MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

HELD ON APRIL 22, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Reed, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Pavlatos was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Cathy Gabel, Deputy Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Tom Bayer, Village Attorney; Howard Jablecki, Assistant Village Attorney; Mike Sibrava, Public Works Director; Barb Maziarek, Finance Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; and Kathy May, Administrative Analyst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2019: Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 8, 2019 as presented.

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

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK: Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 5-11, 2019 Municipal Clerk’s Week in the Village of Palos Park. The proclamation extends appreciation to our Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent. The Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants and serves as the information center on functions of local government.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK: Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 19-25, 2019 Public Works Week in the Village of Palos Park. Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Palos Park. The quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction is dependent upon the efforts and skills of public works personnel. Public works employees have been recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as emergency responders and train for their roles in preparedness, response, and recovery phase of disasters in addition to their routine duties.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH: The month of May 2019 was proclaimed Building Safety Month by Mayor Mahoney. Building Safety Month 2019 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH: May 2019 was also proclaimed Motorcycle Awareness Month in Palos Park. Motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation. Members of A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) continually promote motorcycle safety, education and awareness in high school driver’s education programs and to the general public in our Village and State. All motorists are urged to join in the effort to improve safety and awareness on our streets and highways.
HEARINGS:
PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2020: At 7:33 p.m. a public hearing was held to consider the proposed Budget Ordinance in the amount of $8,687,404.00 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. A draft copy of the proposed budget has been on file for inspection in the Kaptur Administrative Center and the Palos Park Library. Barb Maziarek, Finance Director, stated the budget serves as the primary planning and financial tool to accomplish many objectives and policies. Following a brief discussion, the public hearing portion of the Village Council meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

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 Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to:

A. To pass a resolution to close a portion of McCarthy Road for the annual parade to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 – the resolution states the parade on September 21, 2019 will require the closing of McCarthy Road from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and said Village will assume full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of traffic during the time the detour is in effect

B. To approve the update/recertification of authorized individuals that may view and request confidential information and remittance reports for calendar year 2019 as required by the Reciprocal Agreements on Exchange of Information with the Illinois Department of Revenue

C. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated April 22, 2019 in the amount of $115,073.46

D. To approve the Village of Palos Park’s intent to participate in the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:
AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: None

INFORMATION & UPDATES:
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS/RECREATION & PARKS, NICOLE MILOVICH-WALTERS:
METROPOLITAN PUMP PROPOSAL: The Romiga Sanitary Lift Station experienced a problem with one of its pumps necessitating the installation of a spare pump stored at Metropolitan Industries, Inc. Rather than buying new pumps costing between $15,000.00 - $25,000.00, Public Works has had the pumps rebuilt for between $4,000.00 - $6,000.00. The rebuilt pumps wear as well and come with a 90-day warranty.
Commissioner Milovica-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the proposal from Metropolitan Industries, Inc. in the amount of $5,785.00 to rebuild the worn-out pump.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:
AYES: 4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Reed, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney
NAYS: 0-
ABSENT: 1 - Commissioner Pavlatos

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, G. DARRYL REED:
Residents are reminded that landscapers hired to work at your house need to be registered with the Village. The Contractor Registration needs to be completed, a Certificate of Insurance submitted, and a fee paid.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Commissioner Reed reported the Building Department issued twenty-eight (28) permits from April 3, 2019 – April 19, 2019 resulting in $12,873.00 in fees. Twenty-seven (27) inspections were completed during this time. No occupancy permits were issued. No Exaction Fees were collected.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:
POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 1,571 calls for service from April 8, 2019 through April 21, 2019. Palos Park Police also issued 22 adjudication tickets, 8 traffic tickets, 31 written warnings, 35 verbal warnings, completed 24 case reports, arrested 2 adults, 0 juveniles, 1 impound, 50 senior checks, 36 citizen assists and 33 community contact hours.

PALOS PARK POLICE CHAPLAIN: The role of Police Chaplain has been vacant since Pastor Lane Hensley left Palos Park in 2010 for an assignment in Palm Desert, CA. Palos Park Police have been working with Bishop Ronnie White, D.Min., Ph.D., Director of Juvenile Services and Police & Fire Chaplain for Chicago Heights developing a framework for a police chaplain program. The Palos Park Police Department has asked Bishop White to be their chaplain. He comes to Palos Park well qualified but also as chaplain for the South Suburban Police Chief Association which serves 80 agencies.

CAL SAG TRAIL: Commissioner Polk announced the Palos Park Police Department will have members riding on the Palos Park portion of the Cal Sag Trail as community ambassadors. Safety on the trail is of paramount importance. The trails are a shared public space. Safety and courtesy make for a positive trail experience for everyone.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness and provide education and support to families through resources and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect. Know the six protective factors as they are the strengths and resources that families can draw on when life gets difficult.

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS:
FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE: In Commissioner Pavlatos’ absence, Mayor Mahoney stated a proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 has been submitted for Council approval. The Mayor thanked Barb Maziarek, Directors and staff for their hard work at achieving a balanced budget. The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget continues the fiscally conservative practices of the previous budgets. It is the practice of maintaining fund balances and conservatively estimating revenues and expenditures, as well as, operating within those limits that still advances the goals and objectives of Village officials and is responsible to Village residents.
Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adopt an Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2020 for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois.

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

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

MAYOR’S REPORT:
EARTH DAY: Since 1971, April 22 is Earth Day. Every year, trees are planted, litter cleaned up and an awareness of nature’s gifts to our planet are paid special attention. Mayor Mahoney announced the Beautification Committee held is 22nd Annual Rid Litter Day event on April 13, 2019. More than 50 volunteers helped clear litter from different areas of the Village. On April 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., the Village will celebrate its 27th Annual Arbor Day with Peter Gordan, Founder of Homes4Monarchs, as guest speaker. Peter will discuss ways to help protect the Monarch Butterfly population.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Arrigoni was not in attendance this evening.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Boehm reported the Village’s website will be updated in 2020. After forty-eight months of continuous service, Palos Park is entitled to a no-cost redesign. Some additional features not available on the original website may be subject to additional charges.

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD: None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: There being no further business, Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed with 4 yes votes.

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney
NAYS: -0-
ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Cathy A. Gabel
Deputy Village Clerk