

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

VILLAGE HALL

July 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Village Clerk Porter took roll. There was a quorum.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Mitros (excused absence per Mayor Nelson).

ALSO PRESENT:

Ann Novoa, Finance Director	Carl Estelle, Chief of Police
Scott Bugner, Director of Bld & Zoning	Nicole Castagna, Asst to Vlg Mgr/Comm. Mgr.
John Brunke, Public Works Director	Joe Miller, Village Attorney
Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager	

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:

1. A Resolution Honoring Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery:

Mayor Nelson introduced Dean Armstrong, who, along with Carolyn Armstrong, renovated and opened Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery 30 years ago. Mayor Nelson recognized the Armstrongs for their successful business in the heart of Flossmoor, and the positive impact it has had on our community. Mr. Armstrong expressed his thanks to the Village, and especially the Village board members who were the initial support behind renovating the train station and opening the brewery.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

It should be noted that in reporting these comments, the Village has not researched the accuracy of any comments.

1. Gloria Lennox (Flossmoor resident 1835 Dixie Highway Building A): Ms. Lennox voiced strong concerns about her situation at 1835 Dixie Highway in Building A, how she has been impacted by the water and gas having been turned off, and her unanswered complaints about these conditions. Mayor Nelson responded that the building in question is not a residential building, that there are very serious life safety issues associated with this property, and recommended that Ms. Lennox discuss her concerns with the building's association. Public Works

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Director Brunke advised that the water and gas to the building have been turned off for safety reasons and that, since this is private property, the building association needs to address them. Mayor Nelson advised Ms. Lennox that the village would contact her to discuss these issues in more detail.

2. Pastor Landry Doyle: Discussed music education as a method to deter violence, apprehension and detaining of criminals, and solutions to violence.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Consent Agenda Items #2-10**. 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.

A vote on the Motion was presented and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Daggett, Dorsey, Lofton, Mustafa, and Rodgers
ABSENT: Trustee Mitros
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 recognized Nancy Burrows, Chair of the Village of Flossmoor's Public Art Commission, for raising approximately \$8,000.00 during the Commission's recent fundraiser to support Flossmoor's public sculpture program.

ACTION ITEMS:

11. Consideration of a Contract Amendment for Design Engineering Services for the Dartmouth Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Streambank Stabilization Project

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to approve **Action Item #11**. Trustee Daggett so moved, Trustee Lofton seconded.

This action item was presented by John Brunke, Director of Public Works. Director Brunke discussed the contract that was awarded to Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for the design engineering for the Dartmouth Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Streambank Stabilization Project that had totaled \$106,186.00. Director Brunke advised the Board about Baxter

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& Woodman's proposed amendments to their original proposal that will increase the costs by \$46,800.00. The amendments include:

1. Bridge Design to meet 100-year flood protection criteria, including retaining walls, safety railings, and bridge path approaches (\$16,500).
2. Grading and Earthwork, including earthwork balancing analysis and compensatory storage design (\$11,650).
3. Hydraulic Modeling, including review of existing model and preparation of proposed model and coordination with FEMA to resolve discrepancies (\$13,125).
4. Regulatory Coordination, including comment response to IDNR review (\$5,525).

Mayor Nelson turned to the Board for comments, and the Board responded with questions about: (a) The total cost for the proposed amendments; (b) Re-opening the bidding process because of the cost increase. Director Brunke responded that it would cost more to re-open the bidding and retain a new firm since any new firm would have to re-do much of the work that had already been completed by Baxter & Woodman. Village Manager Wachtel advised that these amendments were for engineering design costs, and that the project work will be opened for bidding; (c) How it was learned that the new bridge needs to be raised approximately three feet; and (d) The timeline for construction bids, and for completion of the project. Director Brunke responded that the bridge is expected to be completed by late summer of 2027.

The Board gave full support for this action item. A vote on the Motion was presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no discussion items presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Nelson stated there was no need for Executive Session.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Nelson called for Other Business and the Board responded as follows:

Trustee Mustafa: Gave recognition to the police departments from Hazel Crest and Richton Park for recent accomplishments. Inquired about focus groups and also an investigation into other consultants to prepare the Village's strategic plan.

Trustee Lofton: Expressed thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for their storm response.

Trustee Dorsey: Expressed thanks to the cleanup crew and his appreciation to all Village departments for the recent storm response. Joined Trustee Mustafa's request to look into other consultants to prepare the Village's strategic plan.

Trustee Daggett: Gave thanks to Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for their quick response following the July 3rd storms. Gave a shout out to You Matter 2's interview program and the local businesses that volunteered to assist, including: Beyond Borders, Dunnings, Flossmoor Station, Flossmoor Social, Gypsy Fix, and the library.

Trustee Rodgers: Expressed thanks to Public works for addressing downed trees following the recent storms. Joined Trustee Mustafa and Trustee Dorsey's request for investigating other consultants to prepare the Village's strategic plan.

Village Clerk Porter: None

Village Attorney Miller: Provided an update regarding the library's request for additional funding and his repeated attempts to discuss this with the library's attorney, most of which have gone unanswered. The library's attorney advised that he needs to have further discussions with his client.

Village Manager Wachtel: Praised the Village's police department, fire department, and public works for their exemplary performance and response to the community after recent storms. Reported that the Southland took 2,735 calls for service between July 3 and July 4, the Fire Department responded to 81 incidents, and the Police Department responded to 179 calls for service over this two day period.

Mayor Nelson further announced the following:

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Gave additional special thanks to Director Brunke, Chief Kopec and Chief Estelle for their heroic and hands-on efforts. Mayor Nelson further recognized that Flossmoor's Chief of Police also ranks among the best.

The Village's IPO Chamber Night is on July 29th and invited everyone to join in the event.

Mayor Nelson called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lofton so moved, seconded by Trustee Daggett. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecil E. Porter
Village Clerk