

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2023*

VILLAGE HALL

AUGUST 21, 2023

7:30 pm

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 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; Police Chief Jerel Jones; Fire Chief Bob Kopec; Assistant Fire Chief Matt Berk; Director of Public Works John Brunke; Assistant to the Village Manager Nicole Castagna; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 19 residents

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order. Mayor Nelson noted that public comment was at the end of the agenda, and per Board policy, individuals' comments were limited to five minutes per person for a maximum allotted time of thirty minutes for public comment. For the convenience of those residents not able to attend the meeting in person, the meeting was also being streamed via Zoom.

Recognitions and Appointments:

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #1 – Proclamation Declaring Constitution Week.

Mayor Nelson introduced Flossmoor resident Marilyn Tapajna. Mayor Nelson read a Proclamation to declare September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week and presented the Proclamation to Marilyn Tapajna. Mayor Nelson thanked history teachers for educating our students, as well as military Veterans and elected officials who uphold the US Constitution.

Marilyn Tapajna thanked Mayor Nelson for issuing the Proclamation and noted her membership in the Sauk Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will present the Proclamation to the group on September 2, 2023, and then hopes to display the Proclamation in the Flossmoor Public Library.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #2 – Proclamation Declaring Rail Safety Week.

Mayor Nelson read a Proclamation Declaring Rail Safety Week. No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #3 – Recognition of the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation for their Donation of an EMS Training Mannequin.

Mayor Nelson introduced Flossmoor Fire Department Chief Kopec.

Chief Kopec noted the amazing work that the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation ("Corporation") has done for nearly a century. He discussed the evolution of changes through the decades to both the Corporation and the Flossmoor Fire Department. The Corporation continually achieves their

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mission to promote and advance the EMS training for the Flossmoor Fire Department. With the goal of improving EMS training, the Corporation raised funds to purchase and donate a state of the art EMS training mannequin valued at \$30,000. Chief Kopec noted that training with a device like the one donated has proved to increase successful patient outcomes in the field. Chief Kopec thanked the Corporation for the lifesaving training mannequin and for their continued support and dedication to the Flossmoor Fire Department, the Village of Flossmoor, and its residents. Chief Kopec introduced members of the Corporation Board, and former president Matthew Berk and secretary Mike Hall.

Engineer Scott Steiner discussed the history and evolution of the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation ("Corporation"). He also discussed the Village's first paramedics in 1974, and the evolution of the Village's EMS services. Steiner noted that in the first year of service, the Village had 102 calls for EMS requests, whereas in 2022, the Flossmoor Fire Department responded to 1,528 EMS calls. He noted that the Corporation is an active 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Corporation continues to support the community and aid the Village of Flossmoor with equipment purchases, community events, and organizations like Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Project Fire Buddies, Camp I Am Me, Finley Forever Foundation, and Flossmoor Baseball & Softball. Steiner explained that equipment donations and events support the Corporation's mission by providing additional equipment and upgrades that allow the members to provide the best care for the residents of Flossmoor.

Captain Nick Camilli discussed and showed the many features of the EMS training mannequin, including how it can be used to simulate real calls with paramedics in the field. He noted that training never ends and that they need to train on their skill set every day to continue to provide the best care to residents in their time of need. The Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation ("Corporation") is very passionate about supporting the Village of Flossmoor and the community, and they are very grateful to the Flossmoor residents who have contributed to the Corporation, enabling the Corporation to make the donation of the EMS training mannequin to the Flossmoor Fire Department.

The Village Board asked technical questions about the capabilities of the EMS training mannequin, and the Flossmoor Fire Department staff explained and showed what the EMS training mannequin was capable of. The Village Board also thanked the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation for the donation and thanked the Flossmoor Fire Department staff for their work.

Mayor Nelson noted that Village of Flossmoor residents appreciate what the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation ("Corporation") and Fire Department staff do, for building camaraderie, and noted how essential they are to everything that goes on in the Village of Flossmoor. Mayor Nelson also thanked residents for making donations to the Corporation, and stated that their annual appeal for donations will be mailed out at the end of the year.

Trustee Bradley-Scott noted her family's experience with the Flossmoor Fire Department's EMS services in 2022, and noted how their support was amazing. She explained how helpful their presentation with the EMS training mannequin was. She noted how the Flossmoor Fire Department staff working together is a

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demonstration of what our Community is and how we have to get along and help each other, and she thanked them for their efforts and for always showing up with a smile.

Trustee Mustafa thanked everyone for their efforts and for being a part of the Flossmoor community.

Trustee Mitros thanked everyone and recalled when a friend needed the Flossmoor Fire Department's assistance at his home.

Trustee Lofton noted his admiration for their dedication, knowledge, time they put into learning the technology, and their concern for the residents of Flossmoor. He shared that he will be promoting the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation's annual drive for donations.

Trustee Driscoll shared his gratitude for the excellent job that the Flossmoor Fire Department does. He noted how they have to continue to training constantly, and how he has tremendous confidence in their abilities.

Trustee Daggett noted how impressive the presentation was with the EMS training mannequin, and shared his own unique emergency medical issue experience and how the EMS training mannequin will help train staff for situations such as what he experienced. Trustee Daggett stated how impressed he was with Flossmoor Fire Department staff, especially with their interactions with children at the Touch a Truck night. He thanked the Flossmoor Fire Department Volunteer Corporation for making the donation of the EMS training mannequin.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel noted that the Village's insurance carrier provided a small grant toward the motorized cot the Board was seeing this evening because they see the value in the technology to help mitigate the risk of back injuries and workers' compensation claims. These cots are used in both ambulances. IRMA supports the use of the technology in municipalities and often offers grant programs to encourage municipalities to add equipment like the motorized cot.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 4-6):

- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 7, 2023*
- 5. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (August 21, 2023)*
- 6. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 215, Article 11 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code (Vacant Building Registry)*

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Mustafa.

Mayor Nelson called for a vote on the motion as presented. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

Reports of Committees, Commissions and Boards:
None.

Action Items:
None.

Discussion Items:
None.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on a Non-Agenda Item
(It should be noted that in reporting these comments, the Village has not researched the accuracy of any comments.):
Warren Engelberg's comments, in summary, were regarding the overturning of Roe v. Wade, taking away women's liberty to decide what happens with their own bodies, and denying government support for other people, including the incarcerated. Engelberg also discussed how lives are being destroyed with the support of conservatives in the Ukraine, the execution of people, and opioid overdoses. He also discussed the US Supreme Court's decision on prayer at football games, white supremacy, gun proliferation, and Republican Congressman George Santos' lying and the relationship to false advertising in the United States of America.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on an Agenda Item
(It should be noted that in reporting these comments, the Village has not researched the accuracy of any comments.):
No residents wished to speak on an Agenda Item.

Other Business:
Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #7 – 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.

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Trustee Lofton invited and reminded folks about Ballantrae's annual Wine on the Green event on August 26.

Trustee Bradley-Scott thanked Mayor Nelson and Trustee Mustafa for attending the recent Polly Lane Block Party. She also thanked the Flossmoor Fire Department for attending and showing their trucks to the children.

Village Clerk LoGalbo stated that on September 2, 2023, the Homewood-Flossmoor football team would have their first home football game and a special Salute to Service program for US Military Veterans at half time. HF High School would be donating proceeds of camouflage items to the Flossmoor Veterans Memorial Inc. organization for the building and upkeep of the Honor Wall.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel thanked Mayor Nelson and the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Village of Flossmoor staff for hosting a staff luncheon with their personal funds.

Mayor Nelson thanked the HF Public Library, HF Park District, School Districts 161 and 233, the Flossmoor Public Works, Police, Fire and Staff for the recently successful movie in the park/ back to school night. She also thanked the HF Park District for their efforts to spruce up the exterior of the Park Place facility on Flossmoor Road.

Mayor Nelson noted that the Village of Flossmoor represented well but did not win the recent Governor's Hometown Award top prize. Resident Tristan Shaw and his Possibility Place nursery donated twenty-five trees to people at the Illinois State Fair.

Mayor Nelson stated that today was National Senior Citizen's Day. She visited Flossmoor's Sunrise Senior Living Center and noted how beautiful it was. She thanked the Village's senior citizens for all they do for the Village of Flossmoor, including volunteering, supporting causes, and serving on local commissions.

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 Bradley-Scott 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 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk*