

MINUTES OF MAYOR NELSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON JUNE 1, 2026

VILLAGE HALL

June 1, 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 Bld & Zoning	Douglas Merkle, Deputy Chief of Police
John Brunke, Public Works Director	Bob Kopec, Fire Chief
Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager	Nicole Castagna, Asst to Vlg Mgr/Comm. Mgr.
Jonathan Bogue, Asst. Village Mgr.	Kathi Orr, Village Attorney

**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:**

**Agenda Item # 1: A Proclamation Declaring June 2026 as Pride Month**

Mayor Nelson introduced Annie Ford and Amariyah Raickett, both Lighthouse LGBTQ+ Scholarship Recipients, to accept Flossmoor's Pride Proclamation. Mayor Nelson, after introducing Ms. Ford and Ms. Raickett, reaffirmed the Village's support of the LGBTQ+ community by reading the proclamation and declaring the month of June as Pride Month.

**Agenda Item #2: A Proclamation Honoring the 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Richard W. Condon**

Mayor Nelson introduced Dr. Kris Condon to accept a proclamation on behalf of her father, long-time Flossmoor resident Richard (Dick) W. Condon. In 1932, Richard Condon moved to Flossmoor Park. He is a veteran of the Korean War, Vice-President of the Flossmoor Veterans' Memorial, and carved the Flossmoor crest which is on display in the boardroom. He has been a tremendous supporter of the community. Mayor Nelson read the Proclamation to honor Mr. Condon and declared his birthday, June 3, 2026, as "Richard W. Condon Day."

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**Agenda Item #3 A Proclamation Declaring June 3, 2026, as Global Running Day**

Mayor Nelson read the Proclamation to declare June 3, 2026, as Global Running Day to recognize Flossmoor's embrace of community wellness, health, and recreation as essential components of a thriving and connected community. Mayor Nelson introduced the following to accept the proclamation:

- **Tamerra Buckhanan:** An 82-year-old Flossmoor resident and lifelong runner who recently earned the prestigious Abbott World Marathon Majors Six Star Medal and has completed every Flossmoor Hidden Gem Half Marathon event.
- **Hidden Gem Half Marathon Organizers: Tom Dobrez and Betsy Cutrara,** who were recognized for the race and winning the Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) "Race of the Year" for three out of the past four years, and **Dr. Kalisha Hill,** who works on the medical staff.
- **Homewood-Flossmoor High School Girls Track & Field Team:** The team was honored for winning its second consecutive state championship.
- **Parker Junior High School Track & Field Team:** Recognized for earning multiple state titles, setting new records and achieving top finishes across events.

**PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

1. **Troy Holmes (Flossmoor resident):** Expressed his appreciation for the Village of Flossmoor's Pride Month and the Pride Flags that are flown in downtown Flossmoor. Discussed why it is important for the Village to fly the Pride flag, the history of the Pride Flag and its symbolism, and the many reasons he was upset when the Village of Homewood chose not to fly it this year.
2. **Adam Rogers:** Professional saxophonist. Performed music on his saxophone.
3. **Pastor Doyle Landry:** Discussed mental health issues in his family, the book "Black Pain" written by Terry Williams, and his concerns for high school students, senior citizens, and housing shortages.

Mayor Nelson called for a moment of silence in remembrance of **Spencer Leak, Jr.,** Flossmoor resident who recently passed away.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Consent Agenda Items #4-7**. Trustee Dorsey 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  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:** Mayor Nelson stated there were no formal reports from the Committees or Commissions. Mayor Nelson provided information about the Public Art Commission's upcoming fundraiser (<https://www.artflossmoor.com/>) and the HF Park District's Pride Festival that is being held on June 12, 2026, in Flossmoor Park and supported by the Community Relations Commission.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Agenda Item #8: Consideration of a Resolution of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Properties within the Proposed Southwest Flossmoor Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area**

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Action Item #8**. Trustee Mustafa so moved, Trustee Daggett seconded.

This action item was presented by Kathleen F. Orr, Village Attorney who provided information about: (a) the Board having approved a development agreement with OBE Studios for a multi-media entertainment campus; (b) The developer having requested financial assistance from the Village; (c) Investigation supporting the subject property and adjacent properties qualifying as a "redevelopment project area" (a "TIF") under the TIF Act, and (d) recommendations for the proposed ordinance. The purpose of these recommendations is to assist OBE Studios and the Southland Development Agency in developing this property. Attorney Orr is working with John Brunke and Scott Bugner to prepare the TIF plan.

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Mayor Nelson asked for comments from the Board. The Board engaged Attorney Orr in discussions that included confirming the parcels to be in the TIF, and that this would not subject the Village to any liabilities. The Board unanimously voiced support for this action item.

A vote on the Motion was presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

**Agenda Item #9: Consideration of an Ordinance of the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois Amending Chapter 200 of the Village of Flossmoor Municipal Code (Noise/Nuisance)**

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Action Item #9**. Trustee Mustafa so moved, Trustee Daggett seconded.

This action item was presented by Douglas Merkle, Deputy Chief of Police, who provided information about noise complaints received by the police department, difficulties the police department has with responding to noise complaints and enforcing standards regarding excessive and unreasonable noise within the Village.

Attorney Orr stated that the proposed ordinance needs to be amended so that the term “community events” under §200-7-4(D) states the following:

**Community events: The term “community events” shall include such things as parades, festivals, drum corps, marching band shows, sports events, Fourth of July celebrations, sanctioned or sponsored in whole or in part by local governments, schools, houses of worship, or charitable or service organizations, including school attendance bells, playground noise, church bells, and approved block parties.**

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve the amendment to **Action Item #9** under §200-7-4(D) “Community Events” of the proposed ordinance. Trustee Mitros so moved, Trustee Lofton seconded.

Mayor Nelson asked for questions. The Board responded with questions about the police department’s discretion in noise complaint enforcement, the use of decibel standards, how the

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ordinance will be enforced by police officers using their personal judgment, and fines for noise violations. The Board was in full support of this action item with the proposed amendment.

A vote on the Motion to Amend §200-7-4(D) “Community Events” of the proposed ordinance, as stated by Attorney Orr, was presented and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

A vote on the Motion, as amended, was presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS: None**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nelson stated the Board needed to have an Executive Session, and before doing so, asked if there were any other business. The Board responded as follows:

**Trustee Daggett:** Congratulations to those who have graduated. Praised the accolades of the students. Also praised Public Works on the successful bids for the resurfacing project.

**Trustee Rodgers:** None.

**Trustee Mustafa:** Expressed appreciation to Mr. Richard Condon and his lifetime of contributions.

**Trustee Mitros:** None.

**Trustee Lofton:** Condolences to the Leak family on the passing of Spencer Leak, Jr. and gave information about his family, fraternal background, and their shared history.

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**Trustee Dorsey:** Gave appreciation to everyone who came out for Flossmoor's "Taps Across America" community remembrance event on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026.

**Clerk Porter:** Expressed appreciation for Flossmoor's upcoming Pride Celebration, the contributions of Flossmoor's Community Engagement Manager, Stephanie Wright, in starting this annual event, and noted that Flossmoor is one of the first Chicago suburbs to have a Pride celebration.

**Village Manager Wachtel:** The Village is back on track to have the landscaping work completed, with work to begin by the end of the week. Ms. Wachtel explained that the contract is held by IDOT, and they are coordinating this remaining work. John Brunke, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from Trustee Mustafa about the plants for the downtown area.

Mayor Nelson provided the following updates about the Spring legislative session:

- No change in the local government distributive fund
- The Build Initiative stalled
- The E-Bike bill passed and is being reviewed by the Village
- The Body Cam bill stalled
- No regulations on data centers were passed
- Nothing was done with pensions

**Agenda Item #10: A Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of Specific Individuals, Property Acquisition, and Litigation**

Mayor Nelson called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of specific individuals. Trustee Lofton so moved, Trustee Daggett seconded.

A vote on the Motion was presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mitros, Mustafa, and Rodgers  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NAYS: None

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:28 p.m. The Board returned from Executive Session at approximately 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. 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 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecil E. Porter  
Village Clerk