

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON JUNE 17, 2024*

VILLAGE HALL

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7:30 PM

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

Village Clerk 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; Assistant Fire Chief Matt Berk; Acting Chief of Police Keith Taylor; Commander Tim Filkins; Director of Public Works John Brunke; Finance Director Ann Novoa; Community Engagement Manager Stephanie Wright; Assistant to the Village Manager/Communications Manager Nicole Castagna; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; 92 community members, media, and others.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order. She wished all of the fathers and father-figures in the audience a happy belated Father's Day. She stated that she was looking forward to celebrating with her dad, who would be visiting for Flossmoor's 100-year celebration later in the week. Mayor Nelson noted that she was wearing a special t-shirt in celebration of Flossmoor's 100-year celebration, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, on Thursday evening, and that the t-shirts were being sold for \$15.00 with part of the proceeds going to Flossmoor's gorgeous art collection. Mayor Nelson reminded everyone that the Village Board meeting was being streamed via Zoom for the convenience of those unable to attend the meeting in person. She noted that public comment on agenda and non-agenda items would be welcome after some recognitions. Public commenters who signed up to speak would be called from the list they signed in on. Mayor Nelson asked that speakers observe the Village's public comment policy of introducing themselves, acting with decorum, addressing their comments to the public body at large and not directly to a member of staff, and limiting their comments to five minutes per person for a maximum of thirty minutes of public comment time.

Recognitions and Appointments:

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #1 – A Proclamation Declaring the Date of June 19, 2024 as "Juneteenth." Mayor Nelson welcomed Destiny Watson, the founder and CEO of You Matter 2, and Jetoun Brown, parade coordinator and assistant. Mayor Nelson noted that there was a celebration for Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15th, which was the fourth annual event. Watson founded You Matter 2 ten years ago (while obtaining her BA and MA), where she has mentored youth through education, volunteerism, and community building. Mayor Nelson stated that the Village was thankful for her work with children throughout the region. Mayor Nelson noted that the Juneteenth event continues to get better and better, and she thanked Watson for the amazing celebration of diversity, Black culture and excellence.

Mayor Nelson noted that Brown was organizing the Juneteenth parade that would be starting at 8:45 am on June 19th on Flossmoor Road and invited everyone to attend, where there would be entertainers, dancers, beauty queens, and great music.

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Mayor Nelson read A Proclamation Declaring the Date of June 19, 2024, as “Juneteenth.”

Watson thanked everyone who has supported You Matter 2 over the past ten years and the Juneteenth festival for the last four years.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #2 – EMS Life Saving Recognition and Commendations.

Mayor Nelson introduced Fire Chief Bob Kopec for a special recognition for a successful EMS response.

Fire Chief Bob Kopec explained that after reading about the event and speaking with the individuals involved in the call, it was an amazing blessing that the moment with everyone present was possible, that they could recognize what teamwork and community truly is, and what the first responders and the citizens they work with truly do for the community. Chief Kopec explained that the Police and Fire Departments respond to various emergency incidents annually and that some incidents push their personnel, residents, and guests beyond what some would suggest is routine. Those incidents require special recognition for exhibiting professional skills and conduct during a coordinated action with personal risk. Chief Kopec explained that the incident that required the special recognition occurred on May 20, 2024, and he described what transpired:

On that afternoon, around 2:15 pm, both Flossmoor Police and Fire responded to an unresponsive male patient on the tennis courts located at Brassie Ave and Vardon Pl. in cardiac arrest. Upon realization that their partner was in cardiac arrest, Justin S. Winston (an Evanston Police Officer) alerted Darryl Lewis and Johnny Wilbon to initiate CPR. Winston then grabbed his cell phone and alerted 911 (ECOM Dispatch) of the emergency, where ECOM TCO Sherry Wright provided Winston with prearrival instructions to assist in the patient's initial care, which allowed Winston to take over compressions until the arrival of the EMS. Also, within a minute, TCO Brian Tobin was making notification to the Fire Department's EMS to initiate their emergency response. By working simultaneously, TCOs Wright and Tobin rapidly initiated the 911 response. While Fire/EMS and Police units responded, ECOM was able to continue to gain vital information and continue providing pre-arrival medical assistance to the gentlemen. Upon arrival of the Fire and Police units, Firefighter Kelly Thacker took over CPR from a bystander while Firefighter Billy Thacker grabbed the cardiac monitor. Engine 19 arrived with Lt. Hutton, Firefighter LaFond, Firefighter Villarreal, and Captain Camilli, who grabbed the cot and Autopulse. The Autopulse was immediately applied to the patient, and crews delivered one cardiac defibrillation while the patient was still on the tennis court. Additional responding units included Officer Salisbury, Officer Reynolds, and Officer Bausch, who rapidly secured the scene with its proximity to the elementary school with children outside, gathered patient information and assisted with moving EMS equipment. ALS care continued throughout the call, with the outcome that the patient was semi-conscious, breathing independently, and had a strong pulse upon transfer of care to the Emergency Department of Franciscan Olympia Fields Hospital. The emergency department doctor came out to the ambulance to shake the hands of the crew and thank them for the exceptional EMS response. The impact of the unstinting and noble actions of the three individuals, including off-duty Evanston Police Officer Justin S. Winston, Darryl Lewis, and Johnny Wilbon, during the incident where they were playing tennis with the patient, was undoubtedly monumental. Their quick thinking and courageous intervention prevented a potential tragedy and directly contributed to

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saving the patient's life. Their selfless actions serve as a powerful example of how individual bravery and a willingness to act in times of crisis can have a lifesaving impact. Chief Kopec explained that the incident underscored the importance of community members, regardless of their profession, stepping up to help in emergencies and showcasing the positive impact that acts of kindness and heroism can have on individuals in dire situations. The collective efforts of these individuals demonstrate the profound difference that selfless and courageous actions can make in ensuring the safety and well-being of others.

Chief Kopec explained that awarding the EMS Life Saving Commendation Award shows outstanding recognition and acknowledgment of the exceptional skills and lifesaving efforts displayed by the individuals involved in the incident on May 20, 2024. Presenting the EMS Life Saving Commendation Award is a meaningful way to honor those who went above and beyond in performing lifesaving measures that directly led to a successful outcome for the patient. Chief Kopec noted that the collaboration and coordination among the three bystanders, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the ECOM dispatchers, as well as the contributions of all individuals involved, exemplified a strong sense of dedication and professionalism towards ensuring the community's well-being. The award recognized their outstanding efforts and highlighted the importance of preparedness, quick response, and effective teamwork in emergencies. It serves as a symbol of gratitude and appreciation for the lifesaving actions carried out by these commendable individuals. Chief Kopec stated that the Flossmoor Fire Department was honored to present Justin Winston, Darryl Lewis, and Johnny Wilbon with the Civilian Life Saving commendation for their composed and swift actions during a critical emergency. Winston's prompt initiation of early interventions, supported by the lifesaving CPR performed by Lewis and Wilbon, and effective communication with 911 dispatchers, facilitated a seamless transition for Flossmoor's first responders. These individuals' collaborative efforts and composure were instrumental in ensuring a successful outcome and highlighted their exceptional commitment to emergency response and community safety. The Flossmoor Fire Department proudly acknowledged their first responders with an EMS Life Saving commendation for their exemplary performance in a critical medical emergency. Collaborating effectively with bystanders, the first responders facilitated a smooth handover process, enabling them to swiftly gather crucial information and deliver high-quality EMS care. The professionalism and dedication exhibited by Flossmoor's emergency responders underscored their unwavering commitment to serving the community. Prompt on-scene treatment and rapid transportation to the hospital initiated a chain of care that culminated in a successful outcome for the patient. The awarded first responders were recognized for their exceptional efforts in preserving life and upholding the highest standards of emergency medical services.

Mayor Nelson read the award recognition and presented Darryl Lewis with the Civilian Life Saving commendation.

Chief Kopec explained that Johnny Wilbon and Officer Justin Winston would receive a commendation and Medal of Lifesaving and a token of appreciation from the Flossmoor Fire Department and the Village of Flossmoor for the outstanding lifesaving achievement. Chief Kopec acknowledged Chief Stewart from the Evanston Police Department, who was in attendance in support of Officer Winston.

Chief Kopec introduced Flossmoor Police Officers Eddie Sailsbery, Hank Bausch, and Charea Reynolds.

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Mayor Nelson read the award recognition and presented Police Officers Eddie Sailsbery, Hank Bausch, and Charea Reynolds the EMS Life Saving Commendation.

Chief Kopec explained that first responders truly learn to appreciate the 911 operators/ TCOs who are the unsung heroes of what they do. He introduced TCO Sherry Wright to receive the EMS Life Saving Commendation.

Mayor Nelson read the award recognition and presented TCO Sherry Wright with the EMS Life Saving Commendation.

Chief Kopec introduced Flossmoor Fire Department staff Captain Camilli, Lieutenant Ed Hutton, Firefighter/Paramedic Billy Thacker, Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Thacker, Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle LaFond, and Firefighter/EMT Manuel Villarreal.

Mayor Nelson noted how they are incredible professionals, thanked the Fire Department staff for their work and presented Captain Camilli, Lieutenant Ed Hutton, Firefighter/Paramedic Billy Thacker, Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Thacker, Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle LaFond, and Firefighter/EMT Manuel Villarreal with the EMS Life Saving Commendation.

Chief Kopec stated that they invited the patient, Peter Mullings, to the Village Board meeting,

Peter Mullings thanked everyone who helped him and stated that he realized what a gift it was. He noted that it was very humbling, and he thanked God for his grace and mercy. Mullings stated that as a former law enforcement person he understood how the first responders work could go unrecognized, and he was thankful that they were recognized for their professionalism.

No vote was required.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board on an Agenda Item & Non-Agenda Item

(It should be noted that in reporting these comments, the Village has not researched the accuracy of any comments.):

Flossmoor resident Andrea Perry's comments, in summary, were regarding her being a thirty-seven-year resident of Flossmoor and that she was in pursuit of the truth regarding the termination of former Police Chief Jones. She provided excerpts from the Village of Flossmoor's Village Manager Bridget Wachtel and Mayor Nelson's federal district court response to Jerel Jones' lawsuit, including that Wachtel identified deficiencies in Jones' preparation and management of Flossmoor Fest, that multiple lapses reflected poorly on Jones and put the Village in a bad light, that the 2023 Flossmoor Fest was beset by public safety problems including having to shut down early due to a teen takeover. Perry defined teen takeovers and stated that, given those excerpts, she requested answers to her questions: What actually happened at

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Flossmoor Fest? Did a teen takeover, as described in the court documents, actually take place? What were the actual and specific safety and security problems at Flossmoor Fest? What ways did they put the public at risk? How did the outcome of 2023 Flossmoor Fest differ from previous Flossmoor Fests? Should the actual operation and managerial problems experienced at Flossmoor Fest be solely assigned to Jerel Jones since he wasn't the only one responsible for determining the game plan on how Flossmoor Fest should be run and considering act of God events? Did the 2023 Flossmoor Fest actually put a bad light on Flossmoor? Perry discussed her internet search results of 'teen takeovers' that did not include Flossmoor, but she found a YouTube video about two young people being kicked out of the 2023 Flossmoor Fest due to an alleged fight between them. She also found a HF Chronicle article entitled, "Cozy Flossmoor Fest Brings Community Together," which included two quotes from Village officials. She attributed one to Fire Chief Bob Kopec regarding the security of Flossmoor Fest, and one from Mayor Nelson about how Flossmoor Fest went.

Flossmoor resident Warren Engelberg's comments, in summary, were regarding Flossmoor looking to add more restaurants to Flossmoor, Starbucks as a leader of restaurants and its declining customer base, how restaurants, in general, were not doing well in the current economy given the US government's decreased financial assistance to citizens, the growing inequality of wealth in the country, people wanting to protest peacefully and its connection to the economic future, and how the US government does not welcome peaceful protest.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 3-7:

3. *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on June 3, 2024*
4. *Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (June 17, 2024)*
5. *Consideration of an Award of Contract for the FY25 MFT Street Resurfacing Program*
6. *Consideration of a Contract Award for the FY25 Pavement Crack Filling Program*
7. *Consideration of a Contract Award to Advance Sweep Services Inc. for the FY25 Street Sweeping Contract*

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll.

Trustee Bradley-Scott requested that items #4 and #5 be pulled off of the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve items #3, #6 and #7 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton.

Mayor Nelson called for a vote on Consent Agenda items #3, #6 and #7. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #4 – Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (June 17, 2024). Mayor Nelson called for a motion to Approve the Bills for Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (June 17, 2024). Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett.

Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about the Baxter & Woodman logged hours for services, given that on the bills there is an indication about banked hours of remaining time for contractual services, the request for increased hours at the Heather Hill basin project, when the date of the bills for time in the past and how many hours are being carried over to the projected hours for the Village's projects.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel answered that the Village is not currently over budget with the Heather Hill project even though there was a delay in the decision-making and additional discussions, and that staff believes that the hours could be absorbed in the contract itself.

Public Works Director John Brunke answered that the Village is about halfway through the contract for design engineering for all of the rest of the phases with Baxter & Woodman, and that extra time was figured into the contract for their efforts. Brunke explained that the Village has not asked them to add hours and have not asked them to amend the contract.

Wachtel also noted that the bills for construction observation have not come through the Village yet.

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 #5 – Consideration of an Award of Contract for the FY25 MFT Street Resurfacing Program. Mayor Nelson called for a motion to Award a Contract for the FY25 MFT Street Resurfacing Program to Gallagher Asphalt as proposed. Trustee Lofton so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott.

Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired regarding the sidewalk replacement program and how it was not part of the repair bid and program for the current year, and since they came in under bid and Brunke's proposal indicated that some sidewalk could be completed, she inquired where the sidewalk repair would come in.

Public Works Director John Brunke answered that due to the cost of concrete and sidewalk replacement being so expensive, they took the sidewalks out of the resurfacing project so they could get more street work done in the Village. If they were to get the sidewalks done along with the street repair work with the \$500,00.00 contract, they would only be able to get about three streets done. Brunke explained that since the bid for the contract at issue came in about \$20,000.00 under the budget number, staff are hoping to add some sidewalk work on Oakmont or another one of the streets being worked on and then the Village will continue to do sidewalk work done through the Village's own sidewalk repair program.

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Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about whether the funds need to be reallocated with a bid, and how the Village will know which streets and sidewalks need to be replaced since the sidewalks will not be replaced when the streets are repaired.

Brunke answered that staff were asking the Board to approve the award of the contract for \$471,000.00 and then authorize the Village Manager to approve expenditures up to \$500,000.00. Then, they will mark out the sidewalk work to get up to the \$500,000.00. Brunke stated that in regard to keeping track of needed work, staff will use the GIS program to track the sidewalk work that needs to be done in the Village, which is about the same amount as needed street repairs. He also explained that as far as street repairs go about half the cost of the projects is for sidewalk work.

Trustee Daggett inquired about whether the sidewalk repair work is done in house and whether the Village does any spot repair work.

Brunke answered the majority of the sidewalk repair work is done by an outside contractor and that Village staff do sidewalk repair work on a smaller scale since they cannot do it as efficiently as a concrete contractor.

Trustee Lofton inquired about the driving force behind the rising costs of sidewalk repairs.

Brunke explained that the costs of concrete and cement have escalated in the last two years, including the cement and concrete purchased in house by the Village the cost has increased. The Village pays about \$15.00 per square foot for sidewalk repair work where four years ago it was about \$7.00.

Trustee Mustafa inquired about an update on previous discussions regarding a resident program to share the cost of sidewalk repairs and whether there are aspects of a shared cost program that would make it difficult to implement. Trustee Mustafa inquired about when next budget discussions start.

Brunke answered that staff haven't gone any further with developing a shared cost program, but that it was something that could still be discussed. Brunke stated that the Village could not use MFT funds for any cost sharing through a state contract, but that a shared cost program could be implemented with the Village's sidewalk repair program after discussions regarding implementation.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel answered that Village staff would be starting to internally discuss some of the larger budgetary discussions that came out of the last budget cycle, including what discussions to bring back to the Board to facilitate financial planning moving forward. Wachtel noted that the Village is due for a five-year analysis this year as well, which will be reviewed in the fall. Wachtel also noted that the Village had not had a share-the-cost sidewalk program in many years and before Wachtel and Brunke worked for the Village. But there had been a share-the-cost tree program, and one of the issues with the program was an equity issue. Since the Village saw dwindling participation towards the end of the program, Village staff decided it was better to use the Village's resources and grants to add to the Village's canopy. Wachtel stated that in regard to a sidewalk program, the Village could still have a successful program, but given the previous experience with the other shared cost program, liability issues where the Village would

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need to step in and fix the issue versus just addressing cosmetic issues, it would be trickier to craft. She noted that some municipalities have successfully done it, and that if the Board was interested in further discussion about it then Village staff could work on it.

Trustee Mustafa thanked Wachtel and Brunke for their answers and stated that there would be multiple considerations with a share-the-cost program. Trustee Mustafa also inquired how Village staff keep track of needed street and sidewalk repairs.

Brunke answered that Public Works uses call logs from residents, complaints, and their own observations. He noted that there was not a comprehensive inventory at present and that they would be using the GIS program to keep track of the needed repair work.

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

Reports of Committees, Commissions and Boards:

Mayor Nelson announced that the Art Commission silent auction fundraiser would start on June 20, 2024, and that she built and painted her favorite Flossmoor scene on the Adirondack chair that was on display in Village Hall. She encouraged residents to check out the offerings on the Village's website and bid on the items in the silent auction.

Mayor Nelson announced that the Green Commission would be doing a litter cleanup on the evening of June 18th at 7:00 pm in advance of the Juneteenth Parade along the parade route from Village Hall to the baseball fields.

Mayor Nelson thanked the Community Relations Commission for their support at the Juneteenth Festival, where they volunteered at the Village's table all day long. She also thanked members of the Flossmoor Police Department for their support during the Juneteenth Festival.

Action Items:

None.

Discussion Items:

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #8 – Presentation on the Village's GIS Program.

Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue and Public Works Director John Brunke, along with Elaine Kerr from MGP, the service provider for the GIS Consortium, gave a presentation on the Village's use of the GIS Program.

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Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue explained how the Village had announced in the e-newsletter and the Village's website that residents could interact with the Village's GIS Program for the last couple of weeks. Their presentation reviewed the community portal, infrastructure, and internal work that the Village is doing with GIS. Bogue explained that the Village Board entered into an agreement with the GIS Consortium and the vendor MGP in September of 2023 and since then, the Village has been working on integrating the GIS systems, onboarding, training staff, and getting GIS rolled out as efficiently as possible, which included working with other communities that are a part of the group and entering a lot of data.

Elaine Kerr, Account Manager with Municipal GIS Partners (MGP), explained that MGP is the GIS service provider to the GIS Consortium, which is a collaborative group of forty-three communities, including Flossmoor, across the Chicagoland area that partnered together to support shared services and shared staff for GIS programs. Kerr discussed the importance of onboarding the GIS program, uploading Flossmoor's data into the system, and MGP partnering with Village staff on this work. She discussed the different types of data that is uploaded into the GIS Program, and that MGP works with staff to ensure that the data uploaded is high quality.

Bogue explained that part of the data that has been brought into the GIS Program includes obvious data sets and that a lot of the data is paper-based. He highlighted some of the features of the GIS Program on the Village's website that residents can access, including the community map viewer and the community portal. Bogue explained some of the features of the map viewer, including zoning, school districts and house numbers. He noted that on the staff side of the GIS Program, staff are able to see the owner's information which can be useful when working on different projects. In the community portal open to all residents, there are property summaries for each property including government representatives and their contact information, and property tax information that is pulled from Cook County's website.

Public Works Director John Brunke discussed the staff portion of the GIS Program and what staff with credentials can see. They can obtain more information about a property versus what the public sees, including the Village's utilities. Brunke discussed what information and services were already uploaded and what was planned to be added to the GIS Program. He noted that the information can be updated in the GIS Program once they have additional information, such as tightening up the exact locations of the street utilities. Brunke explained how Public Works used paper maps to work off of and how they had to print new paper maps every time a line was replaced and now with the GIS Program, they can use their phones and tablets to access information in real time.

Bogue noted that as more staff are trained on the GIS program, it will become even more valuable, and MGP conducts regular trainings with staff as part of their services. Bogue described a couple of projects that the Village has been working on with the GIS Program, including Fire Department drive time analysis and response times with neighboring communities and highlighting Flossmoor's 100-Year-Old Homes. The Village also plans to use the tool to finish the historic homes project and other projects, such as the new resident guide.

Kerr discussed how a major benefit of the GIS Consortium is the sharing of projects and solutions between the member communities of the GIS Consortium.

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Trustee Daggett inquired whether homeowners could claim their property on the GIS system and get more in-depth information from the program, how involved staff are with the sharing of information once there is a solution in place, whether the tree inventory is included in the GIS Program, whether there will be flooding information in the GIS Program, whether they could upload historical flooding information into the program, whether they could find the oldest property in Flossmoor in the program, whether new permitting information is going into the GIS Program digitally, whether there was an estimate for when the information from the various departments will be uploaded, and which system needed to be completed first. Trustee Daggett noted that the GIS project will be very beneficial for the Village, including the shared aspect of it where they could see what other municipalities are doing.

Kerr answered that there was not a solution exactly like that currently and that information currently shared on the GIS Program is from the Cook County website. There is also an option that she's seen with regard to historic information on properties that can pulled from other databases and where there is information about outstanding fees and historical permits that staff could deliver. Kerr explained that ideally, when they are using other data, they are looking for direct connections to the information to minimize staff involvement.

Brunke answered that the Village's tree inventory will be located in the GIS Program. He also explained that localized flooding issues is not planned to be uploaded into the GIS Program, but they could probably add that information. Brunke added that FEMA floodplain information is in the GIS Program already.

Mayor Nelson answered that the oldest property in Flossmoor is the Wagner building.

Bogue discussed how the Board agreed to move forward with the Laserfiche project and said that the digitization project would allow for the information contained on paper to be linked with our online public portals.. He answered that new information like permits was not being digitally uploaded yet. Bogue explained that the Laserfiche project to scan historical files and upload them was a separate project from the GIS Program but that the systems would all be able to talk to each other. Bogue discussed why he thinks it is best to move all the related projects forward at the same time instead of doing one at a time. He said that the Village did start with internal infrastructure that needed to be done first, including servers, systems for IT, and fiber cables for internet coming into the Village.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel noted that the beauty of MGP and the consortium model is that every year, the contracts are re-assessed to see what staffing is needed, whether it is more or less data entry or planning, MGP staff are an extension of the Village's staff and will adjust to what's needed. Wachtel added that the GIS Consortium has been around for over twenty years, and Flossmoor is the third community she has worked in that is a member. She noted that the work never stops and that the GIS Program is a part of the Village's internal and external systems to support the Village's operations.

Trustee Driscoll stated that it was an excellent and informative presentation, a fantastic project, and that he was excited for the residents.

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Trustee Lofton noted the great presentation and that he was looking forward to seeing the GIS Program evolves.

Trustee Mitros inquired whether there were any neighbor communities that were members of the GIS Consortium because he thought it would be beneficial to Flossmoor if they joined. He noted how the City of Chicago has the ability to pull up detailed information about properties. Trustee Mitros inquired whether the GIS Program data would include other data, such as data from the Fire Department and Opticon data.

Bogue answered that none of Flossmoor's neighboring communities are currently members of the GIS Consortium, but some of them are interested in joining.

Brunke answered that the data is not currently in the GIS Program.

Trustee Mustafa stated that it was a very exciting project. She inquired about whether the server was cloud-based or a physical server, who was responsible for the server where the GIS data was housed, what the validation process was for the data entry and who was responsible for it, and what kind of entries were being used for the data. Trustee Mustafa noted that everyone is going to rely on the GIS Program data to be accurate, and she inquired about the process of updating the data that needs to be adjusted. Trustee Mustafa also inquired whether there would be a process for Village Departments to determine cost-benefit effectiveness, like what time is being saved, what additional work can be done because of the GIS Program, and what the true gain of having the GIS system. She noted her past work with pre-determined time standards and suggested that Village staff consider how they used to do certain work pre-GIS Program compared to post-GIS Program so they can quantify the changes.

Bogue answered that the server used for the GIS Program is cloud-based. Bogue noted that MGP is working on a Sharepoint project for large files.

Kerr explained that the GIS Consortium was responsible for where the data is hosted and that when it comes to data entry, there are many different points where data is entered into the GIS system, including the onsite GIS analyst. There is also a loss of data quality check and an extensive data quality review. Kerr explained that when it comes to Village staff entering data, the MGP team reviews the information and then it is reviewed through the data quality checks. Kerr noted that data was being entered into the GIS Program through a data entry process.

Bogue explained that the beauty of the GIS Program is that when an issue is noted or updated by staff when they are out in the field, the data can be adjusted, including by the MGP team.

Brunke added that updating the utilities information was an ongoing process. For instance, MGP flagged locations in the GIS Program that Brunke and staff need to check out and verify.

Bogue stated that there was probably a way for the Village to determine the metrics and effectiveness of having the GIS Program. Bogue noted that having a more accurate map and with all maps in one place is going to save time. Bogue also noted that the GIS Program is like a living document where many people

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can be looking at the same information from different locations (like a water emergency where staff are in different locations). He agreed with Trustee Mustafa that it made sense for Village staff to start taking note of how their work has changed since the implementation of the GIS Program.

Trustee Bradley-Scott thanked the parties for their presentation and noted that the rollout of the program was exciting after having talked about it for many years. She noted the recent water pressure issue in the Village and asked how it would be connected to the GIS Program, including notification to residents, and whether it was something Brunke could have addressed from the phone. She also inquired about the integration of information from the properties submitted for the Village's flooding program with the GIS Program. Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about working with other communities per the presentation. When it's time to go through the RFP process and get bids, will the Village be able to share information through the GIS Consortium and partner with communities?

Brunke answered that the GIS Program would not play a part in an incident such as the one noted and that the incident involved the main pumping station. If the SCADA system was more up-to-date in the GIS Program, they may have been able to address the issue faster. Brunke noted that the Village would have information from the properties that applied for the flooding program uploaded into the GIS Program and an outward-facing map on the community portal side. Brunke also wants the PASER information and ongoing projects added to the public side of the GIS Program each year. He also plans to upload the information on the residential drainage program to the GIS Program.

Kerr answered that the GIS Consortium's goal this year is to rollout a new Sharepoint site that will allow the primary points of contact to communicate more directly and efficiently with their counterparts in other communities and have opportunities to collaborate.

Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about the shared emergency system, given that Flossmoor is the only community in the E-Com system using the GIS Consortium, and how the Village can benefit. She also inquired about the Ring system and whether there is an option for community members to upload their videos in relation to crime fighting and whether the Village could look into it.

Bogue answered that the village can benefit by sharing information with dispatch on information that the village obtains, as well as other internal benefits like drive time data.

Kerr noted that some GIS Consortium communities offer a community survey for residents to let public safety know that they have a camera in their home or business, so when there is an incident, Public Safety can use GIS to see what cameras are in the vicinity and/ or path of the incident that they are looking into.

Bogue noted that if Public Safety was interested in obtaining the Ring camera information, the Village could send out a survey to residents. Bogue stated that the Ring subscription model has had some court challenges with regard to police knowing the information about cameras and their access to same.

Trustee Bradley-Scott also inquired about the 100-year-homes being listed on the GIS Program and whether there are any security issues that may arise with the house numbers and other information being

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placed online, and inquired whether a required log-in for users may be needed. She noted that on the Cook County website, there is not a search for 100-year homes and the Village is providing that information to the public. She noted that new homeowners may not know about the previous owner's participation in the project, the house may receive attention from people who know the information, and she asked about whether the Village should be thinking about the security aspect of it and if new residents should be informed/ asked about whether they wanted to participate.

Bogue answered that the information being posted on the GIS Program is all public information that can be found on Cook County's website. Externally, homeowner's names are not listed, but they are listed on the Village's internal side. Bogue noted that with the 100-year project, the homes were self-identified by the residents, and they volunteered to participate in the project, and he is not sure if the 100-year-old information would be considered sensitive information. Bogue added that if a resident wanted their home removed from being advertised as a 100-year home, the Village would remove the property from the list. Bogue noted that there can be discussion about whether to keep the 100-year project on the Village's website after the Village's centennial.

Wachtel noted that the GIS Program data is still subject to the rules of FOIA. Even though internally the Village staff will have access to the water and sewer distribution lines, no member of the public would be able to obtain certain information that would breach the Village's safety and security.

Other Business:

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #9 – 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.

Trustee Mustafa requested elaboration about the PTO and School District's input regarding the choice of a six-foot fence for the Heather Hill detention basin. Trustee Mustafa inquired about whether any residents have contacted the Village since the last Board meeting about the decision to go with the six-foot fence. Trustee Mustafa thanked Village staff for the list of grants and a summary of expenses for the detention basin, and that she envisioned an additional column to add updates.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel answered that the Village solicited the PTO's input about the choice of the fence surrounding the Heather Hill detention basin, but the PTO elected not to provide input. The Village solicited input from the school district, and Dr. Smith responded that the school district felt that the six-foot fence was appropriate. Wachtel requested the School District's reasoning behind their decision, and she included correspondence from them in the manager's report about it. Wachtel answered that the Village had not received any additional feedback about the fence height since the last Board meeting.

Trustee Daggett noted that he was late to the Village Board meeting because the softball team of amazing girls that he coached was playing a playoff game and won their game. Trustee Daggett also noted that on Thursday there would be baseball games for the Village's Centennial celebration, and that many of the

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softball players would be participating. He noted that attending a baseball game in Flossmoor was a great thing to do and encouraged people to check them out.

Trustee Driscoll stated that he was looking forward to the Village's Centennial celebration on Thursday.

Trustee Lofton applauded the Village's first responders on their life-saving efforts, and that it was fantastic that the gentleman they saved were present at the Board meeting.

Trustee Mitros announced that the Mayor and Village Board were sponsoring the band at the birthday celebration for the Village of Flossmoor on Friday at Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery and that everyone was invited.

Mayor Nelson announced that in addition to baseball games at the Village's Centennial celebration, there would be food trucks, classic cars from the decades, activities for the kids, singing of Happy Birthday, cupcakes, and a drone show at dusk.

Mayor Nelson announced that the Village received an IEPA grant for over \$100,000.00 for Dartmouth Bridge stabilization work at Butterfield Creek. The Village is currently being considered for another large grant to help fund the bridge replacement because there are a lot of repairs that constantly need to be done to it, so it is not a safety issue. Mayor Nelson thanked Public Works Director John Brunke, Village Manager Bridget Wachtel, and other staff for their work on the grant applications.

Mayor Nelson stated that she looked forward to seeing residents at the cleaning of the parade route, the parade on Wednesday, and the birthday celebrations on Thursday and Friday.

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 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Village Clerk