

MINUTES OF MAYOR BRAUN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON AUGUST 17 , 2020

VILLAGE HALL

AUGUST 17, 2020

7:30PM

Mayor Braun called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Village Clerk Ananda Billings took roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Braun, Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, Williams
and Village Clerk Ananda Billings (via Webex)

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel, Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson,
Finance Director Scott Bordui; Police Chief Tod Kamleiter; Interim Fire Chief
Greg Berk; Public Works Director, John Brunke; Building and Zoning
Administrator, Scott Bugner; and Village Attorney Kathi Orr.

CITIZENS PRESENT: 20 Citizens were present in chambers.

Introductory Comments

Mayor Braun stated that in order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, the Village has been advised and directed by the State to allow no more than 50 people to congregate for public gatherings. As such, this meeting of the Board of Trustees will be attended by those who voluntarily choose to attend physically as well as by those who voluntarily choose to attend via conference line. The public is invited to attend the meeting in person, so long as each individual undergoes a temperature check prior to entering the meeting space and wears a mask during the meeting. Citizens are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

This meeting along with all subsequent remotely held Board meetings will be recorded. Public comment will be only available during the portion of the meeting during which the public is invited to address the Board. As communicated to the public earlier, those questions that were submitted to staff in advance of the meeting would also be addressed during this time.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 3, 2020

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any further changes or comments. He called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020. Trustee Williams so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

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Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board

Mayor Braun noted that in order to ask for public comment via conference line, without confusion, he would inquire after comments alphabetically. He called for comment via groups of last names starting with: A-G; H-N; O-U; V-Z.

Mr. Charles Derringer of Chicago Heights addressed the Board. He inquired if Flossmoor has or is considering an ordinance requiring masks as he has seen elsewhere. Mayor Braun stated that the Village is following all state requirements. The state is pushing hard for businesses to encourage visitors to wear masks. Mayor Braun thanked Mr. Derringer for attending the meeting and for his comments.

The Mayor referred to Agenda #1 – Introduction and Swearing in of Mark Cagle to the Rank of Sergeant.

Police Chief Tod Kamleiter introduced Mark Cagle to the Board and the citizens present. Mayor Braun administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Cagle.

No vote was required.

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #2:– Presentation of the Community Relations Commission Purpose & Intent

Assistant Village Manager Matson introduced members of the Community Relations Commission who presented the Commission's Purpose & Intent. The Commission exists to promote a sense of belonging, to remove barriers, to be mindful of inclusion, and to sponsor events that relate to the Commission's mission. The Commission is currently planning a New Resident Event in September, exploring avenues for discussions and training around inclusion and structural racism, discussing better ways to communicate safety informations to residents while also planning for the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

Mayor Braun thanked the team and noted that they did a great job on the mission statement as well as on all of the activities and inclusive events. This mission will guide all future missions and will continue to facilitate Flossmoor's forward progress.

Trustee Williams complimented the team on their new statement and their commitment to the community. Trustee Bradley-Scott thanked the commission for keeping community morale high. Trustee Driscoll thanked them for a job well done. Trustee Mitros noted that he and Trustee Hoag started this commission and that he believes this team is doing exactly what the commission was intended to do. Trustee Hoag said he is excited about the focus on neighborhoods, and it was noted that there should be posting of who each neighborhood captain is for the Neighborhood Network program that was created by residents.

No vote was required.

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Mayor Braun referred to Agenda #3: Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Village Manager Wachtel stated that this item is the ordinance that places the referendum question on the November 3 ballot, which the Board discussed at the August 3 Board meeting. If this is approved by the Village Board it will be filed with Cook County and placed on the November 3rd 2020 ballot.

Mayor Braun commented that this is an issue that is well known to the community. The Village will not be taking a stand either way but will do all it can to educate voters on the question.

Trustee Williams emphasized the importance of educating voters on the factor of the percentage of interest rate to be sure they understand that 9% is not the ultimate rate. The current Library Bond has an interest rate of 1.7%.

Trustee Mitros expressed his support for this. Trustee Kimmons stressed that education is very necessary, and the Village will need to provide specifics of what this would mean to each citizen. Trustee Hoag believes that there are moments that are defining for the Village over each decade. He believes that this decision falls into that category and like his fellow Trustees believes education is the key.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any further questions and as they did not, he asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held on November 3, 2020, as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Williams and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Mayor Braun, Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #4: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 270 Article 3 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois (Butterfield Road Speed Reduction)

Police Chief Tod Kamleiter addressed the Board. He informed the Board that the Police Department has received a letter from several residents requesting a speed limit reduction from 25mph to 15 mph on Butterfield Road from its intersection with Brookwood Drive to the dead end of the street. The Police Department has reviewed the request and given the narrow, winding roadway they support the request. The Ordinance in question would amend the municipal code accordingly.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any further questions and as they did not, he called for a motion to approved the ordinance amending Chapter 270 Article 3 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois (Butterfield Road Speed Reduction) as presented. Trustee Williams so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #5: Consideration of an Ordinance Granting Emergency Powers to the Mayor of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois

This is a recurring ordinance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any further questions and as they did not, he called for a motion to approve the Ordinance Granting Emergency Powers to the Mayor of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott, and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Mayor Braun referred to the Finance Committee – Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment (August 17th, 2020)

Trustee Driscoll made a motion to approve hand checks in the amount of \$4,071.00 and invoices in the amount of \$473,344.11 for a total of \$477,415.11. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitros and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Other Business:

Mayor Braun thanked Public Works for the tremendous work they did after the massive storm the previous week. The damage from this storm was mainly due to strong winds and several residents were without power for days.

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The BMW Classic will take place next week but will be closed to spectators due to the pandemic, however, Mayor Braun thanked staff for organizing marketing materials to be distributed and published on social media.

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #5 on the Agenda: A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation.

Mayor Braun informed the Board that it was necessary to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of specific individuals.

Mayor Braun called for a motion to move into Executive Session. Trustee Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Mitros and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Executive Session began at 8:03pm.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:23pm.

As there were no other items to discuss, Mayor Braun called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting ended at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ananda Billings

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Village Clerk