

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 24, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering roll call were Commissioners, Reed, Wade, Milovich-Walters, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Polk 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, Joe Miller, Police Chief; Stephen DeFalco, Recreation Director; Kathie May, Community Development Coordinator, and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

APRIL 10, 2023: Commissioner Wade moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 10, 2023, as presented.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Polk

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION BUILDING SAFETY MONTH: Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 2023 Building Safety Month with this year's theme "It Starts with YOU!"

PROCLAMATION PUBLIC WORKS WEEK: Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 21-27, 2023 Public Works Week with this year's theme "Connecting the World Through Public Works"

HEARINGS:

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024: At 7:32 p.m. a public hearing was held to consider the proposed Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$15,640,204 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. A draft copy of the proposed budget has been on file for inspection in the Kaptur Administrative Center and online in the amount of \$15,640,204. Mayor Mahoney introduced Director Allen Altic to present an overview of the 2024 Fiscal Year budget. Director Altic stated that the budget is balanced and operating in the black, with a surplus of \$3,438. Village finances are strong. The General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund all have a balance reserve in excess of 25% which follows the Government industry's best practices. Director Altic continued with Budget Highlights. No public comments were made. Mayor Mahoney asked for a motion to close the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to close the public hearing regarding the proposed Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$15,640,204.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Polk

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 Wade to:

- A. To pass a resolution to close a portion of McCarthy Road for the annual parade to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 – the Resolution states the parade on September 16, 2023 will require the closing of McCarthy Road from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 80th Avenue and LaGrange Road 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 Community Association Institute (CAI) Raffle License and Raffle Manager Bond Waiver request for a raffle to be held on June 7, 2023 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
- C. To approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated April 24, 2023 in the amount of \$88,067.33

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Polk

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: None

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

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

BAXTER & WOODMAN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT: Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented a proposal from Boxter & Woodman for the water main extension to the Cog Hill property west of Bell Road in an amount not to exceed \$111,650. The Village has previously entered into agreements with Baxter & Woodman for the IEPA required Project Plan, engineering plans for the water main extension to Cog Hill, and for assistance in completing the IEPA Loan Documentation. This agreement would cover construction layout and daily inspection during construction; construction is estimated to take 3 months.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the construction engineering proposal from Baxter & Woodman for the water main extension to the Cog Hill property west of Bell Road in an amount not to exceed \$111,650

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PROPOSAL TCP STREET SIGN POLES: Commissioner Milovich-Walters presented a proposal from TCP to purchase new poles for the street signs on 123rd for \$13,351.50. The poles have been painted several times over the years and are showing wear. \$17,500 was put into this year's MFT budget to cover street sign and pole replacement. TCP has done street sign work in the Village for the last five years and is the preferred vendor.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the proposal from TCP in the amount of \$13,351.50 to purchase 13 new street sign poles and brackets.

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NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Polk

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Commissioner Milovich-Walters announced the Arbor Day Celebration being held at The Center in Palos Park on May 7, 2023 and encouraged all to participate. Free seedlings will be given away, prizes and a poster contest are some of the highlights as well as a presentation from a representative of the Morton Arboretum.

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, MIKE WADE:

HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS: Commissioner Wade reminded residents that per Village Code, residents are required to lawns maintained and grass and weeds cannot exceed eight inches in height.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Commissioner Wade reported that the Building Department processed nine (9) permits from April 5, 2023 – April 19, 2023 resulting in \$7,066.85 in permit fees. Eleven (11) inspections were completed during this time. Fiscal year to date totals \$175,802.71

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:

Commissioner Polk was absent this evening. Mayor Mahoney made the Police Department's announcements.

BIKE HELMETS: Mayor Mahoney announced that the police department will give out bike helmets to local children as part of the National Children-N-Safety program. Head injuries and falls from bicycles are often the main reason children visit emergency rooms during the summer months. Helmets can be picked up at the Palos Park Police Department at 8999 W. 123rd St. For more information, contact Chief Joe Miller at 708-671-3770.

ANTI-LITTER MONTH: Mayor Mahoney announced that April is Anti-Litter Month in Palos Park and encouraged all to Adopt-a-Spot, like parks, landmarks, schools, vacant lots, walkways or trails – any sites

prone to litter. Rid Litter Day was last weekend and Commissioner Milovich-Walters stated that it was a great turnout and success. The Village is implementing a Rid Litter Day quarterly.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM: Mayor Mahoney announced that the new CERT program will kick off April 27, 2023 from 7-9pm at the Kaptur Center. As an organized team, individuals can provide vital services in the absence of and while waiting for the arrival of Emergency responders. Contact Officer Flores at 708-671-3770 or fflores@palospark.org

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, G. DARRYL REED:

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE: Commissioner Reed proposed Ordinance 2023-11 titled "An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024 for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois. The Budget overview was presented in the public hearing portion of the Council meeting. Commissioner Reed stated the Budget is a comprehensive financial plan which projects both anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for all of the municipal departments for the upcoming fiscal year. It will serve as the primary planning and financial tool to accomplish Village goals and objectives during the upcoming fiscal year. The annual budget as presented for adoption contemplates total expenditures of \$15,640,204. Commissioner Reed and Mayor Mahoney thanked Allen Altic and staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve Ordinance 2023-11, titled "An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024 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, Wade and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

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MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Mahoney

FEE WAIVER REQUEST: Mayor Mahoney stated that the Village received a fee waiver request from Elrod Friedman LLP, the attorneys representing the property owners of Cog Hill and Ludwig Farm. The fee waiver request pertains to fees associated with a text amendment request regarding legal nonconforming uses and buildings at the properties. The proposed text amendments are necessary due to the nature of the annexation of the properties, which did not involve an annexation agreement. The applicant wishes to initiate the text amendment process, but requests associated fees be waived due to the nature and history of the annexation of the properties. Commissioner Reed made comments and stated he was in favor of the recommendation.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to waive fees associated with the proposed text amendment regarding legal nonconforming uses as buildings at Cog Hill and Ludwig Farm.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Polk

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

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

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD: Theresa Gavin of Palos Park addressed the Council to express her gratitude to Mayor Mahoney as a friend and for his service to the Village of Palos Park. Mayor Mahoney Thanked Ms. Gavin graciously. Mayor Mahoney went on to speak about the recent trip to Springfield with Commissioner Milovich-Walters and Manager Boehm - lobbying legislators in regard to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Information will soon be on our website.

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

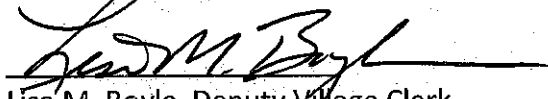
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Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk