

MINUTES OF MAYOR BRAUN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 3, 2018

THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS.

VILLAGE HALL

DECEMBER 3, 2018

7:30 PM

*Mayor Braun called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
Mayor Braun directed the Village Manager to take roll.*

PRESENT: Mayor Braun, Trustees Driscoll, Hoag, Mitros, Wilder and Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager; Andrew Costa, Village Attorney; Allison Deitch, Assistant Village Manager; Mike Pulec, Police Chief; Keith Damm, Assistant Fire Chief; Scott Bordui, Finance Director; 5 Citizens

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any changes or comments. Trustee Williams requested that the minutes be amended to state that she acknowledged the great work that has been accomplished and recommended that a communication piece be put together to reflect the good news highlighted in the strategic plan update.

Mayor Braun asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

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

AYES: Trustees Driscoll, Hoag, Mitros, Wilder and Williams

ABSENT: Trustee Minga

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Non-Agenda Items:

None

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Braun referred to Item #1 on the Agenda – Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendments to the Fiscal Year 18-19 Budget

Scott Bordui, Finance Director, presented correspondence from the library regarding budget amendments to the Library budget, which are necessary to align with the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance. Barbara Donahue, the Library Business Manager, was in attendance to answer any questions. There were no questions or discussion.

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Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Trustee Williams so moved, seconded by Trustee Wilder, and passed by roll-call vote

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #2 on the Agenda – Consideration of An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019 of the Village of Flossmoor, County of Cook, State of Illinois

Scott Bordui, Finance Director, presented the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance. It reflects the estimate approved at the November 5, 2018 board meeting. Mayor Braun indicated that a public hearing is not needed because the increase is below the state requirement. The total increase is 1.95% and the capped portion which is subject to public hearing is 3.22%. Trustee Williams inquired about the impact per household, and Mr. Bordui reported that it is about a \$13 increase per household for those homes valued at \$200,000, as an example.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #3 on the Agenda – Consideration of Abatement Resolution – G.O. Bond Series 2017

Scott Bordui, Finance Director, stated that the Village often accumulates excess in the Debt Service Fund that exceeds the Village's cash flow needs, which can then be used to abate a portion of the tax levy. The source of this year's excess is the bond refunding and represents a direct savings of \$1,396.51 to the taxpayers.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve the Abatement Resolution as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

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Mayor Braun referred to Item #4 on the Agenda – Consideration of a Resolution Directing the Cook County Clerk for Reduction of the 2018 Tax Levy in the Event Tax Cap Limitations are Exceeded by the Village of Flossmoor, County of Cook, State of Illinois

Scott Bordui, Finance Director, discussed the necessity to file a resolution directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy in a manner other than proportionate among the non-ceiling lines, if a reduction is needed. Since the beginning of tax caps, the Village has utilized a strategy to maximize its levy by including estimates for new property growth. This resolution directs the Cook County Clerk to reduce proportionately the non-ceiling lines so that the ceiling lines of the tax levy are not reduced below the maximum allowable.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve a resolution directing the Cook County Clerk for reduction of the 2018 Tax Levy in the event tax cap limitations are exceeded by the Village of Flossmoor, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Wilder, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #5 on the Agenda – Designation of Board Meetings for 2019

Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager, provided the proposed 2019 board meeting schedule generally following the first and third Mondays per practice. Once approved the meeting dates will be posted at the Village Hall and on the website per the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve the designation of Board Meetings for 2019. Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to the Finance Committee – Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment (December 3, 2018) - Trustee Mitros

Finance Committee:

Trustee Mitros presented the bills for approval and payment for December 3, 2018. Trustee Mitros made a motion to approve the payment of hand checks in the amount of \$1,447.66 and

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invoices in the amount of \$186,731.13 totaling \$188,178.79, seconded by Trustee Williams and passed by a roll-call vote.

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

Other Business

Mayor Braun announced that Winterfest will be this Saturday, December 8th at the Library with opening activities starting at noon. Additional festivities will take place throughout the day including a business scavenger hunt at local businesses. The tree lighting ceremony will start at 4:30 p.m. with a parade walk from the Library to Park Place and Mayor Braun encouraged everyone to come out and support.

Mayor Braun called attention to the Manager's report referencing the electrical aggregation program. ComEd's rate appears to be cheaper than the Village's contract. Residents must actively opt-out of the program. There is no fee or charge. Mayor Braun requested that the information be sent out via newsletter. If residents are out of the program, they cannot get back in unless there is a contract renewal. Based on how the rates are going Bridget Wachtel indicated that it is unlikely that a renewal will occur. The current contract goes through August 2020.

Mayor Braun introduced the new librarian at the Flossmoor Public Library, Jamie Paicely. She resides in Chicago Heights and was the librarian for the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library.

Mayor Braun referred to Item #6 on the Agenda – A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation.

There was no need for Executive Session.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Bradley-Scott

*Joni Bradley-Scott
Village Clerk*