

Village of Midlothian
Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Present: Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee, Trustee Kreis, Trustee Moskal.

Absent: Trustee Killelea (arrived at 7:06)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Abayomi Joel of the Living Springs International Church thanked the Mayor for putting his request on the agenda and appealed to the Board members about using his building to conduct church services.

Michael Minaes, the owner of Happy Daze, 4671 147th Street, spoke about a permit application for a new establishment, the same type of business as his, across the street, which is less than 200 feet away from his shop. He is requesting that the board deny the approval of this application because it will have a negative impact on his business.

Kathy Caveney had a question about the Bill list. She wondered why we are paying the Cook County Treasurer for traffic signal maintenance. Treasurer Britton addressed her question. She also read her statement about the Rain Ready plan.

Helen Lekavich read her statement about the Rain Ready plan.

Floor closed to public comment at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Rybak asked for the approval of the Consent Agenda which consists of the Bill list, Minutes from November 11, 2015, November 18, 2015, December 2, 2015, December 9, 2015, December 16, 2015 (Special Meeting and Executive Session), Department reports from the Building Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Police Department and the Public Works Department. Trustee L'Heureux made the motion, Trustee Kreis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee Kreis, Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Killelea, Trustee Moskal.

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

TRUSTEE KREIS

- She gave an MWRD update on the Natalie Creek Project and read an e-mail from Cedric Robertson. There has been a delay in the project but it continues to move forward.

- She attended the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation quarterly forum on January 22, 2016, which is an outstanding networking opportunity.
- She spoke with the owner of Grill's Hardware, Dale TerHaar, who sent his pro-forma. Trustee Moskal reviewed it and they had a conference call with Mr. TerHaar. She will have more details next week.
- Concrete to Grass Roots, Community Strategies to reduce flood risk, will be presented at South Suburban Mayors and Managers on February 3rd from 1:00 – 4:30.
- She discussed the adoption of the CNT Rain Ready Plan, Midlothian is the first community in the nation to adopt a Rain Ready Plan. The Rain Ready Steering Committee first met on April 16, 2015 and there have been meetings, tours and community outreach because of this committee. They will continue to work to see that this plan unfolds. She thanked Molly Oshun and Harriet Festing from the Center for Neighborhood Technology and the members of the Steering Committee: She and Superintendent Sparrey are co-chairs, Mary Chiz, Jacqueline Hill, Trustee Gillis, Engineer Jeff Koza, Helen Lekavich, Chris Parker, Trustee Ivan, and Ruben Pesina. Trustee Kreis made a motion to adopt the Rain Ready Plan, Trustee L'Heureux seconded the motion. Discussion: Trustee Gillis discussed the possibility of implementing this plan into our flood management ordinance. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Kreis, Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Killelea, Trustee Moskal.

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Harriet Festing from the Center for Neighborhood Technology shared her comments about the plan. The work, stories and testimony from Midlothian were so powerful that Senator Durbin and Congressman Quigley included a paragraph in the appropriations bill requiring FEMA to do a study on urban flooding in the nation.

TRUSTEE IVAN

- Nothing to Report.

TRUSTEE GILLIS

- He discussed the pending applications for business licenses, there are a total of 6. Currently there are 23 video gaming licenses in town. There was discussion among the Board members. He feels we need to review the subject further and possibly get an ordinance together.
- He discussed the advertising for the Building Superintendent position. He requested input from the Board on putting it in the Tribune. So far we have only spend \$320 on advertising. It would cost \$1,996.00 for the Tribune which would only give us 3 lines. He made a motion to approve the advertising of the Building Superintendent position not to exceed \$2,000.00, Trustee Moskal seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Gillis, Trustee Moskal, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Kreis, Trustee L'Heureux.

Nays: Trustee Killelea **Motion passed.**

Trustee Killelea feels that there may be an alternate way to do this and would like to discuss it at Committee meeting.

Trustee Killelea made a motion to table, there was no second motion. **Motion to table failed.**

TRUSTEE L'HEUREUX

- He made a motion to adopt the ordinance disposing of Village owned property. Ambulance # 2702. Trustee Gillis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Killelea, Trustee Kreis, Trustee Moskal.

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

TRUSTEE KILLELEA

- He discussed the JAWA meeting. They discussed the process of dissolving JAWA and a law suit which involves the JAWA towns.
- He discussed Purchase Orders for all purchases from all funds, except for bail bonds. He would like to discuss it at the next meeting.
- He thanked Public Works for all their hard work and doing a great job.

TRUSTEE MOSKAL

- Nothing to report.

CHIEF KAUFMAN

- Nothing to report.

CHIEF HOTWAGNER

- He discussed the 2015 annual report for the Fire Department which is on the Village website.
- He discussed the CPR and first aid classes that are offered which are also on the Village website.
- The new ambulance will be here Friday. There will be an open house/viewing for the residents to see the new ambulance and to meet the paramedics.

ENGINEER KOZA

- He discussed plans from IDOT for ADA sidewalk improvements at 147th and LeClaire and 147th and Lamon which should be done in the fall.

SUPERINTENDENT SPARREY

- He discussed an e-mail he received from IDOT regarding the 144th and 149th Street STP projects. They have to be pushed back a month to April, 2016.
- There will be a new employee starting on February 1st. There was discussion among the Board members that a new hire could not occur without Board approval. Mayor Rybak will put it on the agenda for next Wednesday's Special Meeting.
- Public Works received a new Ford 250 4 X 4. They are trying to make repairs to the older truck.
- He will also be attending the FEMA Grass Roots Seminar with Trustee Kreis.

TREASURER BRITTON

- Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the Variance Ordinance for 4645 W. 147th Street.

No Motion was made, the motion died.

Trustee Gillis suggested that the Pastor could follow the procedure to appeal. Pastor Joel said that he will not be making an appeal because he feels that he followed due process and did everything that was requested of him and make all the required improvements to the building.

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve Robinson Engineering to solicit bids for the water tower. Trustee Moskal made the motion, Trustee Gillis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Moskal, Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Kreis, Trustee L'Heureux.
Present: Trustee Killelea
Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Mayor Rybak appointed Chief Steven Hotwagner to the Fire Pension Board.

There was some discussion among the Board members involving Pastor Joel and the improvements he made to his building. Trustee Killelea feels that the whole process with the Zoning Board needs to be looked at because Pastor Joel made all the improvements to his building that were required.

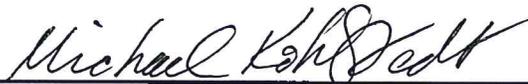
CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Nothing to report

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Kreis made the motion, Trustee Gillis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Kreis, Trustee Gillis, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Killelea, Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee Moskal.
Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael Kohlstedt, Clerk