

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2021

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2021

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, Hoag, Lofton, Mitros

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel; Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson;
Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 11 residents.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order. Mayor Nelson noted that the meeting was being held in person and via Zoom. She noted that public participation would be permitted during the citizen comment portion of the agenda, and that citizens could submit comments via email at info@flossmoor.org.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

Mayor Nelson asked if there were citizens wishing to address the board on an agenda or non-agenda item.

No citizen wished to address the board in person or via Zoom.

Mayor Nelson referred to Recognitions and Appointments

There were no recognitions or appointments scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 1-4):

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

Mayor Nelson referred to Reports of Committees, Commissions or Boards

There were no reports of committees, commissions, or boards.

Mayor Nelson referred to Action Items

There were no action items for consideration.

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #5 – Discussion of a Veterans Memorial.

Mayor Nelson stated that the Veterans' Wall of Honor will recognize Flossmoor Veterans that died and who are still living.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that prior to the pandemic, a group of residents convened to discuss the fundraising, construction and placement of a Veterans Memorial in Flossmoor. One of the principal champions of this idea was Richard Condon who designed and built a Veterans Memorial that was dedicated on April 1, 1945 and was last seen sometime in the 1950s. With the assistance of former Mayor Paul Braun, an independent committee convened and set to work with plans to launch a community fundraising effort in March 2020. The Veterans Committee has reconvened and has formally incorporated as Flossmoor Veterans' Memorial, Inc. It is led by President Paul Braun and includes approximately 15 other residents. The group is looking to launch its community outreach and maintain a Veteran's Memorial in Flossmoor. Several locations were considered, but the Committee is interested in a property east of the railroad adjacent to Park Place and Flossmoor Park, land which is owned by Canadian National Railroad.

The Veterans Committee is seeking the support of the Village Board. The support includes working with the Canadian National Railroad to secure an easement, providing input on the Committee's design and placement along with the Public Art Commission, and permitting the committee show it is supported by the Village of Flossmoor on their materials. The Committee has full intentions to raise enough money to support future maintenance. Providing feedback on this particular issue is important – will the Village be willing to ultimately assume the maintenance of a Veteran's memorial?

Mayor Nelson stated that it was a privilege to have so many Veterans in the room and introduced Paul Braun, President of the group.

Paul Braun explained that the Veterans' Memorial group is a non-profit whose mission is to commemorate and recognize Flossmoor Veterans and provide education, among other plans. It is not going to be a war memorial – it will be a memorial to recognize all Flossmoor Veterans who have served in the US military. Mr. Braun stated that in 1945, a Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Flossmoor and was removed sometime in the 1950's. Since the 1950s, there has been no recognition for Flossmoor Veterans who served our country.

Architect Mike Matthys stated that the idea started with a group of students who went through a similar site selection process and ideas for a Veterans Memorial for a Lego League Robotics Challenge. The current Committee looked at six sites in Flossmoor before agreeing that the property near Flossmoor Park is the best site. They determined that the site belongs to the railroad. The current site has many trees that they will deal with at some point. Mr. Matthys described the proposed design for the Memorial. They are calling part of the Memorial an Honor Wall, there will be a seat wall, and a plaque. There are going to be bricks that people can purchase to put the names of Veterans on, and will serve as a fundraiser for the Memorial. They have a proposed budget, and determined that the cost will be about \$100,000 which is what the group is trying to raise. As for maintenance, the group will raise money every year to maintain the Memorial and for needed repairs.

Paul Braun stated that on September 12th, there will be a program and fundraiser kick off. The Committee is asking the Village for support, but not finances. CN Railroad is willing to work with the Village on an easement. The Committee is also looking for partnership and promotion of the event. Village Attorney Kathi Orr stated that CN will not convey the property to anyone except the Village. The idea is to enter

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into an easement with CN, and then the Village would license the easement rights to the Memorial Corporation. The Corporation would be responsible for the maintenance. If the Committee dissolves, the upkeep would fall on the Village.

There was further discussion among the Trustees about the proposed Memorial, including the fact that it will be low maintenance. They also discussed the details of the proposed bricks, a proposed plaque for Veterans who died in combat, and overall, the Board supports the project.

Mayor Nelson asked all of the Veterans in attendance at the meeting to stand up and introduce themselves.

Mayor Nelson asked if there was any Other Business.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel noted that the Flossmoor National Night Out and Touch-a-Truck would be on August 3, 2021 from 5 – 8 pm in the Village and IJP parking lots. She also stated that the Village obtained a CMAP grant for a local road safety plan and would be working with Jacobs Engineering on the program. They are doing some community surveying as part of those efforts.

Mayor Nelson stated that Bike the Gem would be on Saturday, August 7th at 10 am, and that the Back-to-School Night/ Movie in the Park will be on August 13th. Also, Flossmoor Fest sponsorships are due August 13th.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #6: 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.

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, Hoag, Lofton, and Mitros.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk