

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTMEBER 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney. Everyone was physically present except for Commissioners Reed 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; Mark Herman, 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 August 9, 2021:** Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 9, 2021, 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: -0-

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

**VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK POLICE OFFICER, ROSS CHIBE:** Commissioner Polk introduced Dr. Jeannine Forrest of the Dementia Society of America, to honor Palos Park Officer, Ross Chibe for his service in assisting an elderly couple who lost their way from South Carolina. He remained with the couple to make sure they were safe and secure while locating their family. Dr. Jeannine Forrest presented Officer Chibe with a certificate of appreciation.

**CONSTITUTION WEEK:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Week and urged residents to reflect on the privilege of being an American citizen with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves and to take some time to look over the Constitution of the United States.

**OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed the month of September Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Teal is the awareness ribbon color for Ovarian Cancer and ribbons will be tied on lamp posts and trees throughout the Village. The goal is to educate the community and increase awareness about the symptoms of ovarian cancer. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition provides information to assist newly diagnosed patients, give hope to survivors and support caregivers. Their commitment also extends to the advancement of ovarian cancer research.

**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. To approve the Palos Professional Fire Fighters Raffle License and Raffle Manager Bond Waiver Request for raffle to be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 to be held at the Palos Park Firehouse.
- B. To ratify payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated August 23, 2021 in the amount of \$102,834.87
- C. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated September 13, 2021 in the amount of \$167,266.31
- D. To approve the Supplemental Warrant List dated September 13, 2021 for manual checks, payroll, and recurring wire transfers in the amount of \$533,579.23

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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

**INFORMATION & UPDATES:**

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

**WATER RATES:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented Ordinance 2021-27 -- An Ordinance Amending Part Ten, Title Four, Chapter 1046, Section 1046.32 of the Palos Park Village Code In Regard To Water Rates. The City of Chicago raised their water rate as of June 1, 2021. The Village will raise rates accordingly. Effective October 1, 2021, customer rates for general water use will increase to twelve dollars and eighty-two cents (\$12.82) per 1,000 gallons of water supplied by the Village. All customers shall pay a minimum monthly water usage charge (inclusive of the water system capital improvements fee) of forty-four dollars and ninety-six cents (\$44.96) per month. Mayor Mahoney and Commissioner Polk elaborated on all the services the water rate covers.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved seconded by Commissioner Polk to adopt Ordinance 2021-27 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Part 10, Title Four, Chapter 1046, Section 1046.32 of the Palos Park Village Code in Regard to Water Rates".

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**AEGION CORRPRO PROPOSAL:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented the proposal from Aegion Corrpro in the amount of \$16,200.00 to upgrade and repair the cathodic protection system for the water booster station. This system was not operating properly and could damage the prefab metal station and some of the pipe components that run through the station.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve the proposal from Aegion Corrpro to repair and upgrade the cathodic protection system for the water booster station.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

EJ EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL: Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented the proposal from EJ Equipment in the amount of \$8,500.00 to repair the rust damage on the 2005 International 7400 truck. The dump body on truck number 1 has rusted to the point where it needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve the proposal from EJ Equipment in the amount of \$8,500.00 to repair the rust damage on the 2005 International 7400 truck.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

CONCENTRIC INTEGRATION PROPOSAL: Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented the proposal from Concentric Integration in the amount of \$9,190.00 to upgrade the software used to communicate with and control the water booster station. This software allows remote editing and troubleshooting of the PLC equipment at the booster station. There is money in the Water Fund for this project.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve the proposal from Concentric Integration in the amount of \$9,190.00 to upgrade the software used to communicate with and control the water booster station.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

FLEXNET BASE STATION PURCHASE: Commissioner Milovich-Walters requested the purchase of a new Flexnet Base Station from Core & Main that will allow Public Works personnel to read all the meters in one trip. There is money in the Water Fund budget for this purpose.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve the purchase of a new Flexnet Base Station from Core & Main at a cost of \$18,000.00.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

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

**CLOSING OF SWIMMING POOLS:** Commissioner Reed reminded residents to make sure when closing swimming pools to drain chlorinated water on their own property and that the runoff does not drain on to the neighbor's property.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Commissioner Reed reported that the Building Department processed thirty-seven (37) permits from August 18, 2021 – September 8, 2021, resulting in \$12,596.56 in permit fees. Thirty-two (32) building inspections were completed during this time period. Fiscal year to date amount in permit fees is \$153,268.90.

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

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 4875 calls for service from August 8, 2021, through September 12, 2021. Palos Park Police also issued 87 adjudication tickets, 21 traffic tickets, 35 written warnings, 36 verbal warnings, completed 38 case reports, 29 accident reports, 8 arrested adult, 0 juvenile, 5 impounds, 35 senior checks, 69 citizen assists.

**SCHOOL ZONES:** Commissioner Polk reminded residents to be aware of school zones. Reduce speed to 20 miles an hour, do not drive past school bus warning devices and stay off wireless communication.

**ROAD CLOSURE:** Commissioner Polk informed the residents that Saturday, September 18, 2021 -- 123<sup>rd</sup> St will be closed between 96<sup>th</sup> Ave and 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 9am until 1 pm for the Palos Park Parade.

**COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS:** Mayor Mahoney had no report this evening on behalf of Accounts and Finances and voiced the very sad news of the passing of Commissioner Pavlatos. Mayor Mahoney expressed how much Jim Pavlatos will be missed in the community and as a friend.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**WU'S HOUSE LIQUOR LICENSE:** Mayor Mahoney presented Ordinance 2021-28 to approve the Liquor License application/license for Wu's House owners, Chang J. Wu and Kristy Tran to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises located at 12300 S. LaGrange Road. This is a Class A license. The application is complete with all background checks finalized.

Commissioner Polk moved seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve Ordinance 2021-28 – An Ordinance Amending Part Eight, Title Two, Chapter 808, Section 808.23(a) of the Palos Park Village Code In Regard to Class A Liquor License Category.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

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

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Boehm had no formal report this evening but mentioned that some residents have been receiving letters that they have been moved to ComEd from the electric aggregation provider MC Squared. Manager Boehm assured residents that the rates are exactly the same and that residents can opt out and switch to another supplier at any time without penalty.

**CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters announced that the Autumn in the Park Festival is September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Council members informed residents of the various activities and offerings.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** There being no further business, Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

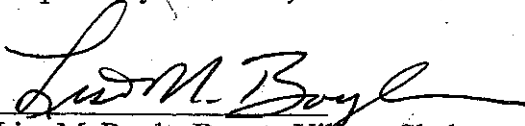
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NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk