

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois, met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on June 5, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor L'Heureux, Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis, Ivan, Killelea and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney and Deputy Clerk Kolacki.

PLEDGE

PRESENTATION

Andy Carr from TectaAmerica Roofing provided the report of the roof scan completed on the Village Hall Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Crowley reported on the following:

- She received an email from Proven regarding AT&T that the cable for Fiber Optic service has been run. Everything is connected and there are no problems.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Killelea reported on the following:

- Sherwin Williams provided a quote for purchase of paint for the one million-gallon reservoir in the amount of \$6,500 and has been budgeted for. Mayor L'Heureux advised that we could go forward and order the paint and the approval of the painting of the reservoir will go forward at the next Board Meeting.
- The temporary fence between our parking lot and the VFW is falling apart and is beyond repair. Roy Erikson provided plans to clear the area, replace the fencing and enhance the sign. The total cost will be \$4,000. Trustee Killelea had forwarded the plans to the Board. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- There has been some dissatisfaction with the cleaning service. Our current cleaning service has advised that the ten hours a week for cleaning all our facilities was not enough hours. Superintendent Sparrey provided specifications from a number of years ago and noted that twenty hours was the suggested quote. Superintendent Sparrey then provided the history of our cleaning service and confirmed that more hours were necessary. A list of tasks that will need to be done will be prepared. The Board agreed to increase the hours.

- Discussion of the Public Works Building. Superintendent Sparrey's biggest concern is that the wall be braced as soon as possible for safety reasons. He is still waiting on a quote from Oliveri to secure the wall. We will then need to go out to bid and obtain the RFQs. Trustee Caveney suggested getting the RFQ process started since it may take two or three months to brace the wall. Trustee Caveney understood bracing the wall but did not agree on only repairing the building since it is beyond its useful life and should rebuild. Trustee Killelea agreed the building has deficiencies, but a determination will need to be made whether or not to repair or rebuild. There was then a long discussion by the Board of the condition of the buildings and new requirements. It was determined that the RFQ process will begin as soon as possible.
- The Water Bill Workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 20th has been cancelled.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee Caveney reported on the following:

- There was a long discussion for the registration of properties and the Ordinance that was prepared. Trustee Caveney noted that many of her comments discussed previously were not incorporated and her questions were not addressed in the red-lined version of the Ordinance. There was discussion of the real property definition. Trustee Caveney believed that the vacant property definition was also not addressed correctly, and Attorney Valadez confirmed that the Ordinance, as proposed, did not address vacant property, but would be revised. The definitions of the owner of record and registerable property was discussed, as well as the definition arms' length transactions and non-arms' length transactions, which is ProChamps language and is intended to prohibit owners from transferring a property to avoid registration. Trustee Caveney questioned the progressive fee and believed that the fee should also be applied to vacant properties but did not believe it should be on foreclosed properties since the foreclosure process can take more than 24 months. The progressive registration fee was then discussed and would not include foreclosed properties since they would be paying a one-time fee. Attorney Valadez advised that the nationwide average to foreclose a property is 1,027 days and agreed with her recommendation, since neither the bank or the Village has any control over the length of the foreclosure period. Trustee Killelea advised that Fannie Mae would be exempt from any of these charges, and we are unable to enforce any kind of maintenance for the properties since they are a governmental agency. Other changes to be made to the Ordinance included ones made by Superintendent Weinert's comments. The Ordinance submitted did not properly describe the procedures for a vacant property as a registerable property. Attorney Valadez advised that the language regarding the Land Banks was added and would include the Building Superintendent to authorize to waive the fee requirements on written petition of non-profit entities whose purchase is to reduce the number of registerable properties. All land banks will now qualify.. The Ordinance will be revised and presented to the Board for their review for passage at the next Board Meeting in July.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Gillis reported on the following:

- The Fire Department had requested and hired a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, who was employed with the Village previously and he will begin tomorrow.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Ivan reported on the following:

- While ordering the new chairs for the Council Chambers, he found out that the countertop is $\frac{1}{2}$ " shorter than standard and had to adjust the chair order, which delayed the order.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Kreis reported on the following:

- She asked Mayor L'Heureux to execute the 2019 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Grant Agreement if there were no objections by the Board. Attorney Valadez advised that as noted in the Conditions, the Village would need to provide a program launch date and she advised that she was aware but we are behind schedule. This will be addressed at the meeting tomorrow.

Motion for Mayor L'Heureux to execute the 2019 Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevent Program Grant Agreement was made by Trustee Kreis and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

- The Natalie Creek Steering Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m. and the Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting will follow at 12:00 p.m.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Attorney Valadez reported on the following:

- We met with the Sergeants and Lieutenants' Union representatives and presented them with the Village's final offer. Hopefully will receive a positive response by the next Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Mayor L'Heureux reported on the following:

- He received the invoice from the South Suburban Mayors and Managers GIS Consortium membership and wanted to discuss this with the Board since it is costly. He met with Engineer Nagle and Superintendent Sparrey and both agreed that we should not enter into the contract again since it is extremely costly and they did not use the software. Trustee Caveney advised that the Building Department uses the SSMMA GIS link and if they are taking that away, we will need to get a new GIS link as soon as possible. She questioned the expiration and was advised that it will be from May through April of 2020. Trustee Kreis noted that we used the GIS link recently for the Fire Department. The question was whether we would be able to obtain the information from someone else other than SSMMA. This will be discussed further at a later time.
- Motion to approve Robinson Engineering to advertise for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

- He recommended that we cancel the July 3rd Committee Meeting. At least four of the Board members will not be in attendance. The Board agreed.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Clerk Moskal reported on the following:

- We received a request this week from Jack's Place requesting to hold a benefit on Saturday, July 27th. They will have tents, tables and possible vendors. The Clerk's Office responded and advised that we would need a Site Plan for the size and placement of the tents and inspections may be required. The will also need to adhere to the noise ordinance. We have not received a response yet.
- Mayor L'Heureux apologized for the confusion on Saturday with the Cheers event. Cheers did not mention that a tent would be put up in the parking lot. It appeared that Police, Fire and Building were able to get everything straightened out. It originally was supposed to be like any other year in which there would be a stage on Kilpatrick, fenced in liquor sales, but no mention of a tent in the parking lot. Cheer's was advised that they would be required to pay for the tent permit and would be coming in this week.

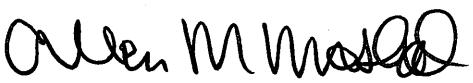
CLOSE OF BUSINESS

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, Gillis, Ivan, Killelea and Kreis. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk