

MINUTES OF MAYOR BRAUN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON MAY 04, 2020

VILLAGE HALL

MAY 04, 2020

7:30PM

Mayor Braun called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

Mayor Braun took roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Braun, Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros and Williams; Village Clerk Ananda Billings

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel, Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson; Finance Director Scott Bordui, Chief of Police Tod Kamleiter, Interim Fire Chief Greg Berk; Assistant Fire Chief Keith Damm, Public Works Director John Brunke, Village Attorney Kathi Orr, 2 citizens present

Introductory Comments

Mayor Braun stated that in order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, the Village has been advised and directed by the State to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Act that members of the public body be physically present. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. Citizens were informed of this decision in advance and invited to submit comments and questions ahead of the Board meeting.

This meeting along with all subsequent remotely held Board meetings will be recorded. He then noted that public comment will be only available during the portion of the meeting during which the public is invited to address the Board. As communicated to the public earlier, those questions that were submitted to staff in advance of the meeting would also be addressed during this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2020

Trustee Williams noted that there was one error in the meeting minutes. In agenda item #3 of the meeting minutes from April 20th, 2020, the text should have read "Staff has done an excellent job securing grants."

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any further changes or comments. He called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020 as corrected. Trustee Williams so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott, and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

REGULAR BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #1: Consideration of a Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders

Village Manager Wachtel reviewed the resolution to be considered. Two of our South Suburban Commissioners (Miller and Morrison) with the support of a few other commissioners have introduced a Cook County Resolution, Resolution 20-2378, the “SHARE ADDRESSES FOR EMERGENCIES (SAFE) WITH FIRST RESPONDERS” resolution, which would allow suburban Cook County first responders to receive notification from the Cook County Department of Public Health of locations where COVID-19 positive or Persons Under Investigation (PUI) may be located. Although our public safety personnel are taking the highest precautions and wearing PPE on EMS calls and other interactions with the public, the more our personnel is informed, the more prepared they can be. By working together with CCDPH to communicate PUI information to first responders, we can reduce the potential exposure to first responders as they respond to 911 calls.

Trustee Williams noted that although this is a difficult situation to consider, in order to protect our first responders, she supports this resolution. Trustee Mitros agreed. Trustee Kimmons inquired about how long the first responders would have access to this information. Mayor Braun responded that it would be in place for as long as we were under a state of emergency. Trustee Kimmons asked if extra steps could be taken to further protect these households. Interim Fire Chief Berk commented that precautionary measures will be enforced in order to protect these citizens. Addresses, not names, will be shared and the information noted will be described as “precautions needed”. All first responders are required to wear personal protective equipment. Mayor Braun will keep the Board updated on any action the County takes on this issue.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any additional questions. There being none, he called for a motion to approve the resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders. Trustee Driscoll so moved, seconded by Trustee Mitros and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES:	Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
NAYS:	None

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Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #2: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 250 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code Establishing a Local Motor Fuel Tax

Finance Director Scott Bordui addressed the Board and explained that on September 16, 2019, the Village Board passed an ordinance to establish a \$.03 cents per gallon local motor fuel tax. Due to the changes in the veto session, the Village as required passed an updated ordinance on March 16, 2020. That ordinance was promptly filed with IDOR. Since then, the Village has received a letter from IDOR's legal services office directing specific changes to the Village's superseding ordinance.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any questions and as they did not, he called for a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 250 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code Establishing a Local Motor Fuel Tax. Trustee Kimmons so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #3: Consideration of a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (FY21 Annual MFT Maintenance)

Public Works Director John Brunke addressed the Board regarding this resolution, a housekeeping item which must be passed annually by the Village Board. The Village's in-house maintenance includes road salt purchase, asphalt maintenance and patching, concrete repairs to curbs and sidewalk, street sign installation and repairs, traffic signal and street light electric energy, pavement marking, and contract street resurfacing. The Resolution, in the amount of \$410,094.00, allows the Village to utilize Motor Fuel Tax funds to pay for these maintenance items and services for the Village's 2021 fiscal year.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any questions, and as they did not, he called for a motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (FY21 Annual MFT Maintenance). Trustee Williams so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

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Mayor Braun referred to Agenda Item #4: Consideration of an Ordinance Granting Emergency Powers to the Mayor of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois

Mayor Braun stated that this is a renewal of the emergency declaration that sunsets with each Board meeting. The purpose of the attached ordinance is to ensure the continued operations for the Village of Flossmoor during a Declaration of Emergency, specifically the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Braun asked the Board if they had any questions, and as they did not, he called for a motion to approve the ordinance which grants emergency powers to the Mayor. Trustee Mitros so moved, approved by Trustee Driscoll and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Trustee Bradley-Scott reviewed hand checks in the amount of \$9,015.04 and invoices in the amount of \$199,833.19.

Trustee Bradley-Scott made a motion to approve hand checks in the amount of \$9,015.04 and invoices in the amount of \$199,833.19 for a total of \$208,848.23. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitros and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Braun informed the Board and the citizens on the call that with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, Flossmoor currently has 61 Confirmed cases and has suffered the loss of 6 people due to the virus (4 from the assisted living facility). No staff or first responders have been infected.

Mayor Braun has volunteered to chair the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Sub-Regional Committee on reopening the economy. This committee will meet to determine best steps to reopen our region of the economy and provide support to our delegate to the regional task force, Mayor Ward who is representing South Suburban Mayors and Managers. Mayor Braun will keep everyone informed as to what is going on and provide updates.

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For the 41st year in a row, Flossmoor has received the GFOA award for excellence in financial reporting. Mayor Braun gave congratulations to Finance Director Scott Bordui and the entire Finance Department. Mr. Bordui commented that he appreciated the kind words and will share these congratulations with the finance department staff.

Trustee Williams thanked Ms. Wachtel and Mr. Bugner for helping to get the word out about the Southland Development Authority supporting small businesses and helping them access federal and state dollars. She then thanked them for the quick turnaround and noted that she has spoken with around 7-8 businesses that were happy with this information.

Mayor Braun referred to item #5 on the Agenda: A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation.

There was no need for Executive Session.

As there were no other items to discuss, Mayor Braun called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Kimmons and passed by a roll call vote.

AYES:	Trustees Bradley-Scott, Driscoll, Hoag, Kimmons, Mitros, and Williams
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
NAYS:	None

The Regular Meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ananda Billings

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Village Clerk