

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2019**

Village Clerk Moskal and the Board of Trustees met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on April 24, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Village Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney, Deputy Chief McClelland, Superintendent Weinert, Assistant Superintendent Swanson, Treasurer Britton and Deputy Clerk Kolacki. Trustee Killelea arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Absent: Mayor L'Heureux and Trustee Ivan

Motion to appoint Trustee Kreis as Chairperson of the meeting was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **Jerry Gillis, Sr.** – Zoning Board, Keep Midlothian Beautiful, Midmark Water Commission
- **George Doeden** – Veterans' Committee, American Legion 691, VFW Post 2580
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee

PRESENTATION

Trustee Crowley announced the Snowman Contest Winners:

- First Place - Ramsey Family – Snow Turtle
- Second Place – Ramkis Family – ‘I’m Melting’ Snowman
- Third Place – Helen Lekavich – Snow Angel
- Fourth Place – Gluszek Family – Snowman Shoveling Snow

PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Lekavich – She attended the Stormwater Capital Management Plan Presentation last night and had concerns of various comments that were made and believes that the Village Board has done nothing to address flooding in the Village. There was a long discussion of the program, response to nuisance comments, what is actually being done and priorities.

Theda Reed – She did not agree with comments that were made at the Presentation. She was concerned about attendance at the various Flood Meetings from the Board members. There are too many complaints on costs also.

Pat Jordan – He lives off of 151st and feels they are shortcutting the area and that area needs major help. Chairperson Kreis explained the Stormwater Capital Plan and that the priority is Jolly Homes. She further explained the program and the properties identified from the Stormwater Management Plan.

Paul Danilauskas – He saw the video of the presentation and thought it was a good plan. He understood and thought the plan was well thought out. He thanked everyone for their commitment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Kreis read the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Ordinance #2024 Amending Title 3, Chapter 3, of the Village of Midlothian Municipal Code to Reduce Gross Bill Calculation, Set Reconnect Charge and Eliminate Telephone Notice.
2. Approval of Resolution #19-0424-A Authorizing Request to Close Westbound and Eastbound Lanes of 147th Street for the 9th Annual Independence Day Parade.
3. ~~Approval of Resolution #19-0424-B to Support and Consent to An Application to the Cook County Assessor for a Class 8 Certification Pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance for the Property Located at 14801 Cicero Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois (La Michoacana Azteca).~~
4. Approval of LOCiS Bar Code Module for a Cost Not to Exceed \$500.00.
5. Approval to Extend Offer of Employment to Keep Midlothian Beautiful Executive Director Candidate.
6. ~~Approval of Midlothian Country Club Fireworks Show on July 13, 2019~~
7. Approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2019
8. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2019
9. Approval of the March 2019 Treasurer's Report
10. Approval of the March 2019 Building Department Report
11. Approval of the March 2019 Fire Department Report
12. Approval of the March 2019 Health Department Report
13. Approval of the March 2019 Police Department Report
14. Approval of the March 2019 Public Works Department Report
15. Approval of List of Bills

Trustee Gillis asked that Item #6 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Kreis asked that Item #3 be removed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Items #6 and #3 was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Gillis.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Kreis reported on the following:

- She reminded everyone that Saturday will be the first annual Great Midlothian Cleanup. We are looking for volunteers and are hoping to have a great turnout. We will also have a tree planting through a grant we received. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Trustee Caveney noted that MWRD has granted us a pallet of eight bags of their HQ biosolids (mulch).

FINANCE

There was no report for the Finance Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Gillis reported on the following:

- Motion to approve the permit request for fireworks on July 3, 2019 at the Midlothian Country Club was made by Trustee Gillis and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

- Fire Department Report for March – There were 242 calls for the month; 143 of those were emergency medical. We billed \$95,000 for the month for emergency medical calls and we have collected \$45,000. Fiscal year is \$800,000 billing and \$300,000+ has been collected for the year.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee Caveney reported on the following:

- She is in favor of the Class 8 but believed there was some technical drafting that needs to be clarified in the document. There is reference to the tenant and the owner be granted the Class 8, but the Class 8 goes to the building owner and not the tenant. Trustee Kreis also sent an email with other corrections. Attorney Valadez will review the eligibility requirements and will revise the Resolution. The Resolution will go forward at the next Committee Meeting.
- The proposed non-union employee insurance policy was discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting and the document was redrafted and forwarded to the Board for review. This will go forward at the next Committee Meeting for discussion and approval.
- ProChamps had made a presentation at the last Committee Meeting. ProChamps is an on-line program that would benefit the Village to identify who the lenders are for properties that go into foreclosure and provide contact information through registration. It does not cost the Village any money from the budget. All lending institutions who foreclose on a property will need to register the property with ProChamps. They are then able to determine who the lender or management company is so if we have a maintenance issue, we can go directly to the responsible party to keep the property maintained while going through the process. Vacant properties can also be included in this program. The Board can decide what the registration fee would be and ProChamps would receive \$100 of the registration fee. This is a cloud-based program so the Village does not have to buy any software. ProChamps also offers the pet module. Trustee Crowley noted that residents

that register their pets into the system, will be able to locate the pets if they are lost or missing, read blogs, and be advised of potential discounts offered to people who have pets, such as veterinarian service. Trustee Crowley recommended that properties that are continuously vacant properties should be charged at a different fee. Superintendent Weinert reached out to other municipalities who use ProChamps and has received very favorable responses from all of them. The Village will need to pass an Ordinance, which was provided by ProChamps but can be tailored to Midlothian. Attorney Valadez will prepare the Ordinance and will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Trustee Killelea reported on the following:

- Superintendent Sparrey found the Bower Group to perform a mold air quality testing for the Village Hall and Public Works and the cost would be \$2,000. However, if they found instances of mold, they may ask permission to perform more air quality tests so he is adding an additional \$700 just in case.

Approval to Engage Bower Group to Perform Mold Air Quality Testing for the Village Hall and Public Works Not to Exceed \$2,700 was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

- Public Works Report – There were 44 water shutoffs last month. Fortunately, there were only two water main breaks this month as opposed to the previous month. They have completed sod restorations and tree cutting also.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Crowley reported on the following:

- The Community Policing Committee Golf Outing is May 11th. We are still taking hole sponsors and golfers through Friday.
- She thanked the Police Department for their participation in two events. Our officers conducted a Senior Seminar to help our seniors avoid fraud. We also had our first drug trailer which is part of the HOPE Program. The presentation was at Bremen High School in which there was a trailer available for parents and staff to learn how to spot hiding places of drugs or drug paraphernalia. This program was sponsored by the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Deputy Chief McClelland reported on the following:

- He asked Trustee Killelea if the mold testing would include Station 2 and he confirmed that Station 2 would be included in the mold testing.

Chief Delaney had nothing to report.

Superintendent Weinert reported on the following:

- He provided a list of all local municipalities that have engaged ProChamps and will forward on to the Board for their review.

Assistant Superintendent Swanson 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 advised that we were in court for the Outreach Christian Community Public Aid Building and the Order that came out of the court appearance was that the owner provide access to the Village within 21 days for an inspection to identify the conditions and repairs that must be made for compliance. A written report and photos should be completed to present to the Court. The next Court date is May 23rd.
- Caitlyn Sharrow, who is the attorney from Denzin's office, spoke to Mayor L'Heureux regarding the collapse of the building on Waverly. The premises has been secured with fencing but it is his recommendation that we go to court to request to demolish the property and then be able to remove things and to lien the property pursuant to the demolition statute. Since Denzin's office is going to Markham on the Public Aid building, he thought that they should handle this property also and will be able to schedule the court dates in Markham on the same day.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Chairperson Kreis reported on the following:

- Motion to appoint Maggie Britton and Ed Olmos to the Police Pension Board was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

- The Village received a letter from the Midlothian-Markham Water Commission advising that the City of Chicago is passing on to Midlothian a \$.03 per \$1,000 gallons water increase to the Village effective June 2019 billing. An Ordinance will need to be prepared. This will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Clerk Moskal reported on the following:

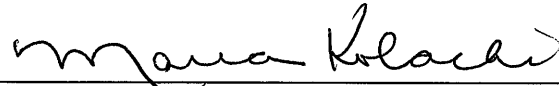
- He read a Proclamation in which he proclaimed May as Construction Safety Month.
- He read a Proclamation that April 26, 2019 is Arbor Day. Chairperson Kreis was pleased to advise that we will be planting a tree at 148th and Keystone on Saturday.
- Presentation of the March FOIA Report.

Chairperson Kreis advised that the Mary Pat McGuire and her students from the University of Illinois have been doing soil studies in the Calumet region and they selected Midlothian as one of the sites. They will be doing their final presentation here at the Village Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26th.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business, Chairperson Kreis asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Crowley. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis, Ivan, Killelea and Kreis. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk