

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 10, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Reed was absent. Everyone was physically present except for Commissioner Pavlatos who was participating remotely.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Tom Bayer, Village Attorney; Howard Jablecki, Assistant Village Attorney; Michael Sibrava, Public Works Director; Lauren Pruss, Community Development Director; Allen Altic, Finance Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Kathie May, Community Development Coordinator; and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26, 2021: Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 26, 2021 as presented.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

ZBA APPOINTMENT-MICHAEL WADE: Michael Wade was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Filling a vacancy. Term to expire June 1, 2023.

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 Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to:

- A. approve Our Lady of Peace Raffle License and Raffle Manager Bond Waiver request for a raffle to be held on July 16, 2021 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club.
- B. to approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated May 10, 2021 in the amount of \$198,683.33.
- C. to approve the Supplemental Warrant List dated May 10, 2021 for manual checks, payroll, and recurring wire transfers in the amount of \$272,590.49.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

ORDINANCE 2021-12 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION AND A LOT WIDTH VARIATION IN RELATION THERETO (BARRETT OAKS SUBDIVISION – 9109 WEST 125TH STREET): Mayor Mahoney presented for Commissioner Reed. The owner of 9109 W 125th Street has requested approval to subdivide (final plat of subdivision) an existing tax divided parcel containing 44,533.2 square feet of lot area and is also requesting a 10.02 inch variance from the 150 foot minimum lot width as required by Section 1268.02 (c) Lot Sizes in the R-1-A zone. 9109 W. 125th Street was previously owned by the owner of the lot directly west, 12500 S 91st Avenue. These two parcels were originally one lot of record (Lot 3 of Monson and Smith’s Second Addition to Palos Park), but were tax divided prior to 1959 by the previous owner. The east half of Lot 3 of the original subdivision was built on in the 1950s. Because the subject parcel has never had a house on it, and is less than 150 feet in width, it is not a buildable parcel without a variance being granted. Additionally, Section 1286.12 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the parcel to be created by a plat of subdivision or consolidation, rather than a tax division, before any permits can be issued for the property. The Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on May 5, 2021 and recommended approval (5-0) of the proposed subdivision and requested lot width variance.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance approving a one (1) lot subdivision and a lot width variation in relation thereto (Barrett Oaks Subdivision-9109 West 125th Street).

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

ORDINANCE 2021-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TWELVE, TITLE SIX, CHAPTER 1282, SECTION 1282.09 (h) OF THE PALOS PARK VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO OFF STREET PARKING AREA LIGHTING: Mayor Mahoney presented for Commissioner Reed. The Village of Palos Park is requesting a Text Amendment to Section 1289.09 (h) to eliminate the lighting regulations found in the Zoning Ordinance and merge them into Building Code Chapter 1476, Outdoor Lighting. On May 5, 2021 the Plan Commission held a Public Hearing and recommended approval (5-0) of the proposed text amendment.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-13 An Ordinance amending part twelve, title six, chapter 1282, section 1282.09(h) of the Palos Park Village Code in regard to off street parking area lighting

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

ORDINANCE 2021-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART FOURTEEN, TITLE SIX, CHAPTER 1476, SECTION 1476, SECTION 1476.03 OF THE PALOS PARK VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO OUTDOOR LIGHTING: Mayor Mahoney presented for Commissioner Reed. The Village of Palos Park is requesting a Text Amendment to Section 1289.09 (h) to eliminate the lighting regulations found in the Zoning Ordinance and merge them into Building Code Chapter 1476, Outdoor Lighting. During a recent review of the Village parking lot and outdoor lighting regulations, it was noted that language regulating outdoor lighting was contained in both the Zoning Ordinance and the Building Code. This is not a best practice as it can sometimes lead to one portion of the code being overlooked during plan review. As such, staff recommends that the two sections be merged into the Building Code, with language stricken from the Zoning Ordinance. There are two separate amendments, one to the Zoning Ordinance, and one to the Building Code that will be acted upon separately.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance amending Part Fourteen, Title Six, Chapter 1282, Section 1282.09(h) of the Palos Park Village Code in regard to off street parking area lighting.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

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

123RD PLACE RESURFACING: The Village of Palos Heights included their portion of 123rd Place in their MFT program which was bid on April 20, 2021. As a courtesy to Palos Park, they included an option to resurface the Palos Park portion of 123rd Place which goes from the border to McCarthy Road. The bid prices they received were in line with the prices Palos Park received in 2019. The low bidder was M&J Asphalt Paving. The Palos Park cost would be \$20,002.74. This money would come out of the 2022 ½% Sales Tax Fund.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve the proposal from M&J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc., in the amount of \$20,002.74, which was competitively bid as part of the Palos Heights MFT Program.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

CHIPPER SERVICE BEGINS MAY 24, 2021

The Branch Chipping Service through Public Works will begin on the east side of the Village on Monday, May 24, 2021. Branches should be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on May 24th. Once the chipper services your street the chipper will not return until the next chipping date. Please see the complete list of dates and the regulations on the Village Website under the Department of Public Works – Tree Branch Pick-Up.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: The 29th annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held o Sunday, May 16th beginning at 12 Noon at the Library. The celebration will feature a presentation by Kathryn Sofianos on the library’s pollinator garden. Overcup Oak and Bald Cypress seedlings will be available after the ceremony. Weather permitting the ceremony will be held outdoors.

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, G. DARRYL REED:

CONSTRUCTION CONDUCT & WORK HOURS: Construction conduct means being a good neighbor. Village Code Chapters 1460, 652, and 480 define appropriate conduct on construction sites. Please review codes on-line or get a copy at the Kaptur Center. Respect for neighbors, safety and cleanliness will lead to a successful construction project.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Mahoney reported on behalf of Commissioner Reed that the Building Department processed sixteen (16) permits from April 22, 2021 – May 5, 2021 resulting in \$4,391.50 in permit fees. Seventeen (17) inspections were completed during this time period.

ORDINANCE 2021-15 ANNEXATION 7950 WEST 127TH STREET: Mayor Mahoney presented on behalf of Commissioner Reed. The Village has received an application and petition for annexation and consolidation of 7950 W. 127th Street from Mohammed Mahmoud, the owner of the property. The subject property consists of two parcels of land containing a total of 84,250 square feet.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 An Ordinance annexing certain property (7950 West 127th Street).

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

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

ORDINANCE 2021-16 CONSOLIDATION 7950 WEST 127TH STREET: Mayor Mahoney presented on behalf of Commissioner Reed. The Village has received an application and petition for annexation and consolidation of 7950 W. 127th Street from Mohammed Mahmoud, the owner of the property. The subject property consists of two parcels of land containing a total of 84,250 square feet. The owner would like to consolidate the two parcels into one lot so that a building permit can be issued for the development of a new single-family home.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 An Ordinance approving a plat of consolidation (Mahmoud – 7950 W. 127th Street, Palos Park, Illinois).

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

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

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 1904 calls for service from April 26, 2021 through May 9, 2021. Palos Park Police also issued 27 adjudication tickets, 2 traffic tickets, 21 written warnings, 11 verbal warnings, completed 21 case reports, arrested 3 adults, 1 juvenile, 0 impounds, 13 senior checks, 22 citizen assists.

SENSE-ATIONAL KITS: Palos Park officers heading out on patrol now take with them a Sense-ational Kit to assist with sensory needs and challenges that might be required for individuals within the autism spectrum. The kits include noise-cancelling earphones and sunglasses to help calm people with sensory overload during emergencies. This is another tool to provide additional support to individuals who need extra care during emergencies.

PALOS PARK UPDATES DISASTER PLAN FOR VILLAGE/FIRST RESPONDERS: Since early winter 2020, Palos Park Police have been updating, reviewing and testing their disaster preparedness plan and response readiness should a real crisis occur – under the direction of officer Frank Flores. The future update is anticipated to be in final draft form mid-June.

VACCINE UPDATE: Commissioner Polk informed residents that the Pfizer vaccine is now approved for emergency use in children 12 years old and up.

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS: Commissioner Pavlatos had no formal report this evening.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LDGF REVENUE: Mayor Mahoney presented Resolution number 2021-R-05 entitled “Resolution Supporting Restoration of LDGF Revenue.” The municipal share of the State collected income tax is not a grant; it was the basis of the original agreement in 1969 to impose a state income tax. This was an irrevocable commitment to municipalities in return for their support of the tax. When the legislature passed a 2% income tax increase in 2010, there was no revenue share going to the municipalities providing the state with all the income and reducing the municipal share from 10% to 6.06%. Governor Pritzker is proposing reducing LGDF another 10% to municipalities as part of the State's proposed FY 2022 Budget.

In addition to reducing municipal revenues, the State has passed numerous "unfunded mandates" onto Palos Park. Last year LGDF accounted for over \$525,000 or 11 % of the Village's General Fund revenue. The additional 10% reduction amounts to over \$52,000 in Village revenues. At the same time, the Villages obligations continue to rise including that for public safety pensions. The Village has seen its annual contributions increase to \$414,000; this is an increase of \$220,000 from a decade ago, a 213% increase.

The Village is joining about 275 communities in our region to oppose any further reduction in our LGDF revenues and support the increase back to the full 10% agreed to with the State.

A discussion was had by the Council members on how important it is for the public to reach out to their representatives to urge their support for the LDGF Revenue.

Commissioner Polk, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to pass Resolution 2021-R-05 entitled “Resolution Supporting Restoration of LDGF Revenue.”

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Arrigoni had no formal report this evening.

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

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD: None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: There being no further business, Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

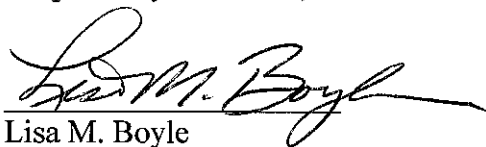
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NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle
Deputy Village Clerk