

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2025

VILLAGE HALL

December 1, 2025

7:00 PM

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Village Clerk Porter took roll. There was a quorum.

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson and Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT

Scott Bugner, Director of Building & Zoning	Carl Estelle, Chief of Police
John Brunke, Public Works Director	Bob Kopec, Fire Chief
Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager	Joe Miller, Village Attorney
Jonathan Bogue, Asst Village Manager	15 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:

Mayor Nelson stated there were none for this meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENT WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

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

- 1. Jackie Riffice (Flossmoor resident):** Provided information about her book club and invited all to her meetings.

There were no further public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Consent Agenda Items #1-5**. Trustee Mustafa so moved, Trustee Daggett seconded. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that were requested to be removed 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

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ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Nelson stated there were none. Mayor Nelson expressed her appreciation to the Village of Flossmoor Art Commission, Community Relations Commission, and Green Commission, and everyone who participated in the downtown ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the substantial completion of the streetscape and safety project.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item #6 Discussion on E-bike and E-scooter Regulations

This discussion item was presented by Jonathan Bogue, Assistant Village Manager. Mr. Bogue provided a detailed presentation about E-bikes and E-scooters that included a discussion on the following topics: (a) The rapid increase in usage rates for E-bikes and E-scooters; (b) State of Illinois laws for E-bikes and E-scooters and pending legislation; (c) Insurance/risk management recommendations from the Village's insurance and risk management association (IRMA) for E-bikes and E-scooters; (d) Research that shows an increased number of serious injuries associated with E-bikes and E-scooters; (e) The results of the Board survey on E-bikes and E-scooters; and (f) Age restriction recommendations for operators of E-bikes and E-scooters. Mr. Bogue advised the Board that Village staff recommends the Board consider: (1) Promoting educational resources about helmet use and safety guidelines to parents of minors who operate E-bikes and E-scooters; (2) A ban on E-scooters on the Village's downtown sidewalks; (3) Age requirements for Class 1 and Class 2 E-bikes; (4) Drafting E-bike and E-scooter regulations for the Village that is the same as what is passed by the State of Illinois; and (5) Local enforcement of violations related to any regulations passed by the Village for the operation and use of E-bikes and E-scooters.

Mayor Nelson, after Assistant Village Manager Bogue's presentation, advised that she agrees with the following: (1) Education and recommendations about helmet use without a mandatory helmet requirement for operators of Ebikes and E-scooters; (2) Publishing information about pending legislation with the State of Illinois related to the use of E-bikes and E-scooters, including any age restrictions for operators; (3) Enforcement by the Village for violations of local regulations related to E-bikes and E-scooters; (4) A ban on E-scooters on downtown Village sidewalks; and (5) Deferring any discussion and regulations related to age restrictions until the State of Illinois acts on pending legislation.

Mayor Nelson called for comments from the Trustees, and they made the following recommendations:

Trustee Dorsey: (1) Wait to see what the State of Illinois does with pending legislation for E-bikes and E-scooters before drafting local regulations so that the Village is able to mirror State regulations; (2) Local enforcement of

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violations that relate to local regulations for E-bikes and E-scooters; (3) Providing educational resources about helmets to parents of E-bike and E-scooter operators; (4) An age restriction based on what the State of Illinois will require for operators of E-bikes and E-scooters; and (5) Banning E-scooters on downtown Village sidewalks.

Trustee Lofton: (1) Waiting to see what the State of Illinois does with pending legislation on E-bikes and Escooters so that any ordinances drafted and passed by the Village are consistent with Illinois law; (2) No E-scooters on downtown Village sidewalks; and (3) Helmet use since “one head injury can be your last.”

Trustee Mitros: (1) Agrees with overall comments with recommendations made during the presentation; (2) Local enforcement of Village regulations related to E-bikes and E-scooters; (3) No E-scooters on downtown Village sidewalks; and (4) Providing education about using helmets when operating E-bikes and E-scooters without making helmet use mandatory, in part because a mandatory helmet regulation will not be able to be enforced.

Trustee Mustafa: (1) A strong recommendation by the Village for helmet use without a mandatory requirement; (2) Following regulations imposed by the State of Illinois to the maximum extent possible and educating the public about these regulations; (3) Having a campaign that makes safety training attractive to young users of E-bikes and E-scooters. Assistant Village Manager Bogue advised that having a training program conducted solely by the Village comes with liability considerations that need to be evaluated; (4) Waiting to pass any age restrictions for operators of E-bikes and E-scooters pending State legislation; (5) A ban on E-scooters and E-bikes in the downtown area to limit congestion, and at a minimum, a ban on E-scooters on the downtown sidewalks. Assistant Manager Bogue advised that it was unlikely that E-bikes could be banned in the downtown area since these are legally operated on the street.

Trustee Rodgers: (1) Waiting for State legislation before passing local ordinances on E-bikes and E-scooters, including age restrictions for operators, so that any local ordinances are consistent with State law; (2) Strongly recommends operators of E-bikes and E-scooters wear a helmet, and agrees that helmets should not be a mandatory requirement; (3) Educating parents about safety issues related to E-bikes and E-scooters and State regulations; and (4) Banning E-scooters on downtown sidewalks.

Trustee Daggett: (1) Local enforcement of ordinance violations; (2) An E-bike and E-scooter ordinance that includes passenger restrictions if passenger restrictions are not addressed by State legislation; (3) Agrees overall with the recommendations from other Board members; and (4) Revisiting these issues when the State of Illinois acts on pending legislation.

Staff and the Village Attorney had direction to draft a local ordinance that mirrors State statute and prohibits Escooters in the downtown area (B-5 zoning district).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS

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

Trustee Rodgers: No comments

Trustee Mustafa: No comments

Trustee Mitros: Thanked Public Works for keeping the streets clear of winter weather, and further comments that local enforcement of E-bike and E-scooter ordinances is more cost effective for the Village than sending an officer to Markham Court.

Trustee Lofton: Thanked Public Works for their hard work and for keeping the streets clear and drivable.

Trustee Dorsey: Expressed gratitude to Public Works for keeping the streets clear of winter weather conditions.

Trustee Daggett: Expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the downtown renovation project, the ribbon cutting ceremony, and the events over the weekend that included the lighting of the Village tree.

Clerk Porter: No comments

Village Manager Wachtel: Gave thanks to Public Works for their hard work, and all the Village departments and staff and community members for supporting Small Business Saturday and making the Village tree lighting a success.

Attorney Miller: No comments

Mayor Nelson further gave appreciation to Public Works for their work and the lights displayed in the downtown area and to the Homewood Flossmoor Park District and Flossmoor Firebirds for their assistance with and participation in the holiday events over the past weekend.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. 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 7:49 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cecil E. Porter
Village Clerk