

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 26, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Reed, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney. Everyone was physically present except for Commissioner Reed and 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 12, 2021:** Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 12, 2021 as presented.

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

AYES: -5- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

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

**ZBA APPOINTMENT-DR. RICHARD BONE:** Dr. Richard Bone was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire June 1, 2026.

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 2-8, 2021 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.

**ARBOR DAY 2021:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed Sunday, May 16, 2021 Arbor Day in the Village of Palos Park. Through the diligent effort of the Palos Park Tree Body, Palos Park Garden Guild I and Public Works, the Village achieved the designation of Tree City USA for 2020. The Village will celebrate its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day with an educational program "*Pollinator Garden*" at the Palos Park Library.

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 16-22, 2021 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 2021 was proclaimed Building Safety Month by Mayor Mahoney. Building Safety Month 2021 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 2021 was 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.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH:** Mayor Mahoney proclaimed May 2021 as Older Americans Month. Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth Townships include a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences. Pathlights is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society. Pathlights promotes home and community based services that support independent living, involves older adults in community events and provides opportunities for older adults to volunteer, learn, and engage with others.

#### **HEARINGS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2022:** At 7:37 p.m. a public hearing was held to consider the proposed Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$11,022,018.00 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. A draft copy of the proposed budget has been on file for inspection in the Kaptur Administrative Center. Allen Altic, 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 7:48 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 Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to:

- A. pass a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the time period May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 in the amount of \$537,200.00. The Village has appropriated \$537,200.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways for said time period.
- B. to approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated April 26, 2021 in the amount of \$75,234.90.

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

AYES: -5- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ORDINANCE 2021-11 - APPROVING CORNER SIDE YARD AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIATIONS FOR 12100 S. 86<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE:** Commissioner Reed presented. Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 14, 2021 to consider a request from homeowners of 12100 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Ave for a corner side yard and rear yard setback variations to permit the construction of a garage addition to the rear of the structure. Where the required corner side yard setback is 50 feet, the applicant is proposing a corner side yard setback of 26.33 feet, and where the required rear yard setback is 50 feet, the applicant is proposing a rear yard setback of 20 feet at the property commonly know as 12100 South 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Palos Park. The Zoning Board of Appeals concurred with the findings as outlined in the Staff Report, a motion was made to recommend that the Village Council approve the requested variations to allow the construction of a garage addition to the rear of the structure. Upon roll call vote, Zoning Board of Appeals voted (4-0).

Commissioner Reed, moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to adopt Ordinance 2021-11 An Ordinance approving corner side yard and rear yard setback variation (12100 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

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

AYES: -5- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

#### **INFORMATION & UPDATES:**

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

##### **CHIPPER SERVICE BEGINS MAY 3, 2021**

The Branch Chipping Service through Public Works will begin on the west side of the Village on Monday, May 3, 2021. Branches should be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on May 3rd. 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.

##### **REGIONAL TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE:**

The Village of Palos Park is joining the Plant Trees for Communities initiative who will plant at least 340 new trees in the Chicago region in 2021 to build a healthier urban forest. The Village of Palos Park is celebrating Arbor Day on May 16<sup>th</sup> and a Bald Cypress will be planted as part of the Regional Tree Planting Initiative at the Palos Park Library. To learn more about the Plat Trees for Communities initiative, visit [ChicagoRTI.org/TreesForCommunities](http://ChicagoRTI.org/TreesForCommunities)

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

**PERMIT INSPECTIONS:** Commissioner Reed informed residents that permit inspections help protect your family by ensuring that all work is done safely and according to Code. These inspections can ease any worry that homeowners may experience during a home improvement project by eliminating mistakes and preventing extensive re-work. The work is not considered complete until all final inspections are passed.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Commissioner Reed reported that the Building Department processed seventeen (20) permits from April 7, 2021 – April 19, 2021 resulting in \$9,373.20 in permit fees. Eighteen (18) inspections were completed during this time period. Permit revenue for the fiscal year 2021 has an increase of \$61,417.00.

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

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 2,088 calls for service from April 12, 2021 through April 25, 2021. Palos Park Police also issued 42 adjudication tickets, 12 traffic tickets, 21 written warnings, 20 verbal warnings, completed 19 case reports, arrested 2 adults, 1 juveniles, 1 impounds, 12 senior checks, 23 citizen assists.

**DISTRACTING DRIVING ENFORCEMENT:** Extra enforcement is meant to promote safety. Distracted driving diverts a person's attention away from the task of driving.

**SLOW DOWN FOR PEDESTRIANS:** Warmer weather brings many people into the streets to walk, cycle and get out to get fresh air. Use caution when driving when seeing people on the street – slow down.

**BIKE SAFETY:** Commissioner Polk informed residents that Palos Park Police Department is giving out children's helmets this spring to local children as part of the National Children-N-Safety program. Contact Chief Joe Miller for more information, [jmiller@palospark.org](mailto:jmiller@palospark.org) or at 708-671-3771.

**COVID 19 VACCINES:** Commissioner Polk presented information about the Covid 19 Vaccine. The best Covid 19 Vaccine is the one that you can get – all products are effective and safe. Every one 16 and older are eligible for the Covid 19 Vaccine. Please do not skip on your second vaccine. Please reach out to [dpolk@palospark.org](mailto:dpolk@palospark.org) and he will help in any way possible. Again, any questions or concerns about the vaccine please contact [dpolk@palospark.org](mailto:dpolk@palospark.org).

**COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE:** Commissioner Pavlatos announced a proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. State statute requires that Village Council adopt the budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year to which it applies. The budget is the result of many long hours of meticulous work. Commissioner Pavlatos thanked Allen Altic, Directors, and staff for their hard work for staying within spending guidelines to produce this budget. The Village's General Fund's budget is balanced. Additionally, all Village Funds are expected to not only achieve, but significantly exceed their fund balance target.

Commissioner Pavlatos moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adopt Ordinance 2021-10 titled "An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022 for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois.

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

AYES: -5- Commissioners Pavlatos, Milovich-Walters, Polk, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**ANNUAL BUDGET MESSAGE:** Mayor Mahoney presented a statement thanking the Village Council, staff and especially Finance Director and Village Treasurer, Allen Altic, for the excellent work in preparing the Village's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The past year has been difficult and the Village took immediate steps to reduce and limit expenditures. A few anticipated expenditures contained in the budget the Council adopted includes \$935,000 in road repair funding, \$500,000 on maintaining and upgrading the Village's existing water and sanitary sewer system, bringing back special events that were cancelled last year due to the pandemic, and new video and sound system upgrades for the Village Council room to

help our community to better stay informed. Also, we are working to be able to do more transactions online including making payments and will be building a patio and sidewalks to make the Village Green more accessible to all individuals including those with mobility constraints.

**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 8:28 p.m.

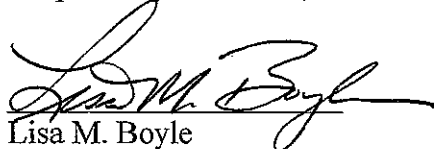
On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -5- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle  
Deputy Village Clerk