

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

HELD ON MARCH 11, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Reed was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Tom Bayer, Village Attorney; Howard Jablecki, Assistant Village Attorney; Lauren Pruss, Community Development Director; Barb Maziarek, Finance Director; Mike Sibrava, Public Works Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Mose Rickey, Recreation & Parks Director; Kathy May, Administrative Analyst; and Cathy Gabel, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2019: Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 25, 2019 as presented.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

PALOS PARK POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION: The Palos Park Police Foundation (PPPF) is Illinois' first Police Foundation to support public safety enhancements. The PPPF is an independent, nonprofit organization that serves as a community partner to the Palos Park Police providing resources and playing a critical role in taking public safety beyond what our government tax dollars will allow. On behalf of the Foundation, Carolyn Baca stated funds are raised through direct mail solicitation of residents and businesses once a year, fundraising events and sales of Palos Park Police Foundation clothing. Solicitations are never sought over the telephone. To date, monetary donations have helped with training and education in law enforcement, professional development, specialized crime prevention and crime solving equipment, personal police equipment and tactical gear, and cadet and mentoring programs. Last year \$44,000 was donated to the Foundation. The Foundation awards 100% of monies raised. More information can be found at www.palosparkpolicefoundation.com.

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 Polk to:

- A. To waive bidding and approve the proposal from Airy's in the amount of \$29,261.00 to complete an emergency repair of the piping and valves in the Kimber Trails Lift Station

- B. To approve corrections/updates to the Village of Palos Park Safety Policy Manual
- C. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated March 11, 2019 in the amount of \$315,373.02
- D. To approve the Supplemental Warrant List dated March 11, 2019 for manual checks, payroll, and recurring wire transfers in the amount of \$378,819.25

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: None

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

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

NEW LOGO FOR ELEVATED WATER TOWER AT HACKNEY'S: In 2008, the Village entered into an agreement with Utility Service Company to paint and maintain the elevated water tower next to Hackney's Restaurant. The agreement calls for the tank to be inspected every year and painted every ten years. This spring the tank is scheduled to be painted. The Village requested a quote, specifically to change the design of the tree to match what the Village is currently using. The cost for the change is \$5,833.00.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Pavlatos, to approve the proposal from Suez Utility Service Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5,833.00 to replace the logo on the elevated water storage tank.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

SCADA CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM: Commissioner Milovich-Walters reported the Village entered into an agreement with Concentric Integration to evaluate and perform maintenance on the SCADA Control System at the reservoir and pump station. The evaluation resulted in a number of projects that would be implemented over time to upgrade the system. The Dell Precision T1700 workstation that serves the SCADA server at the Village's Pump Station is approaching five years old and will no longer be eligible for Dell's hardware warranty as of October 2019. It is also running Windows 7 which will not be supported by Microsoft after January 2020. Once an operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft, it does not receive security patches, application updates, or any other kind of support. Monies were set aside in last year's budget for such improvements. Staff recommends approving the proposal from Concentric Integration for all work and equipment to upgrade the Scada server at the Pump Station.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Pavlatos, to waive bidding and approve the proposal from Concentric Integration in the amount of \$35,750.00 to provide all equipment and labor to upgrade and replace the SCADA system server that controls the Village water system.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

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

KEEP PALOS PARK CLEAN: Residents are reminded to check their property and pick up all litter and windblown debris that may have accumulated over the winter. By working together, we can make a tremendous impact and keep Palos Park a pristine community.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: In Commissioner Reed’s absence, Director Pruss reported the Building Department issued six (6) permits from February 20, 2019 – March 5, 2019 resulting in \$1,974.00 in fees. Nineteen (19) inspections were completed during this time. No occupancy permits were issued. No Exaction Fees were collected.

ORDINANCE EXTENDING TIME PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE: The Mayor and Village Council approved an ordinance in December 2017 authorizing a Commercial Planned Development in the B-2 General Retail and Wholesale Business District with a variance from the required landscaping for a commercial building and a Commercial Construction and Landscaping Review to construct a 6,459 square foot retail/office building at 9520 West 131st Street. The ordinance stated the owner of the property was obligated to begin construction within fifteen (15) months of the Commercial Planned Development approval and complete construction within thirty (30) months of approval. The owner has filed a timely request and shown good cause for a twelve (12) month extension as provided for in Section 1274.05(g)(7) of the Palos Park Village Code (the “Extension Request”).

Commissioner Pavlatos moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to adopt an Ordinance extending the time period for compliance with Section 1274.05(g)(4) of the Palos Park Village Code by twelve (12) months, with respect to the Commercial Planned Development approved pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-33, adopted December 11, 2017, entitled “An Ordinance approving a Commercial Planned Development in the B-2 General Retail and Wholesale Business District, granting Commercial Development Construction and Landscaping criteria approval and granting certain landscaping variations in relation thereto (9520 West 131st Street)”.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

LEGAL NONCONFORMING USES: In 2018, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) considered three variances to permit additions to single family homes that are nonconforming with respect to setbacks. All three properties were less than the Village’s one-acre minimum lot size. Director Pruss reported it is staff’s opinion that the imposition of setbacks based upon a lot size of one acre on smaller lots creates an undue burden that makes the strict application of the code unreasonable. Commissioner Reed then directed staff to identify options to provide a less burdensome process for variances to structures that are nonconforming with respect to setbacks.

Amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide alternative setback requirements for lots smaller than one acre proved to be the best option. Plan Commission held public hearings on January 17, 2019 and February 21, 2019 and recommended that Part Twelve, Title Six, Chapter 1280, Section 1280.08 of the Palos Park Village Code be amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows: “(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, a second floor addition may be constructed in relation to a single-family residence covered by subsection (a) above, without need for any side yard, rear yard and/or front yard setback variations, provided that : (1) no portion of said second floor addition encroaches into the required side yard, rear yard and/or front yard setback anymore than the existing single-family residence; (2) the encroachment into the side yard does not exceed the encroachment limitation that would be allowed, if a maximum side yard setback variation, as limited by Section 1264.04(e) or Section 1264.04(s) of this Code, whichever is applicable based on the size of the underlying lot, were to be granted; and (3) the encroachment into the rear yard does not exceed the encroachment limitation that would be allowed, if a maximum rear yard setback variation, as limited by section 1264.04(e) or Section 1264.04(s) of this Code, whichever is applicable based on the size of the underlying lot, were to be granted. Any such second-floor addition shall not be considered a legal nonconforming use under this Chapter.

Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Pavlatos, to adopt an Ordinance amending Part Twelve, Title Six, Chapter 1280, Section 1280.08 of the Palos Park Village Code in Regard to Legal Nonconforming Uses.

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

AYES -4- Commissioners Polk, Pavlatos, Milovich-Walters, 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 1,696 calls for service from February 25, 2019 through March 10, 2019. Palos Park Police also issued 87 adjudication tickets, 16 traffic tickets, 31 written warnings, 16 verbal warnings, completed 15 case reports, arrested 8 adults, 0 juveniles, 3 impounds, 25 senior checks, 22 citizen assists and 30 community contact hours.

CITIZENS ON PATROL SERVICE (COPS) BREAKFAST: Palos Park COPS will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at Cog Hill Country Club. Residents are invited to attend. Commissioner Polk noted this was a perfect opportunity to meet, ask questions and learn about the day to day operations of the Palos Park Police Department.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY REVELING: St. Patrick’s Day is one of the deadliest holidays due to impaired drivers on the road. The Palos Park Police are highly encouraging revelers to plan ahead for a safe ride home. If you plan to imbibe, designate a sober driver, use a taxi or public transportation. A day of celebrating can quickly turn to tragedy because of impaired driving.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY (FPDCC) PRESENTATION: Mayor Mahoney reported the Village of Park, in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, held a meeting on March 7 at the Recreation Center informing residents about best practices and the importance of restoration and preservation of the oak trees and forests. Presenters included; Nina Baki, Forest Preserve District of Cook County; Val Kehoe and Nancy Kreith, University of Illinois Extension; and Ross Alexander, Chicago Region Tree Initiative & Morton Arboretum.

CLERK'S REPORT:

PALOS PARK SENIOR CLUB: Clerk Arrigoni reported Senior Club met today in the lower level of the Recreation Center for their March meeting. Following lunch, Tim Wilsey presented a lively discussion of *Chicago Candy Companies, Part Two*. Senior Club will meet again on Monday, April 8. Reservations are required for lunch. Please call Marie at 708.480.4103 for more information.

VOTE BY MAIL: Mail Ballot Applications for the Consolidated General Election on April 2, 2019 are now available at the Kaptur Administrative Center. Any registered suburban Cook County Voter with a driver's license, state ID or Social Security number on file may request a mail ballot using an online or paper application. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, April 2 in order to be counted. There are no state or federal elections however, the Village will hold elections for Mayor, Clerk, and four Commissioners.

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

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD:

Mary Ann Hanson – Ms. Hanson had questions regarding the elevated water tower now that Hackney's is closed.

Rick Lighthart – Mr. Lighthart addressed Council with his concerns about the high monetary cost of litigation between the Village of Palos Park and Lemont regarding annexations.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: There being no further business, Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Gabel
Deputy Village Clerk