

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on July 10, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor L'Heureux, Village Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis and Kreis, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney, Chief Hotwagner, Superintendent Weinert, Superintendent Sparrey, Engineer Nagle, Treasurer Britton and Deputy Clerk Kolacki. Trustee Ivan arrived at 7:03 p.m. Trustee Killelea arrived at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **Jean Bartecki** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful, Beautification Committee, Safety Committee, Friends of the Library
- **Jerry Gillis, Sr.** – Midmark Water Commission, Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Zoning Board
- **Helmut Lipp** – Technology Committee
- **Evelyn Gleason** – District 228

PRESENTATIONS

Evelyn Gleason from the Board of Education, District 228, presented the Districts' accomplishments of the 2018-2019 school year. The Alternative Education Program is through South Suburban College and assists at risk students to complete their high school educations. She was pleased to note that there were 161 at risk students and 65 have graduated. She explained about the opening of their new facilities which includes the Field House, workout rooms. Physical Education classrooms and Drivers Education classrooms. The Open House for Bremen High School Field House will be on August 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm. She expressed their gratitude in collaboration for the support by community organizations to help create space for their student artwork. It allows our students to showcase their hard work and passion for art in a public setting. Not all students wish to go to college and the District has had multiple events and fairs to include career days highlighting various career paths. The students are able to network with unions and companies, as well as participating in various sessions. Student safety is also a top priority and the best way to combat disasters is by identifying student social isolation and preventing those situations. Lastly, there has been successful changes in their curriculum to include integrated math, which is a combination of Geometry, Algebra I and II. This type of math prepares students for real life scenarios in today's modern world. They have also made changes in their physical education curriculum which allows teachers to customize workouts for their student's needs instead of assigning each student with the same workout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Bartecki – She had a number of items to discuss. She thanked Public Works for their hard work at Hansen’s Park. The Beautification Committee is in the process of transforming the park. She was pleased with the look of the flower boxes throughout the Village. The Garden Walk will be held on Sunday and tickets can be purchased for \$8.00 each at the Village Green from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are also available for a Star Wars Planter, which was made and donated by Scott and Pat Schultz and cost \$5 per ticket. Craft vendors will also be available that day. Finally, she was pleased with the look of the Welcome to Midlothian signs.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Ordinance #2031 Amending the Village of Midlothian’s Municipal Gas Use Tax, Title 5, Chapter 9, Section 5-9-10
2. Approval of Ordinance #2032 Adopting the 2018 Energy Conservation Code
3. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2019.
4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for June 26, 2019
5. Approval of the May 2019 Fire Department Report
6. Approval of List of Bills

Trustee Gillis asked to make a change on the June 26th Board Meeting Minutes (Item #4) that the second injured firefighter is out six to eight weeks and not six to eight months. Trustee Kreis asked about an invoice on the List of Bills for Lauterbach. The work was outside the scope of the audit and she asked if this work could be done in-house. Treasurer Britton confirmed that their assistance was needed but going forward, we will not need their special assistance. There were no other comments.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Amending Item #4 on its face was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Ivan.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Kreis reported on the following:

- The next Keep Midlothian Beautiful Committee Meeting will be Thursday, July 18th at 2:30 p.m. and the Natalie Creek Trail Steering Committee Meeting will follow at 4:00 p.m.
- As part of the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Grant, we received 600 pocket ashtrays. She noted that at a recent cigarette audit, they picked up over 3,000 cigarette butts in a small area, so she is hoping everyone uses the pocket ashtrays. She also advised that there are 200 of the car ashtrays on back order.
- She will be attending the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative Meeting on Friday July 12th. She was asked to do a presentation in conjunction with Kate Evasic from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for

Planning and Kelsey Anderson from Strand & Associates. They will be presenting the story of Midlothian Stormwater Management Capital Plan.

FINANCE

Trustee Ivan reported on the following:

- The Garden Walk will be this Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Gillis reported on the following:

- He provided a review of the May Fire Departmental Report. There were 142 emergency medical calls, 71 were residents and 71 were non-residents, and 43 of those calls were ALS, 55 were BLS and the rest were refusals. During the month of May, the billing was over \$97,000 and they collected \$37,300. There was a total of 231 calls and 41 inspections.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee Caveney had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Trustee Killelea had nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Crowley reported on the following:

- She had previously advised the Board that the background check was in process for an officer to be hired from our List. The background check is now been completed and she will be putting on the Agenda for the July 24th Meeting to hire the new officer based on the Fire and Police Commission recommendation.
- She provided an update on our part-time Clerk. Chief Delaney has completed the first round of interviews and has one more to do on the second round. This will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.
- National Night Out will be held on August 6th.
- The Dirty-O Race is on July 20th. Sergeant Thibo is still taking donations and selling T-shirts.
- All Department Heads received an email regarding our IT and fiber. The email also included all previous emails about the fiber connection. We are now waiting for the two companies to coordinate a date for installation.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Hotwagner reported on the following:

- Firefighter Badger was cleared today and has returned to work.
- The Fire Up a Cure Event was cancelled this year
- He was pleased to announce that there were no injuries due to fireworks this year.

Chief Delaney had nothing to report.

Superintendent Weinert reported on the following:

- Permits were approved for the property on Waverly. The County makes us wait 10-days before they start the demolition. He has a call into Cook County Environmental Department and is asking to waive the 10-day waiting period since the building has already collapsed and is dangerous.
- The Park District resubmitted its plans the week of July 4th and were distributed to the Plan Review and Robinson Engineering for their review. He noted that the original plans were submitted last March. We are now waiting on their comments.
- He spent three hours at the Markham Courthouse regarding the Kedzie property and the judge ordered demolition of the property. He will need to return to the Courthouse on August 28th for a status hearing. The building is supposed to be significantly down, which includes the parking lot and foundation. The judge gave the owner 60-days to complete the work and if not completed, the building will be ours for demolition.

Superintendent Sparrey reported on the following:

- He provided an update on the Creek project. Tomorrow they will make the final connection of the water main on Kilbourne and will cap the old water main. Kilbourne will then be open and they will be moving over to Kostner Avenue on Tuesday. Kostner will be closed for thru traffic from 147th to 145th for about two months. They will then move the utilities, water and sewer on Kostner, and will put in the new box culvert and will go back to Kilbourne and open up Kostner.

Engineer Nagle reported on the following:

- On August 3rd they will be sealcoating the Metra lots which will need to be done on Saturday or Sunday and cannot be rainy. It will take a few weekends. They will make sure everything is posted for the travelers.
- The Pre-Construction Meeting for the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Job will be on Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Trustee Caveney asked if there was an update from Cook County when we will receive the letter for the Jolly Homes/CDBG Recovery Grant. Engineer Nagle advised that at a June 13th meeting, they came up with other options and Dominic Tocci from the County has to investigate the other options. He noted that the other options were expanding the scope to include another flooded area outside of the Village. The grant money we will receive will cover Midlothian and another community. HUD would rather see a bigger benefited area for the dollar amounts. The bigger benefited area includes a section of Markham that has flooding. In order to receive the funding for Phase II, there has to be an assurance that they have construction dollars and HUD will not fund the construction dollars.

Treasurer Britton had nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Kolacki had nothing to report.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Attorney Nick Valadez reported on the following:

- The Board will be discussing in Closed Session pending litigation and an update on a few matters that were negotiated with the Village and Keystone Condominiums. He advised that housing code fines were increasing, and we were unable to get a response from them until the Management Company

intervened for the owners and legal counsel. The fines were settled for \$7,000. The Village was compensated for the work the Building Department has done to get Keystone properties in compliance. He believed that the Condominium Owners now understand that it is better to put money into the property to be in compliance with the Code than to pay the fines.

- He was pleased to note that the Dollar Tree settlement was now paid in full.
- Trustee Caveney asked about the status of the ProChamps Ordinance and Attorney Valadez advised that they will receive an Ordinance by the end of the day tomorrow for discussion at the next Committee Meeting and passage at the Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Mayor L'Heureux reported on the following:

- He appointed Jay Johnson and Kathy Johnson to the Plan Commission. The Board agreed.
- He received a letter from Republic Services and due to the state tax increase on the motor fuel, they are asking the Village to add an increase to our garbage contract. Their gas tax went up from \$.215 to \$.455. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Clerk Moskal had nothing to report.

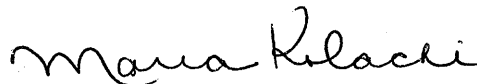
ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the 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) and to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Kreis.

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

Mayor L'Heureux advised that there will be no further action following Closed Session. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk