

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and the Board of Trustees met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on January 23, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor L'Heureux, Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Ivan and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney, Chief Hotwagner, Superintendent Sparrey, Superintendent Weinert, Engineer Nagle, Treasurer Britton and Deputy Clerk Kolacki. Trustee Gillis and Trustee Killelea were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Moment of Silence for Our Fallen Veterans**

**PRESENTATION**

- **Citizenship Award** - Chief Dan Delaney presented to Dylan Gluszek the Citizenship Award. The Award is given to those that display extreme acts of bravery, kindness, community service and exemplary acts of humanity. He advised that during the holiday season, Dylan took the initiative to collect 1,500 pounds of food for St. Christopher Parish Food Drive but actually collected over 6,000 pounds of food for the food drive. Dylan then also approached the Village and asked that we install a Micro Pantry in front of the Village where people can fill the Pantry 365 days a year for people in need. He was also proud to note that Dylan is a member of the Midlothian Police Department Cadet Program. In recognition of what Dylan has done for the community, the Village of Midlothian and the Midlothian Police Department presented Dylan with a plaque of the Citizenship Award.

**MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **George Doeden** – Veterans' Committee, American Legion 691, VFW Post 2580
- **Jean Bartecki** – Beautification Committee, Safety Committee and Friends of the Library
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee
- **Sandy Cortez** – Community Policing Committee and Safety Committee
- **Bill Busking** – Boy Scout Troop #358

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Rita Sareny** – She asked everyone to mark their calendars for the Library's Gala on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Terry Sullivan** – He is a local builder and is interested in building on a piece of property on Waverly Avenue. He wanted to find out what he would be allowed to build on this property before he

purchases the property and what the zoning was. Mayor L'Heureux advised that he should get in touch with Superintendent Weinert. Mayor L'Heureux also noted that there are a number of areas that will be addressed for zoning.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor L'Heureux read the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the Proposed Plumbing Code Ordinance with Amendments to be Submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health.
2. Approval to Execute an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error for the Special Use Determination Passed in Ordinance #1858.
3. Approval to Promote Andy Bednarczyk to On-Call Supervisor for the Public Works Department.
4. Approval to Purchase Beacon Water Meter Software from Midwest Meters, Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$17,000.00.
5. Approval to Go Out to Bid for Manhole Rehabilitation Work.
6. Approval to Extend an Offer of Employment to the Next Full-Time Police Officer Candidate.
7. Approval to Extend an Offer of Employment to the Animal Care and Control Officer Candidate.
8. Approval for Two Police Officers to Attend Taser Training in February 2019.
9. Approval to Install at the Village Hall a Micro Pantry.
10. Approval of the December 2018 Treasurer's Report
11. Approval of the December 2018 Department Reports:
  - a. Building Department
  - b. Fire Department
  - c. Health Department
  - d. Police Department
  - e. Public Works Department
12. Approval of List of Bills.

Mayor L'Heureux asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were none.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Caveney and was seconded by Trustee Crowley.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Ivan and Kreis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Trustee Kreis** reported on the following:

- There was a meeting today through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning grant that the Village received for Stormwater Capital Plan. Strand and Associates, who were hired by CMAP to perform the study, presented their second Technical Memorandum and identified 35 projects.

They are looking for feedback for those that attended and is due February 6<sup>th</sup>. The priority area is Jolly Homes. Another project was identified in Belly Button Hill. The projects they agreed to today will now allow them to start digging deeper so that we can get more cost estimates. Kate Evasic from CMAP will provide a presentation to the Board at a later meeting. Trustee Caveney asked if the project sheets could be emailed to the Board for their review and Trustee Kreis confirmed that she would forward those to the Board. Mayor L'Heureux advised that he met with Kate Evasic this afternoon and was very impressed with the work they have done. He was impressed that they get into the community and learn the community.

- The Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting was held last Thursday and there was a lot of participation. Cleanup Day will be reinvented and will now be the Great Midlothian Clean Up, which will coincide with the Great American Clean Up sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. The Midlothian Clean Up day will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>. She advised that Rita Sareny and Kristen Ramirez both stepped up and agreed to be Board Members. Karen Rozmus from Keep Illinois Beautiful and Sue Smith, who is a national trainer for Keep America Beautiful, provided additional training to roll the program out. She reminded everyone that Keep America Beautiful deals with litter, recycling and beautifying communities and impacts all aspects of our community.
- She received a call from Adam Dotson to ask if the Village would consider a Class 8 for the Krispy Kreme property and are representing someone that is interested in purchasing the property. This will be for a food service establishment. She believed the Board would agree to the Class 8 since it has been unoccupied for so long. Mayor L'Heureux noted that both he and Attorney Valadez had also met with the potential buyer of the property and he had mentioned the Class 8. The Board agreed.

## **FINANCE**

**Trustee Ivan** reported on the following:

- He thanked the Beautification Committee for their work in running the Clean Up Day in the year's past but was happy to turn this over to Keep Midlothian Beautiful.
- He was amazed to note that the Village received the draft copy of the 2017 audit and will be able to move forward with our audits. We have also finished the field work for the 2018 audit.
- He was pleased to note that the new office clerk started on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Gillis** was absent.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Caveney** reported on the following;

- The Board passed an Ordinance in July regarding small cell antennas that are coming to town since the State of Illinois passed the law that forces all municipalities to accept the cell antennas into their communities. Superintendent Weinert received communication from an attorney representing a carrier who wants to install a small cell tower on 148<sup>th</sup> and Cicero and is now our first request. Attorney Valadez provided the permit document for the requestor. The Building Department and

Public Works will need to put in place a procedure for what happens after the permit is completed and annual billing will need to be figured out.

- The CRS recertification is due February 1<sup>st</sup>. She has shared information with Engineer Nagle and Carrie from Robinson Engineering and they will be working with her so we do not miss anything. About 75% of the items listed were checked off noting that we are compliant and has been completed. There are a few items that will need to be addressed by Superintendent Sparrey. She anticipates it will be about \$3,000 for the mailing. The letters will be going out soon.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Killelea** was absent.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Crowley** reported on the following:

- She sent an email to the Board regarding a situation in the Fire Department with Station 2 and their firewall. There were problems about three weeks ago in which the internet and live wire connection went down and since then there have been problems. It was determined that the firewall from Station 2 had completely went the wrong way and needed to be replaced as an emergency replacement. Station 2 cannot access the fire house and emergency databases without internet connection. Proven worked on the connectivity issue with Comcast. The total cost was \$2,785.00. She asked if there were any comments and there were none. This will go forward as an emergency expenditure at the next Committee Meeting.
- Regarding the hiring of candidates which are governed by Fire and Police Commission, she wanted to know what the proper protocol was for having the Board approve a candidate from the list. Mayor L'Heureux advised that the approval of the hiring is placed on the Agenda for approval and if they accept the position, then we can swear the individual in. Clerk Moskal advised that it did not have to be at a Board Meeting. The candidate could be sworn in the night of the approval and the Board agreed. Candidates could be sworn in at any meeting or privately in the office. We are hiring the individuals from a preapproved list and the hiring can be brought up and approved at the same meeting.
- The Village held a Snowman Contest this weekend and we received a number of submissions. She asked the Board to cast a vote for first, second and third place and will send everyone the pictures for their vote. She will not be voting since she knows many of the participants. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mayor L'Heureux advised that the Police cadets met tonight and two officers from the DEA provided training.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Chief Hotwagner** had nothing to report.

**Chief Delaney** reported on the following:

- Over the summer he advised the Board that we entered into the intergovernmental agreement with the Crisis Center for South Suburbia Advocacy Center in which they reach out to domestic related victims and children and provide them with discussion of the criminal process, counseling services

and to discuss future safety planning for the family. During the months of July through December 2018 there were 19 domestic related incidents and 18 of the victims accepted their services. It seems the victims have accepted their services and are happy the program is here.

**Superintendent Weinert** had nothing to report.

**Superintendent Sparrey** had nothing to report.

**Engineer Nagle** had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Britton** had nothing to report.

**Deputy Clerk Kolacki** had nothing to report.

### **LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Attorney Nick Valadez** reported on the following:

- He attended the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting to consider a Special Use application for the Tastee Freeze property. He was impressed with Trustee Caveney for the process the Village has now established. The Site Plan had also previously met to review what is being requested for the Special Use and made their recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals. We had an extended hearing and provided the applicant with what was required and the process and the Zoning Board put conditions on the granting of the special use. They also discussed the many of the proposed uses were not in compliance with our ordinances. Both he and Superintendent Weinert explained the status and what needed to be done for the special use to be granted by the Board.

### **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

**Mayor L'Heureux** reported on the following:

- Bremen High School held its annual food drive which is done through the National Honor Society and Student Council. Bremen students also participated in a blood drive, toy drive, St. Baldricks, installation of a micro pantry and so much more. There were 130 volunteers from Bremen High School and 600 hours served and they collected 11,240 pounds of food. Congratulations to Bremen High School and their students.
- The Chicago Southland Convention Visitor's Bureau has an April Food Day Collection. Collections will be from March 18<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>. The donation drop off is at the Tinley Park Convention Center.
- Shepherd High School Bands sent an invitation to attend their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner Dance featuring their jazz band on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest.
- The Comcast 2018 annual report is available on-line.

### **CLERK'S BUSINESS**

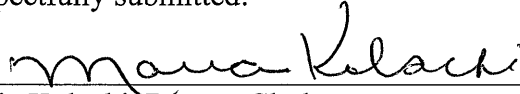
**Clerk Moskal** reported on the following:

- He presented the December 2018 FOIA Report.

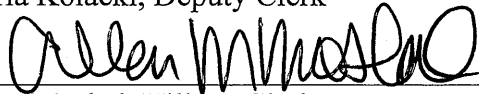
**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business, Mayor L'Heureux asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Kreis and seconded by Trustee Ivan. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Kreis, Ivan, Crowley and Caveney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



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Allen Moskal, Village Clerk