

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON November 3, 2025

VILLAGE HALL

November 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Village Clerk Porter took roll. There was a quorum.

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson and Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, and Mustafa. Trustee Rodgers appeared virtually for the meeting.

ABSENT:

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to permit Trustee Rodgers to participate in the meeting remotely since Trustee Rodgers was out of town for a work-related event and was present via Zoom. Trustee Lofton so moved, and Trustee Dorsey seconded. A vote on the motion was presented and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, and Mustafa.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Rodgers

NAYS: None

ALSO PRESENT

Scott Bugner, Director of Building & Zoning	Carl Estelle, Chief of Police
John Brunke, Director of Public Works	Bob Kopec, Fire Chief
Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager	Nicole Castagna, Asst to Village Mgr/Communications Mgr
Jonathan Bogue, Asst Village Manager	Karl Ottosen, Village Attorney
	22 Community Members, Media and Others

GENERAL STATEMENT/RULES OF ORDER (Announced by Mayor Nelson):

The meeting was streamed via Zoom. Mayor Nelson reviewed the public comment policy, which is available on the Village website.

RECOGNITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

(Note: That in reporting these comments, the Village has not researched the accuracy of any comments.)

1. **Warren Engelberg (Flossmoor resident):** Gave commentary about his perspectives on topics that included revolutionary reform, the reasons behind minimum wage, reformists, and revolutionaries.
2. **George Atkins (Flossmoor resident):** Advised that he did a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request to obtain residency data for all employees of the Village of Flossmoor. It is his opinion that for Village employees to have a strong civic connection to the Village, they should be residents of Flossmoor. Mayor

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Nelson thanked Mr. Atkins for the information he provided and advised him that Village of Flossmoor employees take great pride in their work, the relationships they build, and in providing 24/7 services to all community members.

3. **Graham Bolkema (Owner of GoodSpeed Cycles, Homewood):** Advised that his business has exploded over the past five years with the sale of e-bikes. He provided information about how e-bikes are making the community more mobile and recommended that the Board make reasonable decisions regarding regulations.
4. **Lenita Johnson (Flossmoor resident):** Addressed the following: (1) Improving road conditions in the Heather Hill subdivision to increase property values, specifically the following roads: Cardinal Court, Pheasant Court, and Lawrence Crescent from Patricia Lane to Heather Hill School; (2) Problems with unleashed dogs, inadequate criminal sanctions for those who do not keep their dogs leashed, and dog waste on sidewalks; (3) Residents and children using Highlands Park after hours/during evening hours; (4) Increasing the number of trashcans at Highlands Park; (5) Enforcing a dusk/dawn curfew at Highlands Park; (6) Homeowners not having parkway trees; and (7) Enforcing rules about cars not parking over sidewalks. Mayor Nelson advised that: (a) Crack sealing seen on the roads extends the life of the roads by about seven years. There is a backlog of roads that need repaved, and the Village is working to obtain as many grants as possible to make funding available to repave Village roads; (b) Concerns about Highlands Park would be given to the Park District; and (c) Recommended contacting the police about unleashed dogs. Trustee Mitros expressed concern about the dog attack that was discussed by Ms. Johnson and inadequate fines against dog owners for dog attacks. Village Manager Wachtel advised that it is Cook County that makes “dangerous dog” determinations after the reporting of a dog bite, and not the Village of Flossmoor.
5. **Sheree Redd Jones (Flossmoor resident):** Expressed support in favor of children being permitted to use E-Bikes in the Village and encouraged the Board to evaluate safety issues associated with the use of E-Bikes for regulations. Also, she suggested that the parks have set hours so that children know when they are permitted to use the parks.
6. **John Greven (Flossmoor resident):** Discussed the following: (1) His extreme dissatisfaction with Lawrence Crescent Road conditions; and (2) Enforcement of rules against cars parking over sidewalks, trash cans that are left in public view, and commercial vehicles being parked in driveways overnight. Mayor Nelson requested that Mr. Greven email info@Flossmoor.org when he sees commercial vehicles parked overnight in driveways and that the police department monitor cars that block sidewalks.

There were no further public comments.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve the **Consent Agenda Items #1-4**. Trustee Lofton so moved, Trustee Mustafa seconded. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any items on the consent agenda that were requested to be removed from the consent agenda for discussion, and there were none.

A vote on the Motion was presented and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Nelson stated there were none. Mayor Nelson expressed thanks to Flossmoor's Green Commission for the Pumpkin Smash and all those who helped with the event, and noted that 150 people attended the event, and 2000 pounds of pumpkin waste were saved from local landfills.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #5 – Consideration of a Liquor License Request for BP Tornado for a Class BW-1 License.

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve this action item. Trustee Daggett so moved, and Trustee Mitros seconded.

Mayor Nelson asked for comments from the Board. Trustees Daggett, Rodgers, Mustafa, Lofton, and Dorsey reported that they did not support this Action Item since they had received negative feedback from residents. Trustee Mustafa inquired about the process for revoking a liquor license, what happens to a liquor license when a business is sold, and who keeps track of liquor license violations. Village Manager Wachtel and Village Attorney Ottosen responded to Trustee Mustafa's questions. Trustee Mitros voted in favor of this Action Item and expressed dissatisfaction with rejecting Tornado BP's request for a liquor license since it was the exact same liquor license that was held by Meijer gas station, and the two businesses were located less than half a mile apart.

A vote on the Motion was presented, and following a roll call vote, it did not pass.

AYES: Trustee Mitros
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mustafa, and Rodgers

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item #6 – Discussion of E-Bikes and E-Scooter Regulations

This discussion item was presented by Assistant Village Manager Bogue and Police Chief Estelle. Chief Estelle and Assistant Village Manager Bogue provided detailed and extensive information about the increased use of e-bikes, and e-scooters, current laws, low speed electrical bicycles, e-bike riding locations, age restrictions for Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, low speed electric scooters, state regulations for e-scooters, local regulations for e-scooters, local rule making authority, rules/regulations/ordinances adopted by other municipalities, recommendations from the Flossmoor Police Department, and intergovernmental considerations for e-bikes and e-scooters. The Board engaged in lengthy discussion about the possibility of adopting ordinances to regulate e-bikes and e-scooters to keep the Village safe for all its residents, including pedestrians and the operators of these devices. The Board agreed that this is an issue for further discussion, specifically regarding implementing local ordinances for e-bikes and e-scooters that have age restrictions, safety requirements such as the use of helmets, local regulations for devices that have a motor that is more than 750 watts, and enforcing regulations through local ordinances. The Board also discussed how local ordinances need to be adopted to protect downtown area businesses and their customers from the possible dangerous operation of e-scooters on the sidewalk. The Board discussed that local regulations may need to be adopted for the safety of e-bike and e-scooter operators, along with their passengers, and further, the ability for the police department to use their discretion to refer violations to administrative adjudication as opposed to county court.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation

Mayor Nelson stated there was no need for an executive session.

Mayor Nelson called for other business and the Board responded as follows:

Trustee Mustafa: Appreciates that the Board has safety as a primary consideration when discussing e-bikes and e-scooters.

Trustees Dorsey, Lofton, and Mitros: No comments.

Trustee Daggett: Gave thanks to the Police Departments for their traffic enforcement activities.

Trustee Rodgers: Wanted to confirm that the Board knows the differences between the different classes of e-bikes, and that the Board is not making recommendations about Class 3 E-Bikes that are already governed by the State of Illinois. Also gave thanks for allowing her participation via Zoom.

Clerk Porter: No Comments

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Village Attorney Ottosen: Recommends that the Village consider age restrictions when someone is a passenger on e-bikes, a maximum number of passengers on e-bikes, sitting locations for passengers on e-bikes, and that any ordinances have definitions that are consistent with the definitions used by the State of Illinois. Also recommended that the message the Village gets out is that a device that is 750 watts or greater is not permitted on public property.

Mayor Nelson announced the following upcoming events:

1. On November 20th, the South Suburban Archeological Society, her local robotics team, and Flossmoor History are giving a presentation about the Horton Site; and
2. On November 23rd, the Annual Community Thanksgiving Gathering is being held at All Nations Community Church.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Mustafa. All were in favor, none opposed.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecil E. Porter
Village Clerk