

**Village of Midlothian  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2016**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

Absent: Trustee Killelea (arrived at 7:04)

Mayor Rybak called to order the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance. Mayor Rybak recommended that the ordinance be accepted this evening.

Kathy Caveney shared her comments and concerns about the Appropriation Ordinance. She believes this should have been put on the website because not everyone has had a chance to review it. Mayor Rybak informed her that it was posted in the Messenger that copies were available at the Village Hall.

Mayor Rybak asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:04. Trustee L'Heureux made the motion, Trustee Gillis seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None                   **Motion passed.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Valerie Weiskirch asked Mayor Rybak about her job description and asked what she has done for the Village. Mayor Rybak answered her question. She informed the Board members and residents that Drive Time has closed on Cicero Avenue, she has a check for over 1 million dollars. This is just one of the many things she has done for the Village of Midlothian since she was elected.

Tom Walsh, with Heidner Properties, spoke about purchasing the building at 4025 147<sup>th</sup> Street. He wanted to address some concerns about the sprinkler system, parking etc. He has an agreement with M&M Glass to use his parking and also Keystone Cafe's parking lot. He would like to make use of the property behind the building, which they would be willing to improve. In regards to the sprinkler system, he said that when they closed on the property they were told that everything was fine. He would like to work together with the Village to make this work. There was some discussion among the Board members and Mr. Walsh. It was decided that they should have a meeting to discuss the sprinkler system with Chief Hotwagner.

Kathy Caveney asked about the purchase of a folding machine which is under President's Business. She also had some comments regarding the Public Comment portion of the meetings. She explained why at times she feels it necessary for clarification to ask a question of the Board members during the meeting. She asked if the Public Comment portion could be moved to the end of the meeting or if there could be a short public comment section after each section.

Jean Bartecki asked about the Kiss and Ride signs at the Metra station, the Police Facebook Page, the Internet Sales Safe Zone. Her comments were addressed by the Board members and Chief Kaufman. She also thanked the Board for the Code Red alerts.

Jerry Gillis, Sr. thanked Superintendent Sparrey for cleaning up the alley behind the Dollar Tree. There was discussion among the Board members and Chief Kaufman about this situation.

*Floor closed to public comment at 7:41 p.m.*

Mayor Rybak asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Bill list, minutes from the Executive Session on June 1st, the Board meeting on June 8th, the Special meeting on June 15th, the Department Reports and the Treasurer's report for June. Minus the minutes from the Special meeting on June 1st and the Executive Session on June 8th. Trustee L'Heureux made the motion, 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 BUSINESS

#### TRUSTEE KREIS

- She made a motion to approve the hiring of part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas Bayer, Trustee Ivan seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None Motion passed.

- She discussed "Fire up a Cure" which will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Xavier University which will benefit Jack Higgins. She asked everyone to please support this great cause by making a donation. Midlothian Fire Department is still number one in fundraising. Deputy Chief Rita also shared some comments about this fundraiser and said that there was a 7 minute video made and some of the guys were on WGN lunchtime news.
- She shared some highlights from the June Fire Department monthly report.
- She discussed some environmental updates. We have approval from the Illinois EPA to proceed with the phase I assessment of the property on Kedzie. We are submitting our quarterly report to the US EPA, which is due tomorrow and are working on an extension letter.

- The Active Transportation, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Center for Neighborhood Technology 147<sup>th</sup> Street Pop-Up Demonstration will occur on September 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. This will show things that could take place pending IDOT approval.
- She commended Helen Lekavich and Chris Parker for all their work on the Rain Garden. She also thanked all the volunteers that have helped. The Village of Midlothian submitted the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Grant to complete this project. She made a motion to approve the maintenance program for the Rain Garden from Green Scape Tree and Turf Professionals in an amount not to exceed \$283.00, Trustee Ivan seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None                      **Motion passed.**

**TRUSTEE IVAN**

- He made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance, Trustee Kreis seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None                      Motion passed.

**TRUSTEE GILLIS**

- He informed the Board that a squad car is being transferred to the Building Department to be used for a Code Enforcement Officer.
- He discussed the new testing for a sergeant. Chief Kaufman will be working with the Fire and Police commission to get the process started.
- We have two pending liquor licenses applications. One is for the property on 4025 147<sup>th</sup> Street and one for Tom’s Diner.
- He made a motion to approve the ordinance to dispose of a squad car, Trustee L’Heureux seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None                      **Motion passed.**

- He shared some highlights from the June Police Department monthly report.

**TRUSTEE L’HEUREUX**

- Our HR consultant, Donna Maslin, will be wrapping up the initial round of employee interviews this week. He will forward her questions to the Union reps.
- He discussed the upgrade of our Website with Civic Plus. Nicole is working with Brad Thorns from Civic plus on the Resident Feedback feature.

- He discussed water collections and the possibility of sending them out to a water collection agency. Nicole has been doing a good job on this so we will continue doing it this way. Nicole has also developed a flyer on the budgeting system which we will send out.
- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Village Green.

#### TRUSTEE KILLELEA

- The 144<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> street resurfacing projects should be done by the end of the week.
- Engineer Koza is working on the bid specs for the 2016 MFT Road Resurfacing Program. We hope to have it go to bid by the end of July.
- He discussed the great job done by Public Works on cleaning up the weeks in the business district. He also thanked Roy's Landscaping for their help.
- He acknowledged the great work done by Assistant Superintendent Ty Swanson and three other employees from Public Works for their work on replacing the broken discharge meter in the pumping station.
- Public Works has planted 47 new trees where the ash trees were removed.

#### TRUSTEE MOSKAL

- Superintendent DeSimone has a few applications he is considering for the part-time code inspector and will have a recommendation soon.
- He shared some highlights from the June Building Department report.

#### CHIEF KAUFMAN

- He discussed A-frame signs and asked the Board what the final outcome was. Mayor Rybak informed him that they were against our ordinance.

#### DEPUTY CHIEF RITA

- He thanked everyone who has supported "Fire up a Cure."

#### SUPERINTENDENT SPARREY

- He discussed the repairs at the water station.

#### SUPERINTENDENT DESIMONE

- He discussed the statistics of Dollar Stores and how they are depreciating property values. He has been working very hard on the situation with the Dollar Tree and addresses it daily. There was some discussion among the Mayor and Board members.

#### ENGINEER KOZA

- He discussed the RTA Access to Transit project being moved up a year. We could see construction by late next year.

#### TREASURER BRITTON

- Nothing to report.

**PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the purchase of a folding machine from Neopost. Trustee Kreis asked about the annual maintenance fee, there was discussion among the Board members. Trustee L'Heureux made the motion, Trustee Moskal seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None **Motion passed.**

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the subdivision of the pins connected with the Ricky Rockets project. 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 is looking for a motion to approve the resolution for the Christmas Parade on December 3, 2016. 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.**

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the resolution for the Water Project 2016. Trustee Gillis made the motion, Trustee Moskal seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Present: Trustee Killelea

Nays: None **Motion passed**

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the Award of the 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower bid to Chicago Bridge and Iron Company in the amount of \$1,977,000.00. Trustee L'Heureux asked Treasurer Britton what the balance was in the Water Bond Fund. Trustee Gillis made the motion, Trustee Ivan Seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Present: Trustee Killelea

Nays: None **Motion passed**

There was some discussion about the new Water Tower among the Board members. Trustee Gillis said that this has been discussed since 1956 and Mayor Rybak said that this will be a huge benefit to the Village.

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to approve the Appointment of Vince Schavone to the Police and Fire Commission. Trustee Kreis asked if this could be tabled so that it may be discussed at Committee. There was discussion among the Board members. Trustee Kreis made the motion to table, Trustee L'Heureux seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None Motion to table passed.

#### CLERK'S BUSINESS

- He has a request for a block party on Kenneth Avenue on September 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m.
- He also has a request from VFW Post 2580 to use the council chambers for a district meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kreis asked Mayor Rybak about the status of the Audit from McGladrey. Mayor Rybak said that it should be completed by Labor Day. She also had a question about RFP's for the audit.

#### CLOSE OF BUSINESS

Mayor Rybak is looking for a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Kreis made the motion, Trustee L'Heureux seconded the motion. Roll call:

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

Nays: None Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Michael Kohlstedt, Clerk