

MINUTES OF MAYOR BRAUN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018

THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS.

VILLAGE HALL

NOVEMBER 19, 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 Driscoll, Hoag, Minga, Mitros, Wilder and Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager; Kathi Orr, Village Attorney; Allison Deitch, Assistant Village Manager; Mike Pulec, Police Chief; Chris Sewell, Fire Chief; Scott Bordui, Finance Director, Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Director of Public Works; Scott Bugner, Inspectional Services Administrator; Amy Kent, Communications Manager; Joni Bradley-Scott, Village Clerk; 17 Citizens

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2018

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any changes or comments.

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Non-Agenda Items:

Ms. Tina Chlopecki on Avers discussed the traffic and pedestrian concerns at the downtown circle and expressed concern that the Village has not done enough traffic calming. Ms. Chlopecki mentioned three incidents in which her family was almost struck by cars in the downtown area where cars disregarded traffic rules. She would like to see more police presence in the area to respond to ticket violators. Chief Pulec indicated that there is a presence in the downtown area enforcing rules, but officers are not able to provide 24/7 coverage. He also indicated that there is a learning curve, and we will continue to contend with some people who are just rule-breakers. Mayor Braun added that the improvements are intended to be temporary; the Village just received a grant to make more permanent improvements.

Mr. Dan Blake on Robertson heard gunshots on Western Avenue and called the Flossmoor Police Department, who responded quickly. Mr. Blake came to thank the Flossmoor Police Department for their work and would also like to see more police presence during prime hours to cite speeders.

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Ms. Nancy Burrows of Burns Avenue conducted snow and ice winter operation training and wanted to commend the Village of Flossmoor for preparing its workforce on the new regulations. There have been over 160 Public Works individuals going through the snow and winter operation training, and Flossmoor's workers seem to be well-informed about the matter. Ms. Burrows wanted residents to know that the county has taken a modified approach to using salt with chloride to clear streets during winter weather conditions. There may be a lot of concern about the "lack of crunchiness" of the salt that people may be accustomed to but there are other measures being used to keep things safe. Ms. Burrows reported that salt is a toxic chemical and once it hits the waste system, it never disappears. Therefore, a concerted effort has been in place to modify cleaning streets safely, and she wanted to get the word out so people are not caught off-guard. Mayor Braun confirmed that Flossmoor has always been sensitive to the effect of road salt, and by and large, limits salt to major roads, intersections with stop signs, hills and curves.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Braun referred to Item #1 on the Agenda – Consideration of Appointment to the Green Commission

Eric Turnquest was recommended for appointment for the Green Commission. Mr. Turnquest is well-qualified and has a Master's degree in Public Health Science with a specialization in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. He works for the Department of Energy at Argonne Lab and has been a Flossmoor resident for 17 years. Trustees welcomed Mr. Turnquest.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to appoint Mr. Turnquest to the Green Commission. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #2 on the Agenda – Consideration of a Motion to Direct the Plan Commission to Hold a Public Hearing on a Zoning Text Amendment to Permit the Parking of Class B Trucks in Residential Districts

On the November 6, 2018 election ballot, the referendum question regarding permitting Class B trucks to be parked in residential districts was supported by 62.60% of voters. In order to amend or change the ordinance there needs to be a motion to have the ordinance sent to the Plan Commission and request a public hearing. Based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission, it will come back before the Village Board for a final vote. At this time, it appears that this public hearing will occur December 20, 2018 and a legal notice will be published.

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Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to direct the Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on a zoning text amendment to permit the parking of Class B truck in residential districts, as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Wilder, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #3 on the Agenda – Consideration of a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Amending a Real Estate Sales Agreement for 3608 Vollmer Road by Extending the Due Diligence Period.

Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager, reported that the Village Board approved to sell 3608 Vollmer Road to Mr. Shailesh Shah for the construction of a Dunkin Donuts. The agreement had a 90-day due diligence period which expired 11/19/2018. Mr. Shah has requested an extension to February 1, 2019 with an additional \$10,000 in earnest money deposited to the Village by November 26, 2018. The Village staff is comfortable with this extension as it also includes development approvals through the Village and the contract is contingent on those items being successful. Mr. Shah expects the plans to be submitted by the December 20, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to amend a real estate sales agreement for 3608 Vollmer Road by extending the due diligence period, as presented. Trustee Minga so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Item #4 on the Agenda – Presentation of Strategic Plan Update (Third Quarter 2018)

Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager, provided an update on the Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Village Board September 2017. Quarterly reports are provided by Village staff to share what activities have supported the strategic priorities and what next steps will be taken. The report will be available on the Village's website. Past reports are also on the website.

Bridget reviewed the report as presented, highlighting the 5 strategic goals, each of the activities accomplished and the next steps.

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Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Trustee Hoag indicated that the Village has a lot going well and never looked and felt better as it relates to the diversity and businesses. He stated that the Village is moving forward in a meaningful way. Trustee Wilder would like to get more information on the Flossmoor Business Association and Mayor Braun has observed that they are not very active right now. Ms. Wachtel reported that chambers overall are not doing well. Trustee Mitros indicated that this year has been a banner year and glad to have a more focused plan to keep eye on the ball of what needs to get done. Trustee Driscoll added that he has been impressed on improving the housing stock and enforcement. Attorney Orr cited positive responses that have come about because of the new enforcement ordinances. Trustee Williams requested that this progress report be shared with the public. Bridget commented that it will be posted on our website and incorporated in the newsletter.

Mayor Braun referred to Item #5 on the Agenda – Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Flossmoor to Participate in the Cook County No Cash Bid Program

Village Manager, Bridget Wachtel, reported that Cook County started the No Cash Bid Program in 1991, which allows municipalities to acquire tax delinquent properties for no cash and redevelop the properties and return them to the paying tax rolls. There are six contiguous properties between the Center for Dental Excellence and Sunrise Senior Living which have been determined to be “ok to request” for purchase within the No Cash Bid Program. Each of these parcels are vacant land with municipal liens with four consecutive delinquent tax years. According to Scott Bugner, Inspectional Service Administrator, these parcels make up approximately seven acres of which some areas are within the flood plan; however, most of the area is buildable.

The cost for the Village to participate in this program is the cost of attorney fees, title reports for the parcels, photos and Sidwell maps. Upon transfer to the Village, Cook County forgives the delinquent taxes. The Village’s intent is to find quality commercial development. The attorney that the Village has used previously is Scott Dillner, who has advised that in order to proceed with the No Cash Bid process the Village Board must adopt a resolution which requests participation and submit a signed letter by the Mayor, along with other documents which make up the request package.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Village of Flossmoor to participate in the Cook County No Cash Bid Program, as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

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Mayor Braun referred to Item #6 on the Agenda – Consideration of a Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements (Meijer Development – Crawford Avenue)

Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Director of Public Works, reported the Village Board is required to adopt the public improvements Meijer made to the sanitary sewer and water distribution systems. These improvements included the Crawford Avenue Water Main and Crawford Avenue Sanitary Sewer which includes the Meijer site, which amounted to almost \$700,000 in improvements paid and installed by the developer. Per the Village's Subdivision Regulations, the grace period after construction has expired and a "bill of sale" document was provided, legally transferring ownership of the sanitary sewer and water distribution system installed by the developer to the Village.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if there were any additional questions. Mayor Braun called for a motion to provide a resolution accepting certain public improvements for the Meijer Development as presented. Trustee Wilder so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll, and passed by roll-call vote.

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

Mayor Braun referred to Finance Committee – Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment (November 19, 2018) - Trustee Minga

Finance Committee:

Trustee Minga presented the bills for approval and payment for November 19, 2018. Trustee Minga made a motion to approve the payment of hand checks in the amount of \$1,436.67 and invoices in the amount of \$350,757.95 totaling \$352,194.62. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mitros and passed by a roll-call vote.

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

Other Business

Mayor Braun announced the next event will be Winterfest December 8, 2018. Tree lighting ceremony will be at 5pm in Flossmoor Park.

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Trustee Williams mentioned there will be a pop-up business downtown in the former Villager space for the next 3 months.

Mayor Braun referred to Item #7 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 Williams and passed by a voice vote.

The Board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Bradley-Scott

*Joni Bradley-Scott
Village Clerk*