

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON JUNE 20, 2022*

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

JUNE 20, 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; Fire Chief Bob Kopec; Chief of Police Tod Kamleiter; Public Works Director John Brunke; Finance Director Scott Bordui; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 9 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. 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 read a press release regarding the recent passing of former Flossmoor Fire Chief Greg Berk. Chief Berk started his career with the Flossmoor Fire Department in 1967, and in 1978 he was sworn in as the Village's first full-time Fire Chief. Under his leadership and vision, the Fire Department experienced many significant accomplishments. Following his retirement in 2003, Chief Berk served other communities and then returned to Flossmoor to serve as interim Fire Chief for one (1) year starting in April 2020. He participated in various organizations, and worked as an adjunct faculty member of Southern Illinois University. He is survived by his wife and children, including current Assistant Fire Chief Matt Berk. Mayor Nelson expressed condolences to the family.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

Mayor Nelson asked if there were citizens wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

Susan Barrett, the Executive Director of Aid for Women, stated that Aid for Women has been in Flossmoor since early 2019 and they wanted to thank the Village for allowing them to speak about the work that they do. They are located at the intersection of Vollmer Road and Governors Highway in Flossmoor Commons. She stated that the Flossmoor location is one of five (5) pregnancy resource centers, and they run two (2) maternity homes. She stated that they help women who are in difficult to non-planned pregnancies by providing them with free pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, emotional support, and baby items they may need (i.e. diapers, cribs, strollers), and they get them started on pre-natal care. Ms. Barrett stated that Aid for Women is part of the Catholic Church. She also noted that they are open four (4) days per week at the Flossmoor location, and have a 24/7 crisis help-line. She stated that about forty (40) new women come every month, and that they encourage women to come weekly for visits. Ms. Barrett encouraged the Board to review their website where they have a video of women they have helped locally.

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Joanne Crame, the Clinic Director of Aid for Women, stated that they are there to support women in any way that they can. She stated that they have clients return after several years for additional support. She provided business cards with additional information.

Trustee Lofton inquired into their other locations.

Trustee Mitros stated that there is a stark contrast to their neighbor, and God bless them for their work every day.

Trustee Driscoll stated that several years ago there were questions about everyone's' boundaries and that Aid for Women proactively operates in a positive mode, and there are no negative comments coming from people that might be outside their facility. In regard to their charter, Trustee Driscoll stated that he and others sat down with Aid for Women to work out the issues and since then there haven't been any issues. He congratulated them on being great civic residents.

Trustee Mustafa thanked them for coming because she really didn't know and it's very positive to hear what they offer. She asked if they had any clients or referrals from Planned Parenthood.

Ms. Crame answered that they occasionally have clients from Planned Parenthood.

Trustee Mustafa stated that it's good to hear because they provide an even greater service to the community by being able to support the women.

Derrick Robert, a Flossmoor resident, applauded the leadership of Flossmoor for the outstanding last few weeks and their efforts with the 60422 and Juneteenth events. The Juneteenth event was outstanding – well managed and well attended.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were citizens wishing to address the Board on an agenda item.

No citizens wished to address the Board on an agenda item.

No emails were submitted to info@flossmoor.org for presentation to the Board.

Recognitions and Appointments

There were no recognitions or appointments for this meeting.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 1-7):

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on June 6, 2022*
- 2. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (June 20, 2022)*
- 3. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement for the Purchase of a Sculpture, Red Cross Lines by the Village of Flossmoor*
- 4. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Flossmoor Municipal Code Chapter 285, Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Illinois (Minimum Areas for Zoning Districts)*

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- 5. Consideration of an Award of Contract to Strand Associates, Inc. for Water System Improvements Engineering*
- 6. Consideration of the Fire Department Bay Floors Replacement Project*
- 7. Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed \$2,900,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding General Obligation Bonds of Said Village, Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interests on Said Bonds, Authorizing the Execution of Rate Lock Agreements or Other Bank Documents, Bond Purchase Agreements, Including Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreements, and Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith, and Authorizing the Sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof*

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

Mayor Nelson referred to Reports of Committees, Commissions and Boards

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

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #8 – Consideration of an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois (19810-12 Governors Highway). Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois (19810-12 Governors Highway). Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. Mayor Nelson called for a motion to table this item to the next regular Village Board meeting. Trustee Daggett so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Mayor Nelson stated that the Village is waiting for additional documentation.

Mayor Nelson called for a vote on the motion to table this item to the next regular meeting. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #9 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Rezoning, a Plat of Consolidation, Approval of a Preliminary Plan for a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use – 19810-12 Governors Highway (Oasis House of Refuge, LLC). Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Rezoning, a Plat of Consolidation, Approval of a Preliminary Plan for

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a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use – 19810-12 Governors Highway (Oasis House of Refuge, LLC). Trustee Lofton so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Mayor Nelson called for a motion to table this item to the next regular Village Board meeting. Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott.

Mayor Nelson called for a vote on the motion to table this item to the next meeting. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #10 – Adoption of a Strategic Plan (2022-2026). Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Adoption of a Strategic Plan (2022-2026). Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Mayor Nelson thanked the Trustees and Village staff for their participation with the strategic plan process. She stated that it's very important to see where the community's values are currently versus five (5) years ago, and that they're largely the same. She noted that the current Strategic Plan is much improved from the previous version, and appreciates everyone's efforts with it.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that in June 2021, the Village started the update of the Strategic Plan with Forrest Consulting. She stated that there were several facets to create the Plan including a community survey, community input meetings, interviews with elected officials and staff, and two (2) planning sessions. The Plan is a refresh of the 2017 Strategic Plan, and the strategies are very similar to the previous Plan. She noted some of the major concepts cover finances and services, infrastructure and housing, economic development and business retention, inclusivity, and staffing. The Strategic Plan will be shared publicly, and the Village Staff will share updates with the Village Board and community on the progress with the Plan over the next several years.

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

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

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #11 – Presentation of a Local Road Safety Plan by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Jacobs Engineering Group. Mayor Nelson stated that representatives from Jacobs Engineering were present to talk about the Local Road Safety Plan. Public Workers Director John Brunke stated that in June 2020, the Village was awarded a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the development of a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) for Flossmoor. He stated that over the past two (2) years, Village staff have worked with CMAP, Jacobs Engineering, and other neighboring jurisdictions and agencies on the development of the Plan. The Plan

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has reached completion, and Jacobs Engineering and CMAP were present to give a brief presentation of the Plan. Following the Village Board meeting, Staff and the Village Board will have the opportunity to review the draft plan and provide feedback. Director Brunke stated that once the document is reviewed and feedback is received, Staff will bring the plan back to the Village Board at a future meeting for consideration of acceptance and then the document can be used as a planning foundation for future safety improvements in the Village and our transportation networks.

Todd Schmidt, a senior planner at CMAP, thanked Flossmoor staff and the rest of the committee who provided information for the Plan. He stated that with the recent uptick of traffic-related fatalities, CMAP has been partnering with local communities to work on safety plans. He stated that they believe the safety plans provide a foundation for them to reach their 2050 goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities in the CMAP region.

Tommy Myszke from Roberts Engineering stated that a local safety plan is not a permanent commitment to acting in any particular location or to install particular infrastructure improvements. The document is fluid and can be changed. It's listed as a document in the federal highway administration as a proven way to reduce the frequency and severity of vehicle-related crashes. He stated that in addition to Flossmoor, they also did a review of County and State routes. They reviewed issues on all of the jurisdictional routes, and the crash data for Flossmoor in the last five (5) years where five (5) fatalities occurred. Their goal is to reduce that number by coming up with goals to improve the roadway system. He stated that it is a comprehensive, stand-alone document that can be monitored in future years to observe how the traffic safety trends behave, and encourages interaction between the five 'E's': engineers, education, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and equity/ everyone else. Mr. Myszke stated that in looking at the crash analysis there were roughly 1,300 crashes in Flossmoor over five (5) years from 2015-2019, and about 370 of them resulted in some type of injury. He stated that as engineers, they review the data and also do public engagement activities like the survey they did at the National Night Out to find out information that isn't shown by the data. Residents were asked at public engagement activities to pinpoint on a poster board where they experienced a near-miss, which the engineers consider when they're evaluating the roadway system. They also had an on-line survey and interactive map where residents could submit comments. Then the engineers ranked locations and intersections from highest to lowest need. For Flossmoor's efforts, they focused on four (4) emphasis areas: pedestrians and bikes, speeding and aggressive driving behavior, intersections, and younger drivers. Nine (9) intersections were identified, with a focal point in the central business district. They prioritized the intersections by number of crashes and comments. Mr. Myszke stated that in terms of their recommendations, they have policy and behavioral recommendations. He discussed and pointed out some of their proposed countermeasures for specific locations which were also included in their presented materials, and noted that the next steps would be to implement some type of project that might be in the Plan and monitor the impact (i.e. decrease in traffic-related incidents).

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that Village staff would be reviewing the Plan over the next few weeks and then would return in front of the Village Board with the Plan for adoption in July.

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Trustee Lofton inquired whether questionable/ dark lighting came up as an issue in specific locations in Flossmoor.

Mr. Myszke stated that there were comments about a lack of sufficient lighting in certain areas, particularly at major intersections in the Village.

Discussion ensued regarding some specific intersections in the Village.

Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about having a successful outreach campaign for residents to update them on traffic regulations.

Mr. Myszke answered that one example is handing parents a pamphlet at school pickup and drop offs about yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists. He stated that notifications about new laws or encouraging people to change their behavior could be an outreach strategy.

Trustee Daggett inquired about whether specific school crossings were prioritized in the Plan.

Mr. Myszke answered that there is a section in the Plan called Safe Routes to School which is a program that encourages increasing pedestrian and bicyclist facilities, the implementation of which encourages children to be more active and ride their bikes to/from school. He stated that kids riding or walking in groups are more recognized by drivers.

Trustee Mitros stated that the number one traffic issue he sees is mail and delivery drivers who park in front of places and block one lane of traffic which will lead to someone getting hit.

Village Attorney Kathi Orr noted that it was surprising that the Vollmer & Western Ave. intersection was identified as one of the worst problem areas because that intersection was totally realigned years ago. She noted that it's a state and county intersection, and the Village is unlikely to receive assistance to make improvements to it.

Mr. Myszke stated that local road safety plans encourage interagency interaction. A representative from Cook County's Department of Transportation was on their steering committee, as well as several other members from different disciplines. Also, the County is moving forward with improvements on Vollmer.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the County is undergoing a major study on Kedzie from Vollmer to around 159th street.

Mayor Nelson asked if the 1,300 crashes in Flossmoor in a five-year period was above/ below average. She also inquired about their suggestion of targeted enforcement in school zones and how often that should be done. Mayor Nelson inquired about temporary traffic calming devices for wider roads that are 'straight shots' like Heather Hill Crescent and Central Park.

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Mr. Myszke stated that the Village isn't performing better or worse than its peers in regard to the crash statistics. They can also look at the crash rate in regard to the volume of traffic on a road, which can be used to compare location (a) and location (b). He stated that in regard the targeted enforcement at school zones, it would depend on the amount of funds awarded. One thing they've worked on with other agencies is the establishment of officers in an area so that daily users expect the officers to be there and then relocate the officers to other areas. He stated that in regard to the traffic calming devices, he suggested speed humps for specific spots throughout the Village. For example, the Village could install a speed hump in a school zone area with a streetlight and high visibility taping to highlight it.

Trustee Mitros noted that speed humps aren't visible, and Trustee Bradley-Scott noted that the Village doesn't have street lights.

Trustee Mitros inquired about stop signs and whether they are effective as a way of controlling speeding.

Mr. Myszke answered that he wasn't sure if he's reviewed data that reflects that information.

Mayor Nelson asked about adding a bike line on Sterling Avenue since it's going to be redone/ restriped soon.

Public Works Director Brunke stated that it's something that can be looked at after the resurfacing is done.

Village Manager Wachtel stated when the Village is looking at possible improvements, they will also take into consideration the liability of making those improvements and creating intended users of the roadway where they weren't before, like bicyclists.

The Board thanks Jacobs Engineering, CMAP and Staff for the presentation and discussion.

Mayor Nelson asked if there was any Other Business.

Trustee Mustafa thanked Jonathan, Scott, and Amy for their efforts with getting the FAQs together for Village Codes.

Trustee Daggett stated that he is impressed by Director Brunke and the Public Works Department because when a request from Village residents come in, they handle the request very quickly.

Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo stated that Flossmoor Veterans Memorial Inc is holding a fundraiser on July 31st. It will be a walking tour of the Richard Haas murals in Homewood led by Kristine Condon who wrote a book about the Richard Haas murals.

Director Brunke stated that there is a Local 150 Union strike which is affecting local quarries. It's affecting a lot of construction projects in our region including Flossmoor's Berry Lane project. They can't get stone for the project so they can't install storm sewer pipe in the ground. If the strike goes on much longer, it will affect the street rehabilitation program.

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Mayor Nelson stated that she, Village Clerk LoGalbo, and Village Manager Wachtel attended the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Gala. Mayor Nelson will serve on the SSMMMA Executive Committee as an at large Cook County representative.

Mayor Nelson congratulated staff and You Matter, Too on a successful Juneteenth event, and that over 4,000 people attended the event.

Mayor Nelson noted that there is a golden barricade that Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright is creating for block parties scheduled by July 15, 2022. Mayor Nelson also stated that the primary election would be held June 28th, and that early voting was underway.

Mayor Nelson stated that Lighthouse events were being held this upcoming weekend with a party at Flossmoor Community Church's parking lot on Friday, and on Saturday there would be a takeover at Flossmoor Station benefitting the Lighthouse LGBTQ scholarship fund. She added that on July 4th is the parade, and that on July 5th the Wall that Heals would be passing through Flossmoor on Western Avenue on their route to Marian Catholic High School. On July 9th, Battle of the Chefs will occur at Dunning's Market where the proceeds will benefit an autism care center.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #12 – 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 Driscoll 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 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk