

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 27, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering roll call were Commissioners, Wade, Milovich-Walters, Polk and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Reed was absent this evening.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Howard Jablecki, Village Attorney; Mike Sibrava, Public Works Director; Allen Altic, Finance Director; Mark Herman, Community Development Director, and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MARCH 13, 2023:** Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 13, 2023, as presented.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Wade, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

**RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**WOMEN'S CLUB 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE:** Mayor Mahoney introduced Sue Peterson, the president of the Women's Club, to speak about the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque that will be displayed in the Lobby of the Kaptur Administrative Center. Sue Peterson addressed the Council and the audience and presented the history of the Women's Club and stated that the Palos Park Women's Club is the largest club in Illinois with 153 members. Sue Peterson spoke about the plaque and how it is in honor of its members. The name plates include 33 founding members, most of the past 56 presidents of the Women's Club, as well as current members. The Women's is thrilled to have the plaque displayed at the Palos Park Kaptur Administrative Center.

**PALOS PARK CADET SCHOLARSHIPS:** Commissioner Polk spoke about the Palos Park Police Cadet program (Law Enforcement Explorers) and its 2023 recipients, Jake Zemgulis and Grace Mischak. Grace Mischak took a moment and gracefully thanked the Police Department for the opportunities the Cadet program has given her. Grace thanked her Commander, Chief, Officers and predecessors for being amazing teachers. She will continue her studies and pursue a career in criminal justice. Jake Zemgulis followed suit and thanked Chief Miller and Commissioner Polk. Jake Zemgulis continued with gratitude for the Cadet Program and all that it has taught him. Through this program he is certain that he will continue to pursue his career in law enforcement.

**RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Mahoney presented an appointment of Colleen Smith Costello to the Recreational Advisory Commission to fill a vacancy with a term to expire June 1, 2026.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the appointment of Colleen Smith Costello to the Recreational Advisory Commission to fill a vacancy with a term to expire June 1, 2026.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Wade, Polk and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

**PROCLAMATION CONSERVATION OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed March 27, 2023 as Monarch Pledge Day in the Village of Palos Park and to encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support Monarch conservation and to plant Monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhood. Mayor Mahoney proceeded to read the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION FOR 'ARBOR DAY' IN PALOS PARK:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed Sunday, May 7, 2023 'Arbor Day' in the Village of Palos Park and that it be observed with an educational program "The Wonder of Trees" presented by Trinity Pierce of the Morton Arboretum to be held at The Center in Palos Park. Mayor Mahoney proceeded to read the proclamation.

**HEARINGS:** None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items on the consent agenda are routine or have been brought forward at the direction of the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted with one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to:

- A. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated March 27, 2023 in the amount of \$47,938.29

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Wade, Polk and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

#### **INFORMATION & UPDATES:**

##### **COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS/RECREATION & PARKS, NICOLE MILOVICH-WALTERS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters informed residents about the Arbor Day Poster Contest and encouraged children to submit an entry. Commissioner Milovich-Walters announced that Brunch with the Bunny is full. The next event is the Fishing Derby at Papoose Lake on April 8th. Participants can come and fish the day of the event. Youth tennis will be starting up on April 13<sup>th</sup>. April 24<sup>th</sup> will start a new soccer program for 9–12-year-olds called 'Score More Goals'.

##### **COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, MIKE WADE:**

**HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS:** Commissioner Wade informed residents that Village Code Chapter 692.02 states that grass and weeds cannot exceed eight inches in height. If you are aware of a property that has become overgrown, please call 708-671-3732.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Commissioner Wade reported that the Building Department processed thirteen (13) permits from March 8, 2023 to March 22, 2023 resulting in \$12,456.35 in permit fees. Thirteen (13) inspections were completed during this time. Fiscal year to date totals \$164,240.86

**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:**

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 1791 calls for service/CAD Events from March 13 through March 26, 2023. Palos Park Police also issued 65 traffic stops, 25 moving violations, 5 adjudication tickets, 32 speeding tickets, 25 case reports, 8 accident reports, 0 adult arrests, 0 juvenile, 0 impounds, and 19 citizen assists.

**CERT:** Commissioner Polk reminded residents that the second program of the Palos Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is kicking off April 27, 2023. This group of people will receive special training to enhance the ability to recognize, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. If interested please contact Officer Flores 708-671-3770 or email [fflores@palospark.org](mailto:fflores@palospark.org) Call Chief Joe Miller at 708-259-1035.

**BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY:** Palos Park Police are handing out free bicycle safety helmets to children in Palos Park. The helmets are available to residents at no cost. Visit the Palos Park Police Department at the Kaptur Administration Center to pick up your helmet.

**COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, G. DARRYL REED:** Commissioner Reed had no formal report this evening as he was absent this evening.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES FACILITY:** Clerk Arrigoni informed residents that Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - the Secretary of State Mobile Drivers Facility will be here in the Village Hall from 10am – 2pm.

**VOTING:** Clerk Arrigoni informed residents that early voting is at the Palos Heights Recreation Center until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. April 4<sup>th</sup> is election day and polls are open from 6am – 7pm and all voting information can be found online by visiting [cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections).

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Boehm had no report this evening.

**CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD:** Phil Wegele and Susan Adamo, addressed the council and made comments to show appreciation to Mayor Mahoney. Alyson Hurd Sternquist addressed the council and audience and commented on how wonderful Palos Park is for herself and her family and thanked the Council for their service.

Mayor Mahoney commented on the wonderful Cadet Program and acknowledged both scholarship recipients for their professionalism, gratefulness and service mindset.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** There being no further business, Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

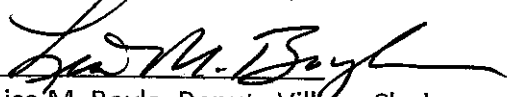
On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Wade and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk