

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS
HELD ON APRIL 20, 2026

VILLAGE HALL

April 20, 2026

7:00 PM

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:

Ann Novoa, Finance Director	Carl Estelle, Chief of Police
Scott Bugner, Director of Bldg & Zoning	Bob Kopec, Fire Chief
John Brunke, Public Works Director	Nicole Castagna, Asst to Vlg Mgr/Comm. Mgr.
Dan Milovanovic, Asst Public Wrks Mgr	Joe Miller, Village Attorney
Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager	
Jonathan Bogue, Asst. Village Mgr.	

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 WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1. John Grevan (3007 Lawrence Crescent): 44-year resident of Flossmoor. Expressed concerns over the following: (a) A security system fee increase passed by the Village; and (b) The poor road conditions on the East/West section of Lawrence Crescent that are diminishing property values. Mayor Nelson asked if Lawrence Crescent was on the list for repaving this year, and Public Works Director Brunke said it was not. Mayor Nelson said she would provide Mr. Grevan with information showing the roads that were on the work schedule for the year.
2. Pastor Doyle Landry: Spoke about mental health concerns, specifically for Black men in the south suburbs, suicide awareness, and his personal mental health battles. Requests that Flossmoor and Homewood work together on the Juneteenth Festival and have a mental health emphasis during the event.
3. Adam Rogers: Marine Corps saxophonist. Performed music on his saxophone.
4. Qadree Holmes (3639 Antholl, Flossmoor): Introduced his newly formed group called the "Flossmoor Gentleman's Caucus." Gave information about: (a)The Board members; (b)

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Membership requirements; (c) Goals for the group; (d) Supporting local businesses; and (e) Future events and sponsorships. For more information, look for the group page on Facebook.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Agenda Item #1. Consideration of the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Mayor Nelson opened the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 budget at 7:18 p.m. and asked for public comments. There were no comments, so Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Mayor Nelson called for a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 budget. Trustee Mitros so moved, and Trustee Lofton seconded.

Mayor Nelson introduced Village Manager Wachtel to present this agenda item. Village Manager Wachtel provided information about: (a) The budget presentations from the three previous board meetings that started in March of 2026, which included discussions about the General Fund and Water Sewer Fund; (b) Capital Equipment Fund; and (c) The large capital projects, including those projects related to infrastructure, roads, and water/sewer. The budget is published on the Village's website (<https://www.flossmoor.org/158/Budget-Annual-Comprehensive-Financial-Re>)

Village Manager Wachtel reported on the preliminary budget and revisions/amendments leading up to the final budget. Village Manager's presentation included detailed information that included in part the following topics: (a) The methodology for making adjustments to the budget; (b) Receipt of 1.35 million in property tax revenues since the preparation of the preliminary budget that has resulted in a decrease in projected deficits (c) Receipt of about \$1 million in grants that offset about 2.8 million in planned capital projects, and the grants could grow by as much as \$2 million (pending grants from Senator Harris's office for \$1 million, and also \$1 million from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)).

Mayor Nelson asked the Board if there were any questions or comments and the Board responded as follows:

Trustee Mustafa: Confirmed that there is about \$760,000.00 that will need to be covered by the Village for the viaduct project after monies received from grants are applied. The Village Manager responded with information about offsetting expenditures that will come from the bond fund and be moved to the general fund, which will improve the condition of the ending fund balance in the Bond Fund. With respect to other projects, the remainder will come from the Village's savings plan to account for expenses. Village Manager Wachtel provided further information about: (a) Sources for the expected \$2 million in grant funds; (b) Funding and the priority for future projects;

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(c) The timeline for when recent businesses and property development will have a financial impact on the Village's funds; and (d) Capturing the full increment of the property tax growth. Finance Director Novoa stated that the Village does not usually see any property taxes until a development is complete and open, and there is usually a two-to-three-year delay before monies are received.

Trustee Rodgers: Inquired about how newly passed fees and taxes will impact the Village's finances. Village Manager responded that these new income streams will address operational shortfalls. From a cash flow standpoint, the Village has been adjusting its spending to respond to the Cook County property tax situation. The Village's response to the Cook County situation has been on the expenditure side, and not the revenue side.

Trustee Daggett: Praised the excellent skill of the Village's finance team and management team for the preparation and administration of the budget. Confirms that the Village collects about 96-97% of the property taxes. Village Manager Wachtel and Finance Director responded that the Village should get paid 100% of what Cook County collects for property taxes.

Trustee Dorsey: Gives thanks to Village Manager Wachtel and the finance team for all of their phenomenal work, the presentations, and detailed discussions leading up to the adoption of the budget.

Trustee Lofton: Thanks to everyone who has assisted with preparing the budget, and for getting so many funds in grants to offset expenses.

Trustee Mitros: Praised the Village for its decades of strong financial leadership and careful financial planning.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Consent Agenda Items #2-12**. Trustee Daggett so moved, Trustee Mustafa 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.

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS: Mayor Nelson stated there were no formal reports from any of the Commissions. Mayor Nelson announced that the Green Commission is having its annual Recyclepalooza on April 25, 2026, and also that the Flossmoor Public Art Commission is hosting a garden art auction (<https://www.artflossmoor.com/>) and to sign up by April 30th to donate, with donated items due by May 27th. Mayor Nelson expressed thanks to the Community Relations Commission for the New Residents Event and to all the staff and board members who were in attendance.

ACTION ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

OTHER BUSINESS

13. 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 to go into Executive Session and asked the Board if there were other business to discuss. The Board responded as follows:

Trustee Rodgers: None

Trustee Mustafa: Inquired about helping residents follow the necessary steps for opting out of the vehicle use fee. Village Manager Wachtel gave information about the procedures the Village will follow to publicize the steps that residents need to follow to apply for a fee waiver. Assistant Village Manager Bogue provided information on the Village's educational campaign to inform residents about the program.

Trustee Mitros: No comments.

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Trustee Lofton: Congratulations to the Village's finance department for being awarded for the 48th Consecutive Year the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (COA) by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Trustee Dorsey: No comments

Trustee Daggett: Expresses appreciation for the Village Manager's Report that is provided to the Board, quick responses by Village staff to resident inquires, and for the introduction from the Flossmoor Gentleman's Caucus.

Village Clerk Porter: No Comments

Village Attorney Miller: No Comments

Village Manager Wachtel: Recognized Village employees for raising more than \$5,300.00 for Special Olympics, with special recognition to Police Officer Lisa Bapp for being the volunteer organizer. Reported that the Village's website has been updated by Assistant Village Manager Bogue and Communications Director Nicole Castagna to make the economic development section more user-friendly. Also thanked Public Works for implementing the new one-way streets with striping at Brassie and Vardon.

Mayor Nelson: Reported on the important work done by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and welcomed questions from anyone about the association's lobbying efforts. Mayor Nelson also introduced Al Kindle of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office who attended the meeting.

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Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mitros so moved, seconded by Trustee Lofton. 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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecil E. Porter
Village Clerk