

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON APRIL 18, 2022*

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

APRIL 18, 2022

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, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel; Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue; Police Chief Tod Kamleiter; Fire Chief Bob Kopec; Director of Public Works John Brunke; Assistant Public Works Director Dan Milovanovic; Finance Director Scott Bordui; Communications Manager Amy Kent; Program & Event Coordinator Stephanie Wright; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 17 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. She noted that per CDC guidelines, masks were no longer required. However, residents should feel free to wear a mask based on their own personal preference. Public participation would be permitted only in person during the citizen comment portion of the agenda, and citizens could submit comments via email at info@flossmoor.org to share with the Village Board. Mayor Nelson noted that as a reminder, there is a five (5) minute speaking limit.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

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

Mary Deegan, a Flossmoor resident, stated that she has resided in Flossmoor for forty (40) years. She commented that she does not support allowing above ground pools.

James Cheung, a Flossmoor resident, stated that he was speaking on behalf of Flossmoor Baseball & Softball ("FBBSB"). He thanked the Village of Flossmoor and Stephanie Wright for working with FBBSB to support the program and involve various partners of the community. He noted that the FBBSB parade would be on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:30 am and invited the Village Board to the parade and asked for the Board's support during the season.

Jennifer Curtis, a Flossmoor resident, stated that she was representing the Flossmoor residents who wanted a change in the ordinance regarding above-ground pools. She requested that the Board continue to listen to residents, including those sending in emails, and noted that her petition regarding changing the Village ordinance regarding pools currently has 190 signatures.

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Mayor Nelson asked if there were citizens wishing to address the Board on an agenda item. No citizens wished to address the Board on an agenda item.

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

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #1 – Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget at 7:41 p.m. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any public comments for the Board. No comments were received. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #2 – Consideration of an Appointment to the Fire Pension Board. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of an Appointment of Carlo Gozzi to the Fire Pension Board. Trustee Lofton so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Mayor Nelson stated that Mr. Gozzi received his MBA from St. Xavier University and had served on the Fire Pension Board since 2018. He works as a Senior Vice-President at a bank & trust company, working with investment advisory firms to manage personal wealth. He lives in Flossmoor with his family, serves as President of Flossmoor Baseball & Softball, and is an active fundraiser and volunteer for IJP school. The appointment is a re-appointment to the board; Mr. Gozzi has provided valuable service as a Fire Pension Trustee.

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 the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 3-10):

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on April 4, 2022
4. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (April 18, 2022)
5. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 150, Article 9 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code
6. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 21-22 for the Village of Flossmoor
7. Consideration of an Award of Contract to Smitty's Tree Service, Inc. for Parkway Tree Services for Fiscal Year 2023
8. Consideration of an Award of Contract to Go Painters, Inc. for Hydrant Sandblasting and Painting Services for Fiscal Year 2023
9. Consideration of a Contract Award to Homewood Disposal Service Inc for the FY23 Street Sweeping Contract
10. Consideration of an Agreement with Matthew O'Shea Consulting

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Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. 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 Reports of Committees, Commissions or Boards
There were no reports of committees, commissions, or boards.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #11 – Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated the purpose of the Monarch Pledge. The Green Commission has previously researched and recommended to former Mayor Paul Braun to sign onto the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge, which he did. Mayor Nelson would also like to take this pledge. The pledge, which capitalizes on the influence of elected leaders to promote the restoration of the monarch habitat in their communities, sets forth twenty-four (24) action items a community can implement to support the monarch butterfly.

Mayor Nelson thanked Tristan Shaw, who has been helpful with the Village's tree plantings, native plantings, and Possibility Place.

Mayor Nelson noted that the Village would be planting more native plants on Evans Road and Village Hall. The Village will also be dedicating a pollinator garden to former Mayor Paul Braun this summer.

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 #12 – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 245, Article 1 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code (Outdoor Dining). Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 245, Article 1 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code (Outdoor Dining). Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Assistant Village Manager Jonathan Bogue stated that for the past two (2) years, the Village Board has approved an ordinance allowing and regulating outdoor dining and liquor service to support restaurant recovery during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dunning's Market and the Bistro on Sterling approached the Village to continue

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providing outdoor dining using a similar model but with a smaller footprint for this year. Mr. Bogue stated that the restaurants conveyed that guests are looking forward to the outdoor dining spaces again. The restaurants also expressed that they are still recovering from the challenges caused by the pandemic. The use of outdoor dining is a draw to the downtown area.

Assistant Village Manager Bogue stated that the proposed ordinance amends Chapter 245, Article 1 of the Village of Flossmoor Village Code, which will allow Outdoor Services Areas each year moving forward. These changes allow outdoor dining and liquor sales on private and public property, relax temporary signage regulations, and relax minimum parking regulations, all with administrative approval in Outdoor Service Areas. Each calendar year, these Sidewalk Café and Outdoor Service Areas will be permitted from April 15th to November 1st. The use of any public property will require a license to be submitted annually with a hold harmless agreement and proof of insurance with the Village listed as additionally insured by the endorsement.

Trustee Mustafa inquired about Dunning's and the Bistro being able to have small tables next to their storefronts.

Assistant Village Manager Bogue stated that those tables would still be allowed. He also noted that the aforementioned restaurants worked with the Village regarding the amount of parking spaces needed.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the parking spots that would be used for accommodating the restaurants, their support for continuing outdoor dining, and the use of concrete barriers.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that even though Dunning's Market and the Bistro on Sterling were the two (2) restaurants that requested the outdoor dining areas, the draft ordinance was written so that it would apply to other businesses like in Flossmoor Commons that are on private property.

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 #13 – Consideration of the Public Art Commission's Recommended Plan for Sculpture Placement. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of the Public Art Commission's Recommended Plan for Sculpture Placement. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Jeff Stevenson, a Commissioner on the Flossmoor Public Art Commission, stated that the Village Board previously approved a plan regarding new and existing sculptures. The Commission subsequently has had to adapt to a couple of challenges regarding the placements, so they have adjusted their plan. For example, Western Avenue is no longer an option for sculptures due to a traffic study. Mr. Stevenson stated that 'Me and My Shadow' is leaving as its lease is complete and that 'Orion' is leaving soon, too. The Public Art Commission would like to move the 'Reach for the Sky' piece by Hilde DeBruyne to Leavitt Park.

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They would also like to move 'Secret Garden' to Heather Hill School, which is currently located near the Flossmoor Library. The Commission wants to activate some of the sculptures by placing them in new locations. Mr. Stevenson noted that moving sculptures can re-activate interest in the collection. The Commission's suggestion for 'Secret Garden' move is not for a permanent move. The proposed location for the sculpture is near where the children enter the school. He noted that school officials showed enthusiasm regarding the possibility of the 'Secret Garden' being moved to Heather Hill School.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the removal of 'Secret Garden,' and its proposed location near Heather Hill School. They shared their concerns about the move due to the sculpture being associated with the Flossmoor Library and downtown area; that they would want it moved on a temporary basis; and that a sculpture unique to Heather Hill School would also be desirable.

Mayor Nelson inquired about putting the move of the 'Secret Garden' on hold while still voting on the other sculpture moves, and she inquired about the planned walking tour that would have included a sculpture at Western Avenue School.

Mr. Stevenson proposed that the Board consider a temporary move of the 'Secret Garden' and stated that the walking tour could extend to the warming house. Also, the tour could be modified/ extended once other pieces are added to the collection.

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: Trustee Lofton

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #14 – Consideration of the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Trustee Bradley-Scott so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Board was provided a copy of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget final draft. It reflects all of the changes and discussions from the Board's recent meetings regarding the Budget. The Board has been provided a spreadsheet that summarizes the changes that have been made over the course of the last three (3) meetings. The information provided also contains the final budget totals, including all adjustments and the approved additional funding requests. Included in the summary report is a chart depicting the proposed final budget and fund summary totals. She stated that for those funds using funds balance, those funds are available, and in some cases, they have been set aside in previous years and saved to fund projects.

Village Manager Wachtel stated that in looking at the Water & Sewer Fund, the major difference from the preparation of the preliminary budget to the final budget is the reduction in the allocation of the water meter replacement project to offset the Berry Lane water main replacement.

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She stated that in regards to the Village's overall fiscal health, in an environment where many private businesses and public agencies have had to cut back on services in recent years, the Village has been able to sustain current service levels, which has been a main objective of the current and previous Village Boards. The Village has had to be diligent about managing our fiscal health and conduct long-term fiscal planning so as to avoid experiencing a crisis and plan ahead. She thanked Village staff for their hard work on preparing the budget.

The Mayor and Trustees thanked Village staff for their hard work on creating the budget and for managing the budget throughout the year.

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 #15 – Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Wages and Salaries for Fiscal Year 2023. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Wages and Salaries for Fiscal Year 2023. Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated this matter was a housekeeping matter with the adoption of the Budget on an annual basis where the Board passes a resolution which authorizes the Village Treasurer to pay wages and salaries in accordance with the Budget that was just adopted. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any comments from the Trustees.

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 #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.

Mayor Nelson asked if there was any Other Business.

Trustee Daggett commended the Village staff, who handled the busy sales of the stickers on the deadline day.

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Village Clerk LoGalbo stated that she enjoyed the recent Village tree planting event and commended Stephanie Wright for her efforts in organizing it. She also enjoyed working with the Public Works employees and other members of her team.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel shared that she and Public Works Director John Brunke participated in a recent call in which they learned about the National League of Cities Service-Line Warranty Program that could assist Village residents with insuring their private utilities. She stated that if the Board is interested, she can bring the issue back at a later date for further discussion.

Mayor Nelson stated that she spoke with Metra personnel and County officials who notified her that Metra ridership is at 30% of what it was pre-covid, they have a robust cleaning system, and fair-transit continues to be available in the south suburbs. Mayor Nelson requested feedback from residents about the fair-transit program. She also thanked Public Works, the Green Commission, volunteers, and staff for the recent Tree Planting event and noted how smooth it went.

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, Lofton, Mitros, and Mustafa.
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk