

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON JUNE 7, 2021*

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

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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; Police Chief Tod Kamleiter; Deputy Police Chief Clint Wagner; Fire Chief Bob Kopec; Public Works Director John Brunke; Assistant Public Works Director Dan Milovanovic; David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician; Assistant Finance Director Jan Gawczynski; Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator; Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 45 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 for non-agenda items, and for agenda items, citizens can make comments during the discussion portion of that item when called upon.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 17, 2021

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021. Trustee Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll and passed by a voice vote.

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

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

A resident noted that she was concerned about the amount of litter near 198th Street and streets near Meijer, and asked if there was anything that could be done about it.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Village works with Meijer to address litter issues, and that Meijer is cooperative about addressing the issue. Bridget Wachtel stated that the Flossmoor Public Works Department also cleans up litter in the area near 198th Street and other streets in Flossmoor. Bridget Wachtel stated that they would check on the status of the area and address as needed.

Mayor Nelson asked Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson if there were any public comments via email; Allison Matson stated that there were some, and that they were all related to agenda items. Allison Matson also noted that the Zoom call would be audio-only due to technical difficulties.

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #1 – Recognition of Fire Department Employees.

Fire Chief Bob Kopec read and presented four (4) Unit Citation recognition awards for the efforts of Flossmoor Fire Department employees for their efforts regarding the following emergency incidents: July 31, 2020 Baby Delivery (twin girls); January 1, 2021 Structure Fire (3311 Oak St. Hazel Crest); February 24, 2021 Structure Fire (3412 Hickory Ln. Hazel Crest); April 16, 2021 Baby Delivery (twin girls). No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #2 – Consideration of Appointments to the Community Relations Commission.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the appointments of Stephen Ramsey and Molly Deugaw to the Community Relations Commission. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. Mayor Nelson noted that Stephen Ramsey is a six (6) year resident, Cook County Public Defender Investigator, former coach, and currently hosts a weekly radio/ podcast featuring high school sports. Mayor Nelson stated that Molly Deugaw is a two (2) year resident, Human Resources professional, and has experience working with nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any questions or comments from the Trustees. Trustee Hoag stated that both were excellent choices. Trustee Driscoll agreed. 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 Agenda Item #3 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Special Use for a Swimming Pool at 2 Ashley Oaks Lane.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Special Use for a Swimming Pool at 2 Ashley Oaks Lane. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that the petitioning residents proposed to build a 16 foot by 35 foot inground pool on their property. There were no public comments either in favor or opposed to the petitioner's request. The Plan Commission voted 4-0 in favor of recommending that the petitioner's request for a special use permit be granted. Mayor Nelson asked if there was any discussion on the item. 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

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item # 4 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Special Use for a Swimming Pool at 1407 Dixie Highway.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Special Use for a Swimming Pool at 1407 Dixie Highway. Trustee Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that the Plan Commission voted 4-0 in favor of recommending that the petitioner's request for a special use permit be granted and he noted that there were no public comments either in favor or opposed to the petitioner's request. Mayor Nelson asked if there was any discussion on the item. 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 Agenda Item #5 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Preliminary and Final Plan for a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use – 3608 Vollmer Road (Dunkin/ Baskin Robbins Restaurant).

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Preliminary and Final Plan for a Planned Unit Development and a Special Use – 3608 Vollmer Road (Dunkin/ Baskin Robbins Restaurant). Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Building and Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner presented the report. On May 20, 2021, the Plan Commission held a Public Hearing of a request for approval of a preliminary/final plan for a planned unit development for a Dunkin/Baskin Robbins restaurant with a drive-thru. The Plan Commission recommended approval with exceptions related to parking and signage requirements.

Scott Bugner noted that the architect and proposed buyer of the property were present at the meeting.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were residents present who wished to speak on the agenda item.

Resident Betty Walker-Ward, President of Park Place Homeowners Association, spoke and referenced a signed petition by members of the Park Place Homeowners Association. Ms. Walker-Ward stated that they oppose the erection of the Dunkin Donuts at its proposed location. She stated that they are a senior community, and have a history of supporting the Flossmoor community for many years. She stated that the Park Place residents have six (6) reasons why they are opposed to the Dunkin Donuts at the proposed location: 1) Safety of the senior residents would be comprised (strange cars and turn arounds, car jackings, robberies, etc.) and where $\frac{3}{4}$ of their residents are single women, 2) property values will decrease, 3) too much noise and activity in a small area, 4) the lines at the Dunkin Donuts in Olympia Fields are often very long and jut into Vollmer road, which could happen at the proposed location, 5) lights from of the Dunkin Donuts signs will go into the residents' windows and effect their quality of life, and 6) the Dunkin Donuts signs will be very large because they have to contain both Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbins names, which will impede the residents view to make a left hand turn on Vollmer. The residents propose that Dunkin Donuts move down to another lot further west on Vollmer, which would be better suited for it.

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Resident Carolyn Donley stated that she also lives in Park Place, across the street from the proposed Dunkin Donuts location. She stated that her grandchildren take the bus to school, which stops where cars would have to line up to enter the Dunkin Donuts. The cars would impede the school buses. She stated that Dunkin Donuts should move down to another lot.

Resident Shawntina Haskins stated that she also lives in Park Place and opposes the proposed Dunkin Donuts location. She stated that the amount of trash down the street where it would be located is obnoxious, and stated that she believes the Dunkin Donuts will devalue their properties.

Trustee Hoag stated that he appreciates the residents' concerns, that Flossmoor should take the opportunity with Dunkin Donuts, that he doesn't think there will be significant criminal activity or that their safety will be threatened, that he doesn't think that their property values will be significantly impaired, and that Dunkin Donuts could bring significant revenue to Flossmoor. He stated that he doesn't believe that sight lines will be impaired, and that the arborvitaes will screen Dunkin Donuts from the Park Place neighborhood.

Trustee Daggett stated that he can see where there be would be an issue with the bus stop near the proposed Dunkin Donuts location given the long lines at the Olympia Fields location and that there should be a discussion with Flossmoor Police regarding that issue. Trustee Daggett also inquired about limited turn arounds into their neighborhood for people going the wrong way and whether there is a way to prevent U-turns. He inquired whether these issues have already been addressed.

Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that as for traffic, it should be right-in/right-out from Vollmer to Dunkin Donuts and he doesn't think that drivers will turn into Central Park because they would have to go all the way around the building for the drive thru. He stated that the ground sign will be back from the 50-foot vision triangle used to determined impaired sight lines.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Village can talk to the school district about the bus stop, and that the school district adjusts bus stops every year.

Trustee Daggett suggested that the bus may be able to pick up kids inside the neighborhood.

Trustee Mitros stated that the residents' concerns are similar to the concerns that were brought up during the proposals of the Meijer development. He stated that the Meijer development was a big success, that without Meijer their taxes would be another 25-30%, and that it has been a major funding source. Trustee Mitros stated that he is in favor of the development, and that they have a good plan.

Trustee Driscoll stated as far as moving to another lot, they can't just do that and there are more plans for more development in the other area. He stated that this is the first time they have heard from residents that are against the proposal, and that unless there is something tangible that impinges on residents' rights, he will be voting in favor of it.

Trustee Lofton stated that during the process of the Meijer proposed developed, he and fellow residents in his neighborhood were concerned about lights, traffic, and property values. He stated that they are now pleased to have Meijer as a commercial neighbor, that they haven't had traffic issues on Vollmer, and that there are no issues with the lights. He stated that he fully respects the residents' concerns, and that there

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shouldn't be an issue with the signs of the business. He also stated that he is in favor of the project, and would like to see some of the residents' concerns addressed.

Trustee Bradley-Scott asked if there is a policy regarding more police coverage when there is a new business/ footprint in Flossmoor. She stated that the proposed location is probably the best one for an establishment like Dunkin Donuts, that the proposed amount of cars that can be in the proposed parking lot would be an improvement from the current location in Olympia Fields and would alleviate potential congestion on Central Park Avenue, that the landscaping will reduce the light and should be minimally invasive if at all, and inquired about the illumination of the sign on the corner of Vollmer and Central Park. She stated that she understands that it's hard to envision new projects and how people can be impacted, and that they are going to make sure that all sides of town - including Park Place - are policed and taken care of.

Police Chief Kamleiter stated that with new developments, they send officers over to evaluate unforeseen traffic considerations or new traffic issues, and that in terms of the school bus issue they have worked with the school districts to identify problem areas and find a safer bus stop and would be prepared to do that in this case as well.

Trustee Mitros stated the Meijer development caused the Village to examine its police staffing and in anticipation of calls for service, Flossmoor hired two (2) more police officers.

Mayor Nelson stated that she understands the concerns of the residents of Park Place, and that they will work to address them. She stated that the Village has a Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1986, which was about ten (10) years before Park Place was built. The Comprehensive Plan identified Central Park Avenue on the East, Vollmer Road on the South, and Crawford Avenue on the West as being a place for office and commercial building. The Comprehensive Plan has been present in the Village for thirty-five (35) years, which the Village Board should take under consideration. She stated that the Village is concerned for the residents' safety and quality of life.

Mayor Nelson asked the architect whether they could increase the height of the shrubs to the east, add a third tree on the east elevation, and whether they could put the signs on a timer so the lights would turn off.

The Architect answered that with perimeter landscaping they keep the landscaping to the height of headlights because anything higher starts to become a safety issue, that they can add a third tree to the east side, that on the east side they could look into putting the sign on a timer, and when it comes to the monument sign that would be a corporate issue and that sign is in compliance with the ordinance.

Trustee Lofton inquired about the potential noise and whether the landscaping would manage the noise that the residents are concerned about.

The Architect answered that the noise people are referring to would be coming from the drive thru window and its location on the west side would keep the noise away from the residents.

Shailesh Shah, Dunkin Donuts Owner, stated that their statistics show that voices from the menu/ drive thru boards don't go further than 4 to 5 feet away from their location.

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #6 – Consideration of a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Rich and Bloom Townships, Cook County, Illinois, in Support of Class 8 (3608 Vollmer Road).

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Rich and Bloom Townships, Cook County, Illinois, in Support of Class 8 (3608 Vollmer Road). Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that on August 20, 2018, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution approving a Real Estate Sales Agreement with purchaser Shailesh Shah (Flossmoor Property, LLC) for the purchase of 3608 Vollmer Road with the purpose of constructing a Dunkin/ Baskin Robbins Restaurant with a Drive-thru. Among the purchaser's conditions within the Agreement was that a Class 8 real estate tax classification could be obtained.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any other comments or questions. There being none, she 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 Agenda Item #7 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Rezoning and a Special Use – 1615 Vollmer Road (The Word Seed Church d/b/a Truth Kingdom Ministries).

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Rezoning and a Special Use – 1615 Vollmer Road (The Word Seed Church d/b/a Truth Kingdom Ministries). Trustee Hoag so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that the Petitioner is seeking approval of a rezoning from the existing B-4 Office District to R-7 Planned Multifamily Residential District, and a Special Use to operate a place of public worship. The reason for the request of an R-7 zoning is due to the fact that the adjacent residential district is R-7. He stated that place of worship may be permitted as a Special Use in residential districts if certain site and structure requirements are met. The petitioner indicated that it would be very difficult to find other property in the Village in a Residential District without incurring great expense. He noted that the petitioner was present.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any questions or comments from the trustees.

Trustee Mitros stated his concern for converting a commercial space into a multi-family property, and that the Village has very little commercial property in town.

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Trustee Driscoll agreed, and stated that this proposal was not benefitting the Village's economic development efforts. He inquired whether the Village should try and get economic development in that space.

Attorney Kathi Orr stated that the law, Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act or RLUIPA, provides a lot of protection to churches and church uses. The structure at issue has a meeting room inside, so it contains a space that would allow for physical uses that the church is requesting to continue. She noted that Flossmoor is fully developed except for the land on Vollmer Road in southwest Flossmoor, and that there isn't a lot, if any, available residential property in Flossmoor that could be used for a new church. She stated that the law is protective of the right of churches to locate where the church could physically operate without difficulty. She stated that the property has been vacant for approximately 2.5 years, and that there are no physical issues to point out – just the rezoning issue and the economic issue discussed.

Trustee Mitros inquired about the provisions of the Special Use and opined that this was a poor use of commercial property.

It was clarified by Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, Attorney Kathi Orr, and Village Manager Bridget Wachtel that if the church sold/ left the building it could be rezoned back to B-4 commercial zoning by Board action (except if the church sells to another church), that it's not a special use to develop multi-family, and that the Special Use is a Special Use in a residential district which requires the rezoning. Finally, the rezoning to multi-family residential is due to the adjacent multifamily district to the north where the townhomes on Huntington Court are located.

Trustees Lofton and Bradley-Scott inquired about the parking capacity.

Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that with the current parking and regulations for churches they could have up to ninety-four (94) congregants and they should be fine since they are at about twenty (20) currently.

Trustee Hoag inquired about the wording of the ordinance, the law regarding this issue, and maintenance of the property.

Attorney Orr stated that the wording of the proposed ordinance conforms to other ordinances, that the law related to this issue favors the petitioner, and that maintenance of the property is the obligation of the owner even if it's a church.

Scott Bugner, Building & Zoning Administrator, stated that there are some physical issues with the property including the fence around the detention area.

Attorney Kathi Orr stated that the petitioner has been advised of the issues that must be addressed and improvements that must be made with the property. The Petitioner noted at the Plan Commission meeting that he would make the improvements as quickly as possible.

Trustee Lofton inquired about the church's litigation with two (2) other villages.

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The Petitioner's attorney, Andrew Willis, stated that Pastor Washington/ the church is looking for a place to meet, that the litigation is in regards to zoning issues and not being able to acquire a Special Use permit in those two (2) other municipalities.

Pastor Washington stated that his church has several services during the week.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any other comments or questions. There being none, she 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 Agenda Item #8 – Discussion of the Use of Pesticides on Village-Owned Properties.

Mayor Nelson stated that Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Public Works Director, would present and answer questions on the topic, as well as David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician. Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Public Works Director stated that as a follow up to resident inquiry about the use of herbicides on Village properties, the Public Works department researched possible herbicide alternatives for its turf grass maintenance program. Currently, a Village contractor applies fertilizer and herbicides to provide high quality turf with minimal weeds. 46 out of 47 locations that are sprayed for weeds are areas that are not designed for recreational use. According to the research of the Public Works Department, organic herbicides do not provide high levels of weed control compared to chemical herbicides; they are labor intensive, high cost, and can also be toxic. He stated that their research found that corn gluten pre-emergent herbicide was not effective for weed control and high cost. He stated that liquid organic herbicide products like fiesta herbicide kills grass, ineffective for weed control, can cause environmental issues to surface water, and can be toxic to humans and animals. The current contracted herbicide/ fertilizer program costs \$4,300 per season, whereas the estimated contracted organic herbicide/fertilizer program would cost \$295,000, and the estimated in-house organic herbicide/fertilizer program would cost \$76,000.

Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the Public Works Department previously requested that the Flossmoor Green Commission discuss pesticides and organic turf maintenance for Village properties, and their position was that they supported the Department's efforts to reduce pesticide use. He stated that the Department consulted with the HF Park District, which reported that the majority of their maintained parks receive herbicide treatments.

Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the Public Works Department recommends that the Village maintain the current herbicide/ fertilizer program due to high visibility of Village-owned property and the high cost and limited weed control of organic products.

Mayor Nelson stated three (3) questions were submitted to info@flossmoor.org regarding this topic.

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Resident Dr. Eric Myer wrote that he has taught biology and environmental science for sixteen years and commented that not using herbicides in the parks would not alter how the parks are used and allow parks to have more pollinator plants. He also stated that not using herbicides in the parks would save money, reduce the occurrence of chemical exposure to residents and pets, and would increase the amount of pollinator plants in the parks. He inquired why the park district chooses to spend extra money on herbicides when the practice is contrary to the newly designed pollinator gardens in Flossmoor.

Resident Gina DeAngelo wrote and asked on behalf of herself and 600 petition-signers why the Village is continuing to spray herbicides like Round Up and 2, 4-D, after they have made the Village and park district aware of the dangers that the chemicals pose to children when there are alternatives. She wrote that the alternative is organic lawn care, which is part testing of the soil to see what it needs, planting native species, and altering landscape as necessary. She wrote that those methods are used by other chemical-free cities like Chicago and Evanston. She provided a change.org petition and seven (7) internet links regarding the aforementioned comments.

Resident R. Erika Shaffer wrote and inquired whether the Village would discontinue spraying chemicals linked to health hazards. She wrote that it includes 2, 4-D (Trimec 992) and Roundup, and if members wouldn't agree to discontinue this spraying, could they then explain what benefits or implications they see as outweighing the health risks.

Dan Milovanovic, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the areas that the Village sprays at are not designated for recreational use and would include right of ways, landscape beds, parking lots, traffic islands and a very small area at Leavitt Park where the Sculpture Garden is located.

David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician, stated that the Public Works Department has licensed applicators, and they consult safety data sheets for pesticides/ herbicides which are regulated by the Department of Agriculture. He stated that there are some risks to using the products and that most of the risk is to the applicator. The products used by the Village can be purchased commercially. He also stated that the Village uses a three (3) priority system with the first priority system receiving the most amount of herbicide and fertilizer. Priorities are based on locations and aesthetics. He confirmed for Trustee Mitros that the herbicides used by lawn maintenance companies are the same ones used by the Village.

Trustee Hoag stated that he considers himself an environmentalist, that the Village is a small property owner compared to the Park District and other property owners as well as other residents who use herbicides/ pesticides.

Trustee Mitros stated that about 50% of Flossmoor residents probably use lawn maintenance companies, that the Village's property is a drop in the bucket compared to the other properties out there, that the Village can't afford the other options, and that he is in favor of the environment.

Trustee Bradley-Scott inquired about how long the chemicals are in the air or wet on the grass after the chemicals are sprayed and a person could come into high risk contact. She inquired whether the Village could broadcast a message when spraying takes place quarterly.

David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician, stated that the timeframe for the chemicals in the air/ grass depends on environmental conditions and they can dry between twenty (20) minutes to two (2) hours.

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He stated that the contractor puts out flags when they spray, that they spray quarterly, and that it would be a possibility and beneficial to put out notices to the community (website and social media) when spraying takes place.

Trustee Driscoll stated that the price of the current program is better than the cost of the alternatives, and noted that the Green Commission was consulted regarding this issue.

Mayor Nelson stated that she asked the Green Commission to consider organizing volunteer weed pulling efforts in neighborhood roundabouts and the sculpture garden in the interest of reducing herbicide use.

Trustee Daggett stated that he agreed with the suggestion for notification to residents about the use of herbicides and liked the idea of following up with the Green Commission.

Resident R. Erika Shaffer stated that she has been in Flossmoor for ten (10) years with a background in HR, and is not a scientist nor an expert on the chemical components discussed. She stated that she consults with other people who are well versed on this topic, and she has accumulated information from them. She sent the Board of Trustees a link to an article from the Natural Resource Defense Council about 2-4D and its negative effects on humans, and also information about Roundup and its link to lawsuits and cancer. She agreed that Flossmoor's property at issue is not a lot compared to the Park District, and thanked the Board members for reaching out to her. She noted that Village governments are leaders, and when the Village government takes a stand on these issues that sends a message that having a monocultural lawn isn't the pinnacle of being a good citizen. She also stated that this issue is related to what people think is aesthetically pleasing, that we should want pollinators to have access to things not killed by chemicals, and asked why is spraying carcinogens the status quo rather than not spraying. She noted that an alternative to what Public Works presented was not to spray at all and just mow, that human labor (like interns) could also be used to do weeding, and that the effects on employees using Roundup should also be considered.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel asked for David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician, to discuss the PPE used to apply pesticides, and noted that employee health is valued by the Village.

David Becker, Forestry Maintenance Technician, noted that the employees use safety glasses, long sleeve shirts and pants, high boots, and only spray during appropriate weather conditions like below 15 mph wind, proper humidity and temperatures that aren't too hot.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any other questions or comments from the trustees.

Trustee Bradley-Scott stated that in regards to the Village's relationship with the Park District, they could post notices about when spraying will take place at the parks.

Mayor Nelson stated that she is excited to see what the Green Commission comes up with to address this issue.

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #9 – Consideration of a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (Hagen Lane/ Evans Road and Douglas Avenue Drainage Improvements).

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (Hagen Lane/ Evans Road and Douglas Avenue Drainage Improvements). Trustee Driscoll so moved, seconded by Trustee Mitros.

John Brunke, Public Works Director, stated that in February 2020, Public Works staff worked with their consultant on an application to the MWRD's Stormwater Partnership Program for the Evans Road and Douglas Avenue Drainage Improvements Project. The purpose of the grant application was to seek project funding for the installation of new and upsized storm sewers on Douglas Avenue and Hagen Lane/ Evans Road to address two separate flooding locations in read yard areas. He stated that these flooding areas involve structure flooding during heavier events. In August 2020 they found out that they were selected for participation in the program. The total estimated cost of the project is \$904,000, and the program will fund 95.2% of the total construction cost up to an amount not-to-exceed \$754,000. The Village's matching funds for the project will be an estimated \$150,000, which is included in the FY22 Budget. He stated that in order to move forward with the program, an intergovernmental agreement must be approved by resolution of the Village Board.

Mayor Nelson asked if the trustees have any questions or comments. Mayor Nelson asked if the residents listed have been notified of the work that will take place in front of their homes.

John Brunke, Public Works Director, stated that they haven't been notified yet beyond preliminary status, and that Public Works would be contacting them to schedule meetings and work on obtaining easements from them in about the next 2-3 weeks. Then they will have an open house for the project. He also stated that in regards to the project, Baxter & Woodman has almost completed final engineering, then they will obtain permits, and are looking to get started in August – September 2020 with the goal of completing the project by the winter.

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 Agenda Item #10 – Consideration to Replace Police Vehicles

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to purchase two police administrative vehicles through Roesch Dodge Elmhurst, two patrol vehicles from Currie Motors of Frankfort, approve four vehicle upfittings through Public Safety Direct, trade in two used vehicles to Currie Motors and auction two Ford Crown Victorias as well as approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$9,936.84 in the Capital Equipment Fund. Trustee

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Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. Deputy Police Chief Clint Wagner stated that the Police Department analyzed their vehicle fleet in comparison with the capital equipment schedule and recommends the replacement of two older patrol vehicles and two older administrative vehicles. He stated that due to the pandemic and related issues, there has been a delay in both the manufacturing of parts to build police vehicles and the acquisition of needed materials to up-fit their police vehicles in a timely manner. He stated that the two administrative vehicles outlined in the capital equipment fund were deferred from the previous budget to this budget year, FY21-22. The new vehicles will replace the Chief's vehicle and the main detective's vehicle. The recommendation is to remain with a cost-effective sedan, and Chrysler is the only manufacturer offering a sedan (Dodge Charger). He stated that the two patrol vehicles to be replaced are two 2017 Ford Utilities, which have been in service for four years. Both vehicles met their life expectancy, and will be replaced with two 2021 Ford Hybrid Utilities. He noted that there are no police department vehicles scheduled for purchase during the next fiscal year (FY22-FY23). He stated that there has been an unexpected and unanticipated increase in pricing this year, and that the Capital Budget will need to be increased from \$145,000 to \$154,936.84 for a difference of \$9,936.84. He also stated that they have trade-in values for the two used utility vehicles and should receive \$5,500.00 per vehicle, which will offset the increase to the capital budget. Based on these recommendations, the Police Department is requesting to purchase two administrative vehicles and two patrol vehicles as detailed.

Mayor Nelson asked if the trustees have any questions or comments.

Trustee Hoag stated the proposal seems reasonable.

Trustee Daggett stated that he believes that the Hybrid vehicles save a lot on fuel costs.

Deputy Police Chief Clint Wagner confirmed this, and stated that Ford recommends 1/3 to 2/3 savings on fuel.

Mayor Nelson asked if the trustees have any questions or comments. 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 Agenda Item #11 – Consideration of an Ordinance Granting Emergency Powers to the Mayor of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois.

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting Emergency Powers to the Mayor of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Attorney Kathi Orr stated we are working on an ordinance that would become part of the Village code book and will say that the Mayor will have emergency powers if there has been a state-wide or county-wide declaration of an emergency, in which case the emergency powers of the mayor will only exist until the next regular meeting of the Village Board. The idea is that the emergency powers would be automatic but that they wouldn't extend beyond the time period that the Board has already been approving.

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Mayor Nelson asked if there were any comments or questions.

Trustee Daggett asked for confirmation whether the Board could hold an emergency meeting.

Attorney Kathi Orr confirmed this, and stated that the ordinance was predicated on the fact that an emergency could prevent the Board from coming together for a meeting. She stated that once the Board meets, the Board could decide whether the Mayor has emergency control.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any comments or questions. 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 the Finance Committee – Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment (June 7, 2021).

Trustee Bradley-Scott stated that she reviewed the claims list for June 7, 2021 for the hand checks in the amount of \$6,560.11 and invoices totaling \$148,330.69 for a total of \$154,890.80. Trustee Bradley-Scott made a motion to approve invoices totaling \$154,890.80. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lofton and passed by a roll call vote.

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

Other Business:

Mayor Nelson stated that Flossmoor is doing better on vaccination efforts than the County average which is about 50% with the first dose. Flossmoor is at 64.5% with the first dose and 52.7% of residents have had both doses. She stated that the Tinley Park and South Suburban College vaccination centers have closed. She noted that the Matteson Center is still open, there are home bound options for vaccinations, and that Pfizer would be holding a vaccination event at HF High School.

Mayor Nelson thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts with the landscaping east of the tracks and Carroll Parkway.

Mayor Nelson stated that there will be a Juneteenth Celebration and festival on June 19th at HF High School from 11 to 6:30 pm, and people are asked to pre-register on You Matter 2's website.

Mayor Nelson stated that June is Pride Month, and Lighthouse LGBTQ has started a scholarship fund for HF students.

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Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Flossmoor Independence Day Parade will be held on July 3rd. She stated that Flossmoor Fest is returning on September 11th after the Hidden Gem race.

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 Daggett 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 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk