

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2022*

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2022

7:30 pm

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo took roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Trustees Bradley-Scott, Daggett, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel; Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue; Chief of Police Tod Kamleiter; Deputy Chief of Police Keith Taylor; Director of Public Works John Brunke; Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner; Attorney Tom Gilbert; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 29 residents

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order. Mayor Nelson noted that the meeting was being held in person and via Zoom, which is permitted by Public Act 101-0640. Mayor Nelson noted that the public was invited to monitor the meeting via Zoom or attend the meeting in person. Public participation would be permitted only in person during the citizen comment portion of the agenda at the end of the meeting. Members of the public could submit comments on items on the agenda by emailing info@flossmoor.org, which would be shared with the Village Board. Mayor Nelson stated that Tom Gilbert from Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, with whom Kathi Orr is affiliated, was present to serve as Village Attorney.

Recognitions and Appointments

There were no recognitions or appointments for this meeting.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 1-10):

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on October 3, 2022*
- 2. Ratification of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (September 19, 2022)*
- 3. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (October 3, 2022)*
- 4. Resolution Honoring Earl Moy*
- 5. Resolution Honoring Barb Donahue*
- 6. Proclamation Declaring Friends of Libraries Week*
- 7. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Approving an Amendment to a Final Plan for a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use – 19801 Crawford Avenue (Flossmoor Crawford LLC – The Original Rainbow Cone)*
- 8. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code (Boards and Commissions)*
- 9. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Local Assurance for the Central Business District Roadway, Pedestrian, and Streetscape Improvements Project*
- 10. Consideration of a Capital Equipment Replacement Purchase of One Large Dump Truck (5 yd.) with Plow and Spreader*

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Mayor Nelson pointed out that there were two (2) Resolutions on the agenda honoring twenty-four (24) year employees: Earl Moy, a firefighter/ paramedic from the Flossmoor Fire Department and Barb Donahue, who worked in various capacities at the Flossmoor Library and who recently retired. Mayor Nelson also noted Friends of the Library Week, which is October 16, 2022 through October 22, 2022. The Friends of the Library promotes cultural aspects of the Flossmoor Library, raise money for special equipment and programming, and support the youth summer reading programs. Mayor Nelson encouraged residents to drop by the Library, especially during the Friends of the Library week, consider making a donation, and check out their programming. Mayor Nelson announced that Rainbow Cone would be coming to Flossmoor. They expect to break ground in the Fall and expect to be open in Spring 2023.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Driscoll so moved, seconded by Trustee Mustafa. Mayor Nelson called for a vote on the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Daggett, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros and Mustafa.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

Reports of Committees, Commissions and Boards

There were no reports of Committees, Commissions or Boards this meeting.

Other Business

Mayor Nelson congratulated and thanked Public Works Director John Brunke, Assistant Public Works Director Dan Milovanovic, and Utility Maintenance Technician A.J. Hinton on their excellent work transitioning the Village of Flossmoor to Hammond water with the Village of Homewood engineers and staff. Mayor Nelson noted that there is still work to be done over the next year to ensure everything is functioning correctly.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #11 – A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

There was no need to enter into Executive Session.

Mayor Nelson stated that the Board has heard from many members of Madeline Miller's family and the public about her tragic death on July 10th and that the Board's hearts are with Mrs. Miller, the Miller family, and all those involved. The Board understands that her family is suffering, and members of the community want to speak about police and community relations. On Saturday, October 29th, at 2 pm, the Village will be hosting a community conversation at the North Building of Homewood-Flossmoor High School, room 101. On September 6th, the HF Chronicle ran a story about the demands received from several members of the public, including some people present at the current Board meeting. Mayor Nelson encouraged everyone to read that article and join the conversation on October 29th.

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Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on a Non-Agenda Item:

Mayor Nelson explained that the public comment time of the agenda is meant for people to share public comments, and that they use decorum so that all present can be heard. The Village Board will continue to uphold its public comment policy of five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for public comment, although she has gone over that time limit with the Board's support.

Aaron McIntyre's comments, in summary, were that he and his group were received and heard at a recent Homewood Village Board meeting. He stated that he and his group want to work with the Village Board of Flossmoor, but he wants the Trustees to make a public statement about what they stand for and what they're willing to work on in regards to their demands. The community forum on October 29th is a good start, but it's not a solution or response to their demands. They want a public statement in response to their demands that will show whether they can trust and work with the Board in the future.

Mayor Nelson encouraged people to read the September 6th HF Chronicle article about the demands received from several members of the public and the Village's response.

Titilayo Anoma's comments, in summary, were that no changes have been made to comfort Madeline Miller's family and that Board members have been talking to her and her group privately about how they're on their side. But, those words mean nothing without the Board members taking action. Anoma stated that it was a slap in the face that Trustee Daggett called the two (2) Black students articulate as if they were incapable of being articulate. Anoma stated that she wants to see change and justice for Madeline Miller.

Casey Kuelto's comments, in summary, were that it's been six (6) weeks since they've been coming to Village Board meetings talking about Madeline Miller's death with the same demands and asked what progress has been made on them. He noted how the group went to the Village of Homewood's recent Board meeting and that the general consensus was that the Homewood Board was in favor of partnering with other towns for an alternative mental health program. In reference to the September 6th HF Chronicle article, the 911 call should have been treated as a mental health call. Kuelto asked what progress has Flossmoor and other communities made in regard to CESSA? He noted the connection between Flossmoor, Homewood and other communities and stated that SSMMA would be a great group to start a conversation with in regard to CESSA. He wants to know what each Trustee thinks about implementing CESSA, and that they should put their opinions into the record.

Dr. La'Shawn Littrice's comments, in summary, were that she has been attending the Village Board meetings for the last six (6) weeks and that there is an importance and urgency for the Trustees to go on record about their opinions on issues like CESSA and police oversight Boards. She noted that they've all had conversations with Trustee Daggett and they appreciate him for that, but they want him to bring his thoughts to the Board as a collective entity. She stated that there are three (3) Trustees up for re-election. She's not asking that the Trustees agree with them but wants them to take a position for the record.

Jenny Curtis' comments, in summary, were that she wanted to hear from the Trustees what their positions are on the record and noted that three (3) Trustees are up for re-election. She stated that she wants a discussion amongst the Trustees placed on the agenda regarding issues such as CESSA and the CAHOOTS

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program. She noted that in previous meetings about above-ground pools, the Trustees decided to place the issue on an agenda. She asked that Madeline Miller be placed on the agenda for discussion amongst the Trustees at a Village Board meeting, asked what the Trustees stood for, and stated that the community forum was being held to placate them.

Iletha Spells Hudson's comments, in summary, were that she was one of Madeline Miller's sisters and that Miller mattered. Spells Hudson read Miller's obituary out loud.

Mayor Nelson stated that there wasn't a person on the Village Board who didn't feel terrible about what happened on July 10th.

Don Gross' comments, in summary, were that he was present in solidarity with other Homewood-Flossmoor folks and with Madeline Miller's family and noted that the Flossmoor Board is acting like the Oak Forest Board. He said that the Flossmoor Board could change that by putting something on the record and introducing reform. He stated that people outside of Flossmoor are hearing about Flossmoor and how it's a town that lets police get away with murder and don't do anything to change it. He stated that he and others aren't going to go away and forget about what happened, and that they spoke to hundreds of people at Flossmoor Fest who want to see a response and not the status quo. Gross stated that the Board could do something and make change.

Pastor Derrick Robert's comments, in summary, were that people want to be heard, and that the community was hurting. He stated that in regard to some of the programs that the people were discussing, the Board should at least hear what they have to say about them. He noted that when he moved to Flossmoor, he was dealing with racism, prejudice, and bigotry, and his children experienced racism in their schools. He became active in the community because of his experiences. Pastor Roberts noted a book that he read where the author said that listening isn't done with the ears, it's done with the heart.

*Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on an Agenda Item:
No residents wished to speak on an Agenda Item.*

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As there were no other items to discuss, Mayor Nelson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett and passed by a voice vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Daggett, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros and Mustafa.
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk