

**Village of Midlothian
Special Meeting
April 6, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Killelea (arrived at 7:04) Trustee Gillis, Trustee Moskal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Mayor Rybak asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Kreis made the motion, Trustee L'Heureux seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Mayor Rybak asked for a motion to return to open session at 7:21, Trustee L'Heureux made the motion, Trustee Ivan seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ayes: Trustee L'Heureux, Trustee Ivan, Trustee Killelea, Trustee Kreis

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

TRUSTEE KREIS

- She discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for the 147th Street Project. She would like to ask for execution next week for the agreement.
- The US EPA Grant. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approved proceeding with the Phase I on the property next to Mr. Submarine.
- There are two demolition recommendations from the Building Department on properties in Midlothian. One is at 14944 Kildare Avenue, and the other one is at 14516 Homan Avenue, they are in horrible condition. She e-mailed the properties to the Land Bank.
- Rain Ready Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 10:00 and following that will be the Complete Streets Implementation Steering Committee at 12:30.

TRUSTEE IVAN

- He discussed the replacement of our High Ranger. He would like it on the agenda for next week.
- The Landscaping Contract has changed from last year. The vacant houses will be overseen by Building Department so they should make the recommendation. Last year we did not follow the ordinance. We can award the Landscaping and get more information on vacant homes. There was discussion among the Board members.
- He discussed the Bus Shelter contract. He got a 33 1/3% raise from the original 20%. He would like that on the agenda for next week. Currently we have 5 shelters and he would like to add 5 more.
- He discussed a request from a resident about the possibility of having a stenographer record the village meeting minutes. There was some discussion among the Board members. It was suggested that the digital recordings of the meetings be put on the Website. There was also some discussion about the filing system.
- He discussed the Technology Committee. He put together a rough draft of how he sees it working. He asked the Board for input. He is planning on having a meeting on April 14th with possible committee members.
- He discussed the Village Bills and refunds for water bills. These are duplicate payments and overpayments on dormant accounts that go back to 2010. There was discussion among the Board members.
- Joe Sparrey and Jeff Koza are working on the CDBG Grant. It is due on April 22nd. There is a possibility of getting 10 new street segments in 2017.

TRUSTEE GILLIS (Mayor Rybak spoke on his behalf)

- He asked that the Board review his proposed Residential Flood Mitigation Share Cost Pilot Program guidelines. He would like it on the agenda for approval next week and also to have it on the Website. There was some discussion and/or concerns among the Board members, we need a funding source.
- He asked that next Wednesday Mayor Rybak read a proclamation that makes April 18, 2016 "Floodlothian Day" in the Village of Midlothian.

TRUSTEE L'HEUREUX

- Deputy Chief Rita has gotten bids from vendors for new fire hoses. His recommendation is from Air One Equipment and using the All American Supreme Hose. The amount would be \$7,370.00 to fully outfit the new fire engine and to replace the old stock. Trustee L'Heureux made a motion to approve the purchase of almost 50 lengths of hose, Trustee Kreis seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

- We are down one Fire Investigator and Firefighter Badger is requesting to take over that position. It requires three courses, Fire and Arson one, Fire and Arson two and Fire and Arson three at a cost of \$1,450.00. The Fire Investigator needs to have the proper training and

background. Deputy Chief Rita spoke about this. Trustee Kreis would like to make sure that he doesn't leave this position after taking the training. Deputy Chief Rita said that he signed an agreement that he would have to reimburse the cost if he left. Trustee L'Heureux made a motion to approve the classes for a total of \$1,450.00, Trustee Killelea seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

- He discussed the EMA application. He would like to have it put on the website as soon as possible.
- He would like the permit application for fireworks on July 3rd put on the agenda for next week.
- The Community Policing Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at 7:00.
- Colin Walton, one of our Bremen High School students won Athlete of the Week. He is in the running for Athlete of the Month, we would like everyone to vote for him at www.chicagotribune.com.

TRUSTEE MOSKAL (Trustee L'Heureux spoke on his behalf).

- He discussed the replacement CSO which starts out at \$12.00 per hour. Trustee L'Heureux made a motion to hire Patrick Siemsen, who currently lives in Homewood, as the new CSO, Trustee Ivan seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

TRUSTEE KILLELEA

- He discussed the new budget. The Finance Committee will get the 2017 budget to consider around the middle of May. We are behind on the Annual Treasurers report. The Cook County Treasurer wants it printed for publication. Treasurer Britton will work on it.
- The Safety Committee met two weeks ago. There are two things they wanted brought to the Board's attention. One is that overgrown trees are blocking the street lights. Could we ask Public Works to devote more time to tree trimming? There was some discussion among the Board members. The second thing is that the sidewalks in the older parts of town are in terrible shape. It is a hazard and not safe for the residents. There was discussion among the Board members about a Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Building Department will look into it.
- Trustee Killelea asked Trustee Kreis about Civic Plus for the Village website. She said that we would be looking at another vendor if they do not give us a free redesign. She has not heard back from them. Trustee Killelea said that a decision needs to be made soon because we have to renew by May and discussed another vendor, Revise. Civic Plus is \$4,057.00 and \$4,800.00 for the redesign. There was discussion among the Board members.

- He discussed the Village newsletter. We have the capability to do it in-house. He asked if the Board wants to get a cost on printing a one or two page newsletter to insert into the water bills every three months. He also discussed the newsletter from Fanning which would cost \$5,500 - \$6,000 to produce each month or quarterly. We'll get a quote from in-house including the time it takes to produce.
- Attorney Gleason is working on the contract for the HR consultant. He discussed how the consultant would work and who would sign off on that. This should be a budgeted project.
- He discussed non-union health insurance payment. There was discussion among the Board members. He will ask Treasurer Britton to review. Trustee Kreis feels that if the Board decides to move in this direction it should be done on December 1st.
- He discussed the Saturday schedule in the front office. Mayor Rybak feels that the best solution would be to hire someone part-time letting them know that they would work Tuesday through Saturday. They would work every Saturday for three hours and would work 20 hours per week. There was some discussion among the Board members.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

She will be looking for the approval next week of the minutes from February 17th and 24th and March 2nd and 9th.

Trustee Kreis made the motion to approve the ordinance that was presented at the March 23rd meeting, Trustee Ivan seconded the motion. Discussion: Trustee Kreis discussed the situation with the Merlin property. She called the owner of the property to try to stop the Phase I because it was not the Board's intention. The Board's intention was that he would have a condition of his Special Use would be a Phase I through the US EPA Brownfield Grant. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed**

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

Mayor Rybak asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Trustee Kreis made the motion, Trustee L'Heureux seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael Kohlstedt, Clerk