

MINUTES OF MAYOR BRAUN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 16, 2018

THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS.

VILLAGE HALL

JANUARY 16, 2018

7:30 PM

*Mayor Braun called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

*Mayor Braun directed the Village Clerk to take roll.*

*PRESENT: Mayor Braun, Trustees Minga, Mitros, Wilder, and Williams*

*ALSO PRESENT: Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager; Allison Deitch, Assistant Village Manager; Mike Pulec, Chief of Police; Scott Bugner, Inspectional Services Administrator; Kathi Orr, Interim Village Attorney; Joni Bradley-Scott, Village Clerk; 4 Citizens*

*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2017*

*Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any changes or comments. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017.*

*Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by voice vote.*

*AYES: Trustees Minga, Mitros, Wilder, Williams*

*ABSENT: Trustees Driscoll, Hoag*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*NAYS: None*

*CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD*

*Non-Agenda Items:*

*Norvell Merrill on Oakmont expressed disapproval of any consideration of a sales tax increase. It will affect mostly non-residents and believes that it will drive residents to go elsewhere to find lower cost shopping options. Although she appreciates how finances are run in Flossmoor, she believes the increase will be counterproductive and will affect the citizens that live here. Neighbors feel it is important to support local business and understands that big boxes are not the type of businesses that Flossmoor looks to attract but understands we need a reliable source of income.*

*Mayor Braun thanked Ms. Merrill for the comment and mentioned there will be further information coming. Seventeen other local communities have a tax rate of what we are proposing or higher. It is one penny on the dollar.*

*David Bonner introduced himself as a candidate running for the 38<sup>th</sup> District Representative in the Illinois General Assembly, which is the soon to be vacated seat by Al Riley due to his retirement. Parts of Flossmoor are in this district.*

*Mr. Bonner provided a brief history of himself and credentials including that he was born, raised and is a current resident of Matteson. He graduated from Rich Central High School and received a Law degree from the University of Wisconsin. The Board thanked him for introducing himself.*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Braun requested that the Board take the agenda items in reverse order to which the Board was agreeable.

Mayor Braun referred to Item #2 on the Agenda – Consideration of an Appointment to the Community Relations Commission

Mayor Braun introduced Rosalind Mustafa to the Board and shared her qualifications to serve on the Community Relations Commission. Ms. Mustafa shared her motivation to volunteer in this capacity.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to appoint Rosalind Mustafa to the Community Relations Committee. Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by roll-call vote.

AYES: Trustees Minga, Mitros, Wilder, Williams  
ABSENT: Trustees Driscoll, Hoag  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

Mayor Braun referred to Item #1 on the Agenda – Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Variation from the Requirements of Section 21-100.4.4. of the Flossmoor Zoning Ordinance – (900 Western Ave)

Scott Bugner, Inspectional Services Administrator, presented a request from a resident to improve a lot with a detached garage. Several hardships have been identified with the current space. Since the house does not have a basement, there is a lack of storage space available in the existing home. Due to the size of the owner's pick-up truck, the new garage would store that along with other lawn equipment necessary to maintain the large lot.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve an ordinance granting a variation from the requirements of Section 21-100.4.4 of the Flossmoor Zoning Ordinance for 900 Western Avenue. Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by roll-call vote.

AYES: Trustees Minga, Mitros, Wilder, Williams  
ABSENT: Trustees Driscoll, Hoag  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

Finance Committee:

Trustee Mitros presented the January 2, 2018 bills for ratification by the Village Board. There were \$8,160.59 in hand checks and \$635,866.05 in invoices totaling \$644,026.64. Trustee Mitros also presented the bills for approval and payment for January 16, 2018. There were \$13,923.94 in hand checks and \$397,256.75 in invoices totaling \$411,180.69. Trustee Mitros made a motion to ratify the January 2, 2018 claims list and the approve the payments of bills for January 16, 2018, seconded by Trustee Williams and passed by a roll-call vote.

AYES: Trustees Minga, Mitros, Wilder, Williams  
ABSENT: Trustees Driscoll, Hoag  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

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Other Business

Mayor Braun expressed thanks to Laura Brennan-Levy, Maggie Bachus and the Community Relations Commission for an extremely successful Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. There were over 700 participants including school children who engaged in charitable activities. There was a terrific clip of Flossmoor on CBS television. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Trustee Williams mentioned Margaret Epperson, PADS and members of the Flossmoor Service League who hosted an event during which children were able to reflect on Dr. King's dream by writing down their dreams at the Flossmoor Community House.

Trustee Minga mentioned bringing a housing enforcement discussion to the Board. It will be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Mayor Braun referred to Item #3 on the agenda, A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation. Trustee Mitros made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Williams and passed by a voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Braun called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved seconded by Trustee Williams and passed by a voice vote.

The Board adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joni Bradley-Scott*  
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Village Clerk