

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON JUNE 6, 2022*

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

JUNE 6, 2022

7:30 pm

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

Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo took roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel; Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue; Fire Chief Bob Kopec; Deputy Chief of Police Clint Wagner; Assistant Public Works Director Dan Milovanovic; Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner; Assistant Finance Director Ann Novoa; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 58 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.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

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

Margaret Hagerman, a Flossmoor resident, stated that the Flossmoor downtown area looks spectacular but noted that the flag representing the United States of America is missing from the downtown area. She also noted that the previous weekend's events in the Village of Flossmoor were marvelous. She suggested that for every commemorative flag placed in the Village, the Village place a flag representing the United States of America as well.

Mayor Nelson noted that the Village has the U.S. flag in the roundabout in the downtown area.

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

Debbie Berman, a Flossmoor resident, stated that she was present on behalf of the Homewood-Flossmoor High School Board of Education. She thanked the Village Board for honoring Dr. Von Mansfield, Jane Harper, and the Inside Out Project. Ms. Berman read an email from the President of the School Board, Gerald Pauling, to Mayor Nelson. Mr. Pauling expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Village Board for recognizing Dr. Mansfield, his service to Homewood-Flossmoor High School and the Village.

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

Recognitions and Appointments

*Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #1 - A Proclamation Declaring June 2022 as Pride Month
Mayor Nelson read a Proclamation Declaring June 2022 as Pride Month. She noted that at the 60422*

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party, there was an LGBTQ+ 60422 t-shirts that sold out. The proceeds from the sales of those t-shirts went to the Lighthouse organization.

Alex Wright, a Flossmoor resident, stated that he wanted to recognize his mother, Stephanie Wright, and Jimmy [Austin], who started the youth support group in the South Suburbs for LGBTQ youth. Mr. Wright stated that he was grateful to live in a community that embraces the LGBTQ community and makes them feel like they belong.

Mayor Nelson stated that on June 24, 2022, Flossmoor Community Church will host a Pride Party at the Community House in the evening, where everyone is welcome. Also, on June 25, 2022, there will be a Lighthouse LGBTQ takeover of Flossmoor Station, where the proceeds will go towards the Lighthouse Scholarship Fund. Lighthouse recently gave its first \$1,000.00 scholarship to an HF High School graduate.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item # 2 - A Proclamation Declaring the Date of June 19, 2022 as "Juneteenth"

Mayor Nelson read a Proclamation Declaring the Date of June 19, 2022 as "Juneteenth." She recognized Destiny Watson and her mother Tamika Britten who were in attendance. Ms. Watson is head of You Matter Too. Mayor Nelson stated that on June 18, 2022, there will be a parade starting in downtown Flossmoor at 9 am and ending at Parker Junior High School. On June 19, 2022, there will be a festival starting at 11 am and features food trucks, entertainment, and games. Mayor Nelson noted that there are twelve African-American small business owners in downtown Flossmoor and reminded residents to support their businesses year-round.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #3 - Resolution Honoring Dr. Von Mansfield

Mayor Nelson read a Resolution Honoring Dr. Von Mansfield, retiring Superintendent of Homewood-Flossmoor High School. She stated that he has done so much for the community and students, and noted how much the school has changed during Dr. Mansfield's tenure. Dr. Mansfield introduced his wife, Tina, and stressed how there is no 'I' in Team. He acknowledged all those from HF High School in attendance. He also thanked Bridget Wachtel, the Village of Flossmoor, and the Village Board.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #4 - Resolution Honoring Jane Harper

Mayor Nelson read a Resolution Honoring Jane Harper, retiring head librarian of Homewood-Flossmoor High School for sixteen years. Dr. Mansfield commended Mrs. Harper for her dedication and exceptional service to HF High School.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #5 - Recognition of the Inside Out Project

Mayor Nelson stated that about two months ago, she and Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue attended a presentation at HF High School where they were presented with the idea for the Inside Out Project. Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue stated that in celebration of community and to recognize residents in the Villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, the two Villages collaborated with HF High School's Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Academy on "Smiles are Contagious," a community-based art project created by the Inside Out Project. Mr. Bogue recognized Grace Opyd, a recent HF High School graduate who was involved in the project and recognized Mark Mathews and his family, who were subjects of the project, as well as, Village Clerk Gina LoGalbo. Mr. Bogue thanked the Public

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Works staff and Flossmoor Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright for their efforts in putting up the posters. Mayor Nelson noted that the posters aren't permanent and thanked community members for their efforts with the project.

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 6-9):

- 6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May16, 2022*
- 7. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (June 6, 2022)*
- 8. Consideration of Employee Insurance Renewals*
- 9. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 21-22 for the Village of Flossmoor*

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Bradley-Scott 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, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros, and Mustafa.
ABSENT: Trustee Daggett
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 #10 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 103, Article 1 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code (Creating Class E-VGP for the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor). Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 103, Article 1 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code (Creating Class E-VGP for the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor. Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that at the March 21, 2022 Village Board meeting, Nicole Johnson and co-owners of The Mommie Experience, a selfie studio located in Flossmoor Commons, petitioned the Village Board to request a liquor license. At that time, there was some concern for the layout of the space and making sure that health code regulations for food and drink to be served were met. The Building Department needed to confirm compliance with health code regulations if food and drink are being served. That inspection has since occurred, and compliance has been met. At the Village Board meeting in March, there was interest by the Board members to grant a liquor license for private rentals only. The Village Attorney drafted an ordinance reflecting this request that the Board would be voting on this evening. This new class of license excludes video gaming.

Trustee Driscoll inquired as to when drinks would be available for purchase.

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Village Attorney Kathi Orr stated that the license wouldn't permit customers to purchase alcohol during their one-hour Mommie Experience. She clarified that liquor could only be served at private events and not open to the public at large.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Mommie Experience has been allowing BYOB and has offered customers mimosas at times.

Ms. Orr stated that BYOB and offering customers alcohol when they drop-in is not allowed.

Trustee Lofton noted his recent visit to the Mommie Experience and commended their business.

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Daggett

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

Mayor Nelson introduced Deputy Chief of Police Clint Wagner to discuss the Flossmoor Police Department's ("FPD") training for active shooter response, especially in school settings.

Deputy Chief Wagner stated that in light of the recent tragic mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the FPD reflected on FPD's readiness and training for active shooter emergencies. Deputy Chief Wagner stated that since 1999, FPD has annually trained officers on such situations and rotates training at each SD 161 school every year. They have also trained other police officers outside of the FPD. The FPD has provided all SD 161 schools with physical security assessments and assisted with staff training and staff response plans to active shooter situations. He stated that last month, Chief Kamleiter and Commander Taylor conducted the same assessment at Flossmoor Community Church's pre-school and at Infant Jesus of Prague School. Deputy Chief Wagner stated that with the upcoming graduation of an officer from SWAT training, the Department will be 100% SWAT-trained. Fire Chief Kopec and Police Chief Kamleiter are planning on more training and preparation for possible active shooter situations. He also stated that FPD is trained for such situations and has needed equipment. They have bullet proof vests, and also have rapid response vests that they can wear on top of the regular vests.

Trustee Mitros noted that Flossmoor schools are security-conscious.

Trustee Driscoll stated that he is impressed by how proactive the FPD is about training for emergency situations.

Trustee Mustafa stated that the training of the FPD is impressive, up-to-date, and even ahead of other departments.

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Trustee Bradley-Scott stated her thanks for FPD ensuring that the community's children's safety is the FPD's priority and ensuring that they stay protected.

Deputy Chief Wagner stated that there is a mandate for the FPD to review the schools' safety within forty-five days of the school year.

Mayor Nelson asked if there was any other business.

The Board members remarked on the success of 60422 The Party and Bike the Gem, and commended Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright for her efforts with both. They also noted the success of the afterparty at the Flossmoor Station. They also commended the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their efforts on both events.

Village Attorney Kathi Orr noted that at a recent conference, other people remarked about the unique concept of the Mommie Experience with its private parties.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel also thanked Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright and the Public Works Department staff for their efforts with Bike the Gem and 60422 the party.

Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright thanked all of the Flossmoor Departments with assisting her with all of her projects.

Mayor Nelson thanked the Flossmoor Departments and staff for their efforts with Bike the Gem and the 60422 party. She stated that ABC News was present for 60422 The Party, highlighting the composting efforts and that 175 pounds of garbage was saved from the landfill. She also noted that election season was starting and that early voting starts on June 13th and the primary election will be held on June 28th. She stated that Metra was selling flat rate monthly passes for unlimited rides for \$100.00.

Trustee Bradley-Scott added that Metra has a daily \$6.00 daily rate for train rides.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #11 – 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.

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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, Driscoll, Lofton, Mitros, and Mustafa.

ABSENT: Trustee Daggett

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk*