

*MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON MARCH 21, 2022*

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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, 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; Finance Director Scott Bordui; Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner; Village Attorney Kathi Orr; Village Clerk Gina A. LoGalbo; 16 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.

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Board:

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

Katie Kelly from Bloom Township stated that from July 7th – 10th 2022, Bloom Township would be hosting the Wall that Heals at Marian Catholic High School. The Wall that Heals will be traveling to the area on July 5, 2022 via escort. The Wall that Heals Project is a traveling version of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Bloom Township will be seeking escorts and volunteers from the towns that make up Bloom Township. If anyone would like more information about the project or to volunteer, they can contact Ms. Kelly at Bloom Township and/ or follow their Facebook page, The Wall that Heals – Bloom Township.

Mayor Nelson stated that the Village looks forward to supporting and promoting the Wall that Heals Project.

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

Rebecca Strupek stated that she is an almost forty-four (44) year resident of Flossmoor and has appreciated the quality of life promoted by the Flossmoor Municipal Code. Ms. Strupek asked if there was a compelling reason to change the Village ordinance regarding permitting above-ground pools in Flossmoor. She stated that there is sobering data available in a handout that she had to distribute to the Board that indicated a possible negative outcome of having more pools in the Village if the applicable ordinance was changed. Ms. Strupek, along with others, canvassed neighbors and found that 95% of them were unaware of the potential change to the Village ordinance regarding above-ground pools. Those residents, who are mostly

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not on Facebook or social media, signed her petition against a change in the ordinance. Concerns raised during her canvassing efforts included safety and responsibility issues for the Village, noise that may impact neighbors, aesthetics, flooding concerns, and the necessity of hiring a full-time code enforcement officer, which would cause an additional expense to taxpayers. Ms. Strupek noted that there are many community pools with supervision nearby for residents' use, such as Lions Club Pool, Park Forest Pool, Skyline Pool, and some of the local golf clubs that offer summer pool memberships. With her group's petition, they ask that the Village not change the local ordinance to allow above-ground pools. Their petition contains eighty (80) signatures.

Jenny Curtis, a Flossmoor resident, stated that the initial petition she circulated regarding changing the Village ordinance to allow above-ground pools now has 134 signatures. She also noted that due to settings on the petition website, some petition signers' addresses defaulted to addresses other than Flossmoor. For instance, there are petition signers on the list showing them living in Chicago when they actually live in Flossmoor. She noted that the majority of the list contains Flossmoor residents. She had also welcomed petition signers who were considering moving to Flossmoor since there were comments on social media from non-residents who said that they wouldn't move to Flossmoor because of the ordinance that bans above-ground pools. Ms. Curtis stated that the purpose of the petition was to request that the Board amend the applicable ordinance to allow above-ground pools. She stated that there are benefits for above-ground pools, including no tax increases, cost efficiency in the price point, increased safety due to the pool being higher off the ground, a decrease in crowds and less transmission of infections from not using community pools, an increase of exercise and improved mental health, and an option for take down/ removal. She noted that her son was a lifeguard at a local pool and that from his experience, she learned that there aren't enough lifeguards available to work for some of the area pools. She also stated that the Lions Club had limited hours last season because they didn't have enough lifeguards to work at the pool. Ms. Curtis stated that the price of pool memberships were very steep, and that allowing above-ground pools would attract new residents. She noted that there are many towns that allow above-ground pools.

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

[Agenda Item #1 was addressed after the Consent Agenda.]

Mayor Nelson referred to the Consent Agenda (which encompassed Agenda Items 2,3 & 5):

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on March 7, 2022.
3. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment as Approved by the Finance Committee (March 21, 2022)
4. [Moved to the Action Items portion of the Agenda.]
5. Consideration of an Agreement with PSI for Firefighter/Paramedics for Fiscal Year 2023.

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Mayor Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. 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 #1 – Consideration of Appointments of Chairpersons to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of the Appointment of Greg Mitchell to Chair of the Plan Commission and the Appointment of Mark Mathewson to Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Lofton so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. Mayor Nelson stated that Greg Mitchell currently serves as the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and has served as the acting Chair of the Plan Commission. He is a local attorney and has served with integrity and respect for residents and members of the Commission. He has been active in the schools, STEM, arts, and Flossmoor Baseball. Mayor Nelson stated that Mark Mathewson served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for over seven (7) years. He is an attorney who deals with land acquisition and has served with integrity and respect. 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 #4 – Consideration of a Contract Award and Budget Amendment for Construction Observation Services for the Village Hall Complex Roof Replacement Project. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of a Contract Award and Budget Amendment for Construction Observation Services for the Village Hall Complex Roof Replacement Project. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Driscoll. Public Works Director John Brunke stated that in October 2021, the Village Board awarded a contract to A1 Roofing Company for the roof replacement at the Village Hall Complex at the price of \$676,900. Due to nationwide issues with the COVID-19 pandemic and material availability, the project was postponed until this Spring. The contractor could not get the material last year for the project. Public Works staff, CBBEL [Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.], and A1 Roofing are preparing to hold a pre-construction meeting, and they need to bring forth a construction observation services contract. The total amount proposed is \$27,048.00. Work included is the contract administration, shop drawing reviews, and construction observation services for approximately twelve (12) weeks.

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Trustee Mustafa asked if Director Brunke anticipated the contractor applying the 5% increase since the project is being done after 2020, per the wording in the earlier contract proposal. Trustee Mustafa inquired whether additional meetings or costs would be charged to the Village per the language in the contract proposal. Trustee Mustafa suggested that Director Brunke issue a cover letter that states that even though the contract proposal is an estimate, they will honor the contract price and if they anticipate much if any additional costs.

Public Works Director Brunke stated that the contractor is going to hold their price and not apply the 5% increase. Also, the contractor has some meetings figured into their costs. Any meetings that are above and beyond the scope of the construction could be billed per the contract, but they would have to come back to the Board for approval. Director Brunke stated that those extra meetings usually do not occur unless they change the scope of a project.

Trustee Mitros asked if the contractor was going to inspect the entire roof. He also stated that the Village was fortunate that the contractor was not increasing their costs.

Public Works Director Brunke affirmed that the contractor would inspect the entire roof. He added that the soffits and fascia were being replaced and that new can LED lighting would be added. There is some tuckpointing included in the job.

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 #6 – Consideration of Budget Amendments and a Transfer of Funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Fund Options for the Berry Lane Drainage Improvements Project. Mayor Nelson called for a motion for Consideration of Budget Amendments and a Transfer of Funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Fund Options for the Berry Lane Drainage Improvements Project. Trustee Mustafa so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott. Public Works Director John Brunke stated that in July 2021, the Village entered into a Project Partnering Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the Berry Lane Drainage Improvements Project through a Section 219 Grant. At that time, the US Army Corps of Engineers' budget for the project was \$1,300,000.00, with the Village contributing 25%, or \$325,000.00. In September of 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bid out the project with a base bid and five (5) additional options. Public Works Director Brunke stated that the US Army Corps of Engineers awarded the base bid and options one (1) and two (2) to Airy's Inc. In February, the US Army Corps of Engineers received an additional \$500,000 towards option five (5) of the project, the water main replacement on Berry Lane. The Village would have to front 25% of the cost, which is \$166,667. The Village has the option to exercise options three (3) and four (4) which are the storm sewer on Bob-O-Link and the Berry Lane Storm Sewer & Road Recon and that the Village would have to cover them solely at the cost of \$1,464,051. Director Brunke stated that there are grants from the MWRD and EPA that would offset the cost. Public Works staff and engineering consultants Baxter & Woodman recommend that the Village should exercise options three (3) and four (4)

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and have the US Army Corps of Engineers construct the project at one time. Director Brunke noted that the contract between the US Army Corps of Engineers and Airy's Inc indicates that the Village has until the end of April 2022 before the Village can exercise the options at the same prices. If the Village were to bid street jobs, no better price would be found. The requested funds from the Village to date total \$1,955,718, including the \$325,000 that was already submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers last year. A portion of the requested funds are allocated to the US Army Corps of Engineers for construction engineering, construction management, and construction contingency which are on top of the prices for the bid options. If the project's costs exceed the contracted amount and the contingency funds do not cover them, then the US Army Corps of Engineers will request additional funds from the Village per the partnering agreement. Director Brunke noted that grant funds totaling \$700,337.54 from the MWRD Green Infrastructure Partnership Program and IEPA Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities Program would partially offset the cost to the Village for options three (3) and four (4). Director Brunke stated that at the time of budget preparation, Public Works staff assumed they would incur the aforementioned costs in FY2023. Since the funding requests have come in during FY2022, they will need budget amendments for several budget lines. Public Works is recommending to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,630,718 to the US Army Corps of Engineers and approve budget amendments as referenced.

Mayor Nelson thanked Director Brunke, the Public Works Department, and Village staff for their efforts to put the grants together to make needed changes and improvements at minimal cost to the Village. Mayor Nelson also thanked the US Army Corps of Engineers, the MWRD, Baxter & Woodman, Congresswoman Kelly and Staff, and the residents who voted to make the necessary repairs.

Trustee Lofton inquired about the timeframe for the project.

Public Works Director Brunke stated that the project should begin in mid to late April, and it is going to last until October 2022. He stated that they are going to schedule an open house for residents to ask questions. They will also be advertising a ground-breaking event with Congresswoman Kelly.

The Trustees thanked and congratulated Public Works for their hard work on these projects.

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 #7 – Discussion on Permitting Aboveground Swimming Pools. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that following the discussion at the March 7, 2022 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to place this item on the agenda for discussion. The Board's packet includes a comprehensive review of the issue, including options that the Board could consider. She stated that the options that the Board has before them include #1 to modify the existing building code. Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner's report noted the definition of a kiddie pool is an 18-inch pool height, and the standard in the International Pool & Spa code is a 24-inch pool height. Option #2, the Board could permit temporary pools like Intex and Summer Waves, but they would still need to be behind fences and permits

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would need to be obtained. Option #3, the Board could permit above-ground pools with the addition of decking and/ or landscaping requirements. Permits and inspections would need to be obtained. The Board would be the governing body that would approve the new building code regulation, and then residents would apply administratively for permission to build the above-ground pool. Option #4, the Board could permit above-ground pools as a special use permit similar to in-ground pools, requiring a modification to the Village's zoning code and the building code. A resident would file an application for a special use permit, and then a public hearing would be held before the Planning Commission and the Village Board would approve each request for an above-ground pool. This option could be burdensome for the Planning Commission, especially in the first couple of years. Option #5, the Board could place an advisory referendum on an upcoming ballot. Similar to the truck regulation issue, when the Village put an advisory referendum on the ballot, they were specific about what the regulation would be. If the current Board were to choose this option, the Village would want to draft the regulations ahead of time so the public would be fully aware of what they were voting yes or no for on the assigned election. The question would most likely be put on the November 2022 ballot. It is a non-binding referendum; however, the Board should be prepared to follow what the public wants. The final option is that the Board could continue to discuss the issue and not take any action.

Mayor Nelson said that she spoke to a lot of people about the issue, both for and against above-ground pools in Flossmoor. Those against the pools are mostly concerned with aesthetics, and those for the pools want to be able to fully enjoy their backyard. If approved, it would be a significant change, including the Village having more fences.

Trustee Driscoll inquired about fences in relation to the above-ground pools. He also stated that he didn't meet many people that were pro-above-ground pools and that people contacted him who were anti above-ground pools. He stated that he has a lot of concerns about the layout of properties with above-ground pools. Trustee Driscoll stated that at this point, he would want to see overwhelming interest for the above-ground pools and be assured that the pools would not negatively impact the community. Trustee Driscoll noted the difficulties of administratively dealing with a pool once it's in bad shape. Even if a resident is fined, it's not solving the problem of getting rid of the pool.

Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner stated that the Board could draft an ordinance where above-ground pools could be required to be fenced in or have a guard at the top of the pool that met fencing requirements.

Trustee Mustafa stated that her concern is with the drainage of above-ground pools, particularly the inexpensive ones, and also the water usage for the pools. She would like more information to be shared with residents about water usage and the cost for above-ground pools. Trustee Mustafa inquired about the potential for emergency calls. She noted that she prefers Homewood's regulations of having a higher fence requirement. She also expressed her concerns about needed pool inspections, including periodic inspections, besides the initial installation.

Fire Chief Kopec noted that he had experience with emergency calls related to pool issues.

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Trustee Bradley-Scott stated that the Board may not have enough information to make an informed decision and that there would be a strain on Village resources like code enforcement if the Village allowed above-ground pools. When the Village is able to give the community enough information on something, they are able to come to a consensus on issues. She stated that it would be helpful for Flossmoor to look into other communities' experiences with enacting new above-ground pool ordinances.

Trustee Mitros stated that the Board does not have to wait to see what another community does to decide. He stated that his parents moved to Flossmoor because it was an open community without a fence in every yard. Trustee Mitros expressed concern about increased staff time and safety. Trustee Mitros stated that he would never vote in favor of above-ground pools. He also stated that there were other issues to be considered like illumination, hours of use, and how many people could be there. He expressed concern for neighbor vs. neighbor issues that will arise if above ground pools were permitted.

Trustee Lofton stated that he spoke with twenty (20) neighbors who were very much against above-ground pools due to reasons of aesthetics, noise, and safety. He also noted that he lives in an area of Flossmoor that does not allow fencing.

Trustee Daggett asked if the Village anticipated needing more code enforcement staffing or hours if the above-ground pool ordinance changed. He asked if it would be possible for pool inspections to be done by outside, qualified pool companies. He also stated that the Board should look at the issues and potential problems and see if they can come up with solutions for them, i.e., extra staffing costs. Trustee Daggett stated that it is not common for an above-ground pool to break and that the Board should look at the impact of above-ground pools on other communities that recently started allowing them.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel noted that the Village's Building Department includes one full-time staff member, a secretary, two part-time property maintenance inspectors, and plan reviewers who work by assignment. The current staff do not have time for an increased workload.

Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner stated that the Spring seasons would be especially onerous for his department and the Planning Commission.

Village Attorney Kathi Orr noted that the Board could write regulations, but there would still likely be neighbor conflicts.

Discussion ensued about fences in relation to side/ corner yards.

Mayor Nelson requested that Village Manager Bridget Wachtel place the issue on a future Board meeting agenda.

No vote was required.

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Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #8 – Discussion of a Liquor License Request for Mommie Experience. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that a new business was going into Flossmoor Commons called the Mommie Experience, which is a selfie studio. Nicke Bell and her partners wish to serve wine and other alcohol (except beer) to clients. They do not plan to serve food or offer video gaming. Village Manager Wachtel stated that as a reminder, the Village does not keep liquor licenses on the shelf, which means that each license is currently in use. Currently, the Village does not have a class of liquor license for on premise consumption not associated with a restaurant, so a new class of license would have to be defined. Village staff would be looking for direction on whether or not to craft a class of license to address their business operation.

Nicke Bell (Johnson) stated that the Mommie Experience is a selfie studio that will have different themes related to motherhood. They would like to offer wine and mommie cocktails that they would have for sale. They plan to open in April 2022. Their business isn't dependent on getting a liquor license, but they would like one. Children could be present, but they would have to be accompanied by an adult. Kesha Kimble from the Mommie Experience stated that she has an alcohol certificate. LaDonna Bradford from the Mommie Experience introduced herself to the Board.

The Board inquired about the Mommie Experience's Business Plan and their plans to serve alcohol.

Village Attorney Kathi Orr discussed her concerns regarding their Business Plan and plans for alcohol sales as presented. She suggested working with the business and tailoring a liquor license for specific events.

Building & Zoning Administrator Scott Bugner stated the business' plans to bring in food and serve snacks may trigger health code regulations, including plumbing codes and the involvement of the Health Department.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the Mommie Experience's requests/ plans.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #9 – Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Equipment Fund Budget. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that this was their second discussion regarding the FY 2023 preliminary budget and that she was going to discuss the Capital Equipment Fund and an additional funding request. The Capital Equipment Fund is a sinking fund that is supported by contributions from both the General Fund and the Water-Sewer Fund on an annual basis. It is on a ten (10) year Capital Equipment replacement schedule. It covers everything from vehicles to computers and general Public Works Department equipment with a cost of \$5,000 or more. No replacement is automatic, as the schedule is looked at annually as part of the budget process to determine whether any of the replacements can and should be deferred. The schedule and the estimated costs for the upcoming fiscal years are looked at in detail to ensure that the Village has realistic numbers. She noted that the pandemic continues to impact the budget, including in the Capital Equipment Fund. She stated that in FY 2021, the Village delayed and

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deferred the purchase of many pieces of equipment and re-budgeted them for FY 2022. Traditionally they look at replacing a couple of squad cars a year, but in FY 2022 they replaced five (5) squad cars. Due to supply chain issues, the Village is having issues obtaining certain equipment like police admin vehicles. Manager Wachtel stated that payment is upon receipt of the equipment, so some things could be carry-overs into the next fiscal year's budget. Equipment replacement projects that started in FY 2022 and may carry over into FY 2023 and include items/ projects such as the Village Hall and Public Works' generator replacements, the Village-wide telephone system replacement, some building maintenance, the Village Hall roof repair, and the replacement of the carpet throughout Village Hall.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel provided a detailed review of equipment to be purchased in FY 2023, such as a five (5) yard dump truck, two (2) one (1)-ton dump trucks with plows, generators to be added to all of the water and sewer facilities, and a utility vehicle in Public Works. There is no vehicle replacement scheduled for the Police Department in FY 2023, but they are planning the replacement of the closed-circuit TV system (that is been planned for several years), AD units, breath analysis equipment, a copier, and pistol range equipment. As for technology, the Village is planning to purchase a computer cabinet, laptop replacement, and the replacement of a couple of printers. Computer upgrades are scheduled for FY 2024.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that there was no fire equipment planned for replacement, but they have added vehicle extraction equipment to the schedule, which they would like to replace in FY 2025. The Fire Department is pursuing a grant to help offset those costs. Also, as for building maintenance, the Village has a roof replacement project, and the Village plans to replace all of the bay doors at the Fire Department – a couple this year and a couple over the next couple of years. The Village plans to replace the bay floors and the HVAC for the server room and fire bay area. They also have money set aside for interior and exterior painting, masonry, and plumbing repairs as needed.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Village adjusts every year – they defer some equipment, advance something earlier in the schedule, or add something to the schedule. The Public Works Department had several pieces of equipment that were deferred. Costs had to be adjusted for equipment due to increased prices. Finance Director Scott Bordui processes a 'true-up' every year to ensure that there is enough cash in the fund over the life of the ten (10) years, to ensure that they are not collecting too much money in that fund, and to determine if they cannot fund the planned purchases in a particular year. Every year the fund has been instrumental in their 'save and spend' plan with being able to replace equipment with cash on hand and the Village's financial stability. There are communities that have to obtain bonds to purchase vehicles. The budgeting and replacement schedule has contributed to the Village's financial success.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the Capital Equipment Fund.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson referred to Agenda Item #10 – Discussion of Additional Funding Requests for the FY 23 Budget. Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that there are not additional funding requests every year.

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When they present the budget to the Board, they are providing a basic operating budget at current service levels. Anything beyond that is considered additional funding, and typically those are considered at different levels within the departments and with the Village Manager. This year the Village received a request for expanded service from the Public after snowstorms. The request came from the Flossmoor Hills & Highland Civic Association. They requested that the sidewalk on Flossmoor Road on the rear yards of several homes (which are behind fencing) that no one claims, be cleared of snow as there are several children who walk to HF High School using that sidewalk. The Village has received similar requests over the years, like for the east side of the Village for the stretch of sidewalk from Dixie Highway to the downtown area. There is a stretch along Evans that has a sidewalk in back of the rear yards of peoples' homes that does not get shoveled because no one claims that area for maintenance. Years ago, the Village received a request from residents of Pinewood Manor who were in a similar situation with a sidewalk on Kedzie. The Village took on the task of cleaning that sidewalk. Public Works Director Brunke put together possible service options, and whatever the Board decides to do will be added to the FY 2023 budget.

Public Works Director John Brunke stated that he prepared a map that shows the sidewalks that the Village currently maintains after a snow event, which is approximately 1.6 miles of sidewalk and takes about eight (8) hours to clean and salt. The other parts of the map which encompass the proposed sidewalks are 1.1 total miles, which Public Works estimates to be a six (6) hour time commitment. Director Brunke stated that there are two (2) options: (1) After a snow event, Public Works staff clears snow within eight (8) hours. They could add the new sidewalks to the areas that need to be cleared within eight (8) hours, but that would require purchasing another tractor for sidewalk clearing. Including related expenses and costs for a laborer to use the equipment, with overtime, is estimated at approximately \$63,000 a year. After the initial year of expenses, it would cost about \$27,000 for option (1). Option (2) is if the Village decides not to do the new sidewalk portions within the same eight (8) hour period and do them the next day after a storm event. The estimated cost would be approximately \$5,000 per year. The expectation would have to be that those sidewalks would not be cleared for one (1) to two (2) days after a snow event.

Mayor Nelson inquired about the costs of contracting out the snow removal work.

Public Works Director Brunke stated that contracting the services out could help save time, but probably not with cost. The Village obtained estimates five (5) to six (6) years ago to clear the snow downtown, and it was more expensive than the Village doing the work. The Village would also have to manage the contractors including checking on their work. He stated that they could obtain quotes from landscapers for the new sidewalk work.

Village Attorney Kathi Orr stated that there is a liability for the Village to clear the sidewalks in a residential district if it is not done well. The potential liability relates to situations where a Village knows that there is an accumulation of water, and the Village would need to clear the snow in a regular manner on a regular basis. She stated that if the Village takes on the work, they have to check out the physical aspects around the area for potential issues.

Trustee Daggett inquired about Coyote Run maintaining the sidewalk that is near their property.

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Public Works Director Brunke stated that they could inquire with Coyote Run about the possibility of them taking on the discussed portion of sidewalk on Flossmoor Road near their property.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the additional funding request.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel stated that the Village could receive more requests for snow removal if the Board approves the request for snow removal on Flossmoor Road, but a distinction between the properties being discussed and other properties would be that these are near the backyards of residences and Flossmoor Road is the main thoroughfare of the Village.

The Board agreed to add option (2) to the budget for snow removal.

No vote was required.

Mayor Nelson asked if there was any other business.

Village Manager Bridget Wachtel shared that the new resident mixer would be on April 9th at 6:00 pm at the Flossmoor Library and that the Board was invited to attend. Also, a community clean-up is planned for April 2nd starting at 9 am to tackle litter on Flossmoor Road.

Mayor Nelson stated that Spring Break was coming up, and residents could fill out a form to request extra patrols for their homes. She thanked the Flossmoor Fire Department and Chief Kopec for inviting the Mayor to their training the previous week. She found it eye-opening and appreciated everything they do to save lives. Also, the travel website www.thrillist.com featured Flossmoor as one of the twelve (12) must-visit suburbs. In April, Flossmoor will be featured on the American Dream TV series, a real estate TV show. Mayor Nelson and Chogie Fields, owner of Conservatory Vintage and Vinyl, were interviewed for the feature, which will come out in April.

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. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Bradley-Scott and passed by a roll call vote.

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

The Board entered executive session at 9:44 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:51 p.m.

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON MARCH 21, 2022

VILLAGE HALL / ZOOM MEETING

MARCH 21, 2022

7:30 pm

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 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina A. LoGalbo
Village Clerk