

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois, met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on March 20, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor L'Heureux, Clerk Moskal, Trustees Crowley, Gillis, Ivan, Caveney and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney and Deputy Clerk Kolacki. Trustee Killelea arrived at 7:11 p.m.

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Theda Reed** – She believed that the front office is run very poorly and there is no communication. Mayor L'Heureux will check into this.

**George Doeden** – He asked for permission for the VFW to use the Rain Garden on April 20<sup>th</sup> for an Easter egg hunt and asked if he needed permission. He will need to make his request to the Clerks' Office via email and will be placed on the calendar and will receive a permission letter.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Trustee Kreis** reported on the following:

- The Natalie Creek Trail Steering Committee Meeting is tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. This is a kickoff meeting since we have engaged Terra Engineering to be the lead engineers for the Phase I.
- The Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting will be tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. and are preparing for the Great American Cleanup on April 27<sup>th</sup>. She was pleased to announce that we have a sponsor for shredding and will have the confirmation tomorrow morning.
- Public Aid Property – The Denzin Law Firm was in Court on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The fence was not erected, and the judge gave them another seven days to put the fence up since it was due to the weather. They will be back in Court on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They are confident that without written evidence of sale, development or repair of the property, the Judge will order the inspection to be made.
- She will be meeting with a potential user for the Nail School on Friday at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mayor L'Heureux to attend.
- Trustee Caveney was pleased to advise that there were two of the Keep Midlothian Beautiful signs on the light pole by the Rain Garden. Public Works is in process of getting the remainder of the signs up.
- Superintendent Sparrey is attending a Water Conference this week and advised her that he is attending an Affordable and Sustainable Flood Mitigation project discussion on Natalie Creek and noted that the Village of Midlothian is being highlighted again. She was extremely proud. Mayor L'Heureux also noted that the meeting we had with the residents on Kilpatrick is also being highlighted.

- Mayor L'Heureux noted that the purchase order for the Keep Midlothian Beautiful signs was put through without Board approval and was over \$1,000. Although he believed no Board member had a problem with the signs being ordered, there is a procedure that must be followed for future.
- He asked if we were interested in having electronic recycling from Republic at the Great Midlothian Cleanup. Trustee Killelea noted that the cost was more than \$7,000 last year. The cost will be \$750 to drop the recycling container and \$.75 per pound. There was a long discussion and will be discussed with Republic. Trustee Crowley will also check for a sponsor.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Ivan** reported on the following:

- The Finance Committee met on Tuesday. There was discussion of reducing the late fee from 20% to 10% for an outstanding balance on a water account and changing the fee structure for water turnoffs to a single fee instead of multiple fees. The Ordinance would also need to be updated. The GUT tax was also discussed at the meeting which is the tax on gas for out of state suppliers to the Village. The Village tax does not apply to out of state suppliers.
- Scot Decal Company provides the vehicle stickers for the Village and the new design will have an orange outline this year. The Village orders 9,800 stickers and the cost is only \$24 different than last year. This will go forward for approval at the next meeting.
- Early voting has begun as of Monday. The Biela Center has the Voting Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, but has reduced hours. The Election is on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- He noted that discussions with Third Millennium & Associates remain in process. Motion to postpone discussions of Third Millennium & Associates to the next Board Meeting was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

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

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

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Gillis** reported on the following:

- He provided two Employment Requisition Forms and two letters from Chief Hotwagner to replace openings for two part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, which were from October and November of 2018. Both individuals have passed their background checks. He asked Mayor L'Heureux for approval to be hired and he agreed.
- He advised the Board that the Village of Midlothian had its birthday on March 17<sup>th</sup> and is now 92 years old. Midlothian was incorporated in 1927 and there were only 427 residents at that time.
- Mayor L'Heureux forwarded an email to Trustee Gillis regarding a 102 year-old resident who has lived in Midlothian for 93 years. Trustee Crowley suggested honoring the resident in April.
- Trustee Crowley suggested having April as a Volunteer Recognition Month for people who volunteer in our community for different events. She was hoping the Village would adopt this each year and recognize people that volunteer and donate their time to the Village with a Proclamation or Award. Trustee Gillis advised that the Historical Society is working on using a section of the wall for volunteer photos. This will be discussed and brought to the Board at a later time.

- Trustee Gillis mentioned that Chief Hotwagner had advised that the sprinkler system in the Razik building is in full service and the fire alarm is tied in for water flow protection. All inspections were completed and passed today. He believed that Dollar Tree should reopen tomorrow.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Caveney** reported on the following:

- There will be discussion of Codes to be adopted at the next Board Meeting to include the 2018 International Building Code, the 2018 International Residence Code, the American Wood Council Code for residential decks under 6 ft. and the Chicago Deck Code for decks over 6 ft. In April we will be adopting the International Property Maintenance Code and the Energy Code. We are still waiting on word regarding the Plumbing Code. She also noted that the Board agreed to adopt the Plumbing Code a few months ago, but the State of Illinois requires that they also review and approve the Ordinance, which was forwarded to the State of Illinois. Once we hear from the State, we will then be able to officially adopt the 2018 Plumbing Code.
- There was discussion to approve the engagement of Proven's vendor, Sound Works Production, to provide AV equipment for the CRS Town Hall Meeting. The package is the same as last year and the cost will be \$756.90. A technician will set all equipment up. This is a budgeted item and will come out of the CRS budget. This will go forward at the next Board Meeting.
- Superintendent Weinert provided photos of Bellaroma Auto at 147<sup>th</sup> and Kedzie documenting that they have done the requisite cleanup that the Village asked them to do before the Village Board would consider approving their Special Use. Trustee Gillis thought that the property could still be improved. Attorney Valadez noted that the twelve items included in the previous Special Use Agreement were reaffirmed and applicable. The Board can agree to the items recommended by the Zoning Board, but our Board can also make additional recommendations, if needed. Trustee Gillis did not think the semi tow truck should be on the property, which were not included in the photos. Attorney Valadez advised that the semi tow truck could be a violation of the approval requirements of the Zoning Board and whether or not it was used to tow in cars. Trustee Killelea believed the paint needed to be upgraded and signage should be upgraded. Backflow installation is also required.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Killelea** reported on the following:

- The Roy Erikson Outdoor Maintenance Agreement will go forward at the next Board Meeting. Last year, their fee was \$1,960 per month for the Village portion of the landscape and included the \$200 to do the Rain Garden. Roy Erikson will water up to 20 planters on the street for no additional charge. The Village Green is also maintained for no charge. Trustee Killelea believed the Board should receive more clarification and detail of everything they do for each property. There was then a long discussion of what is provided and maintained at the Metra station.

Motion to table the Roy Erikson Outdoor Maintenance Agreement was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

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

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

- Motion to approve to go out to bid on the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project, which will be funded from the Bond Fund, was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

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

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

- Motion to award the Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Kim Construction, the low bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$107,397.00, which is a project mandated by MWRD, was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

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

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

- He asked Trustee Ivan for the status of the bus stop contract and Trustee Ivan advised that it was on a list of things to do.
- The Safety Committee is recommending that No Parking signs be placed on the curve on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ridgeway since it is dangerous. Cars are parked on both sides and visibility is poor and Bremen students are parking there. The Police Department has monitored the area in the past five years and this is more of a nuisance for the residents. This became more evident during the construction of the Bremen facility. Mayor L'Heureux suggested permit parking. This will be reviewed further.
- After attending the Finance Committee, he noted that although we are doing fine we should not spend money unless we absolutely have to whether budgeted or not. He did not agree with putting ads in the newspaper for St. Patrick's Day and other events, even though they only totaled \$600.
- He asked Trustee Crowley why there was a Police Station meeting. She replied that we needed to have conversations to see what architect we wanted to move forward with when the funding becomes available since we are waiting on the 2018 Audit and had received information regarding the bond refinancing so we are all ready to proceed at the same time.
- It is traditional that when a Board Member's birthday falls on a meeting night, that we sing Happy Birthday. The Village Board then sang Happy Birthday to Trustee Ivan.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Crowley** reported on the following:

- She thanked the Board members that attended the Awards Ceremony at Bremen High School last night. Chief Delaney, Deputy Chief Rafferty and the entire Police Department received an award for their commitment and service at Bremen High School. Everyone could see the impact that our Police Department is having with the school. The establishment of the Cadet Program and Criminal Justice Program has far exceeded any expectations. There is such an interest from the students enrolled from last year to this year and has quadrupled. There are now 162 students participating this year and last year there were 25 students. There are a number of students that are also part of the National Guard, in addition to the Cadet and Criminal Justice Program.
- Community Policing has requested to use funds from our budget (\$683.20) for printing materials which includes the CPC magnets and 2,500 Save Our Pet stickers. All money previously used for the CPC Committee has been through fundraising and has not been taken from the budget. This will go forward at the next Board Meeting.

- She is checking on training software for interactive training on various projects for the entire Village. Individuals can go on-line and participate. Department Heads and Trustees could put trainings together. A library of the trainings would be established and people could use them to review or use as reference.
- Trustee Caveney asked about the status of the Architect's Report for our building. Trustee Crowley noted that she contacted them requesting the follow-up documentation by Friday but has not received anything at this time.

### **LEGAL BUSINESS**

- The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed an application for a variance for the Park District property. They involved 11-2-12 Off Street Parking, 11-8-3 Yard and Bulk Regulations regarding building height of the building, 11-13-7(a) Interior Parking Lot Landscaping Islands and 11-13-1(b) Perimeter Parking Lot for landscaping of the north edge of the parking lot along with a draining ditch. The Board will be receiving the Zoning Board's recommendations to approve the building height to allow to be 6 ft higher than in Village Code, allow landscaping islands to be removed which is due to emergency vehicle accessibility and north edge of the parking lot along the drainage ditch to relieve them of the requirements for landscaping.
- At the next Board Meeting, we will need to go into Closed Session to discuss any concerns regarding the Firefighter Contract.

### **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

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

- He received an email regarding a request from La Michoacana Azteca to apply for a Class 8 and wanted to make sure that the Board agreed with the request before proceeding. The owner appealed and received a one-year reassessment but will double next year. The property had been vacant for more than two years. Everyone was in agreement. A Resolution will be prepared to send to the County that we are in favor of the Class 8 which is a requirement of the applicant before obtaining approval.
- April is the Child Abuse Prevention Month and we will be decorating the Village with blue and silver pinwheels and will read a Proclamation at next week's Board Meeting.
- Bremen High School and Tinley Park High School will be hosting Summer Sports Camps.

### **CLERK'S BUSINESS**

**Clerk Moskal** reported on the following:

- He reminded the Board that they should have received an email from the Cook County Clerk's Office to complete the Statement of Economic Interests and are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**


Motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or

deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

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

Mayor L'Heureux advised that there would be no further action following Closed Session. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk

  
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Allen Moskal, Village Clerk