and repairs. Of the 550 homes that were inspected, 130 of the them found defects. All defects are on private property and some of the homes had multiple defects. The stormwater enters the sanitary sewer and can cause sanitary sewer backups or sanitary sewer overflows. He explained the downspouts, stair well drains and window wells. He will be working with Superintendent Weinert to notify the residents on when and how the repairs should be done. MWRD has mandated that we repair the high priority, low cost improvements which are clean out caps and downspouts. The high priority and high expense repairs are not mandated however. They do not want to make the resident pay \$7,000-\$10,000 to put a sump pump in or stairwell drains or put a sump pump in

window wells since it would be too expensive. In the future they may mandate it but not at this time. He then explained how the residents will be contacted and the process.

- He has been telling us that they heard really good news from Cook County Community Development regarding the CDBG-DR Grant. He applied for a grant for Jolly Homes for \$360,000 for a Phase 2 Study. We heard we had received the award and kept trying to find out when exactly we would receive the grant. After many attempts to get in touch with someone, they finally contacted us. Tom was pleased to advise that we actually received \$545,000. The Board was very surprised and applauded. The Phase 1 was completed and Cook County is now providing the funding for the Phase II through the CDBG-DR Grant. Trustee Caveney noted that this was the first grant process that she was involved in and she worked directly with Engineer Nagle. This was an offshoot of the resident meeting at Trustee Crowley's home where many of the residents came and participated. When the grant opportunity came up, she teamed up with Tom to work directly on the grant and Helen Lekavich assisted to reach out to the residents. She thanked the residents of Jolly Homes, Trustee Crowley and Tom Nagle for work on this grant. Engineer Nagle noted that he is now working on funding for the Belly Button Hill area.

Treasurer Britton had nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Kolacki had nothing to report.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Attorney Nick Valadez reported on the following:

- Regarding the situation of the Keystone Condominium Properties (14547 Keystone Avenue), the Building Department has been in touch with the Association regarding leaking toilets, structural issues, sanitation issues, failure to get permits and they have been in an out of our administrative adjudication court for eight months. He was advised that there were a number of water shut offs today. Unfortunately, the Condo Association is suffering financial difficulties in bankruptcy and even though we received some fines of \$4,600, they do not have money to do the repairs. We may be coming to the Board to ask if we want the facilities vacated and deemed not suitable for occupancy. The unit owners may be requested to do basic improvements and repairs.
- He will be providing the Energy Conservation Code for approval on the May 22nd Board Meeting Agenda. Appeals to the Codes will also be addressed.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Mayor L'Heureux reported on the following:

- The Midlothian Park District will be hosting two fundraisers. The first one is on Saturday, May 18th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Cheers for Brews and Bingo. The second one is a golf outing on Monday, July 8th.
- He received correspondence from Tinley Park PAWS for a fundraiser for a Doggie Fashion Show.
- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is offering their EQ compost and is free to anyone.
- He had a lot of information from the MWRD that he wanted to share with everyone and will put the flyers in the front hall. He had information on EQ compost, water environment pledge, understanding sewers, and rain barrels, which are no longer free but cost \$46. Go to MWRD.org for more information. He will also provide a link to MWRD for further information.

- The Midlothian Public Library will host an On The Table Event on Tuesday, May 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is through the Chicago Community Trust.

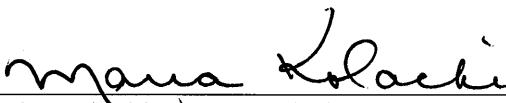
CLERK'S BUSINESS

Clerk Moskal had nothing to report.

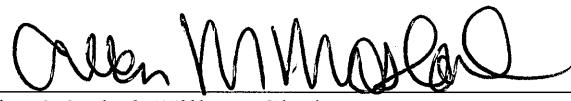
CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business, Mayor L'Heureux asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Kreis and seconded by Trustee Crowley. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Kreis, Crowley, Caveney, Gillis, Ivan and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk