

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners, Reed, Wade, Milovich-Walters, Polk and Mayor Mahoney.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Howard Jablecki, Village Attorney; Allen Altic, Finance Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Kathie May; Community Development Coordinator, and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2022:** Commissioner Wade moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 10, 2022, as presented.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

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

**VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK FISCAL YEAR 2022 AUDIT:** Commissioner Reed introduced the presentation with a brief explanation of the auditing process and the introduction of Brad Porter from the Village's accounting firm, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Brad Porter began the presentation with the SAS 114 letter that stated there were no disagreements or difficulties within the auditing process. Mr. Porter stated a few highlights of The Comprehensive Financial Report, one being that The Village was the recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2021. The Village's overall financial position improved during the last fiscal year. Mr. Porter asked if there were any questions and thanked the Council. Mayor Mahoney thanked Finance Director, Allen Altic and staff for all their hard work.

**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 Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to:

A. approve the Palos 118 Parent Faculty Association Raffle License and Raffle License Manager Bond Waiver for a raffle to be held December 3, 2022 at Palos West Elementary School. Tickets sold between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

B. approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated October 24, 2022 in the amount of \$99,961.98

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

AYES: -5- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Wade, Polk 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:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters had no formal report this evening.

**ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE PROJECT:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters informed residents that Emerfia should finish the pipe installation in the Dells on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> with several days of clean up. K-5 is scheduled to grind the existing pavement east of 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Dells on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. They will pave this area on November 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Commissioner Reed commented that there are very few complaints from the residents of the Dells.

**COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, MIKE WADE:**

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Commissioner Wade reminded residents to feel free to contact the Building Department if thinking about home remodeling, additions, fencing, swimming pools, or other projects. The Department is always here to guide you through the permit process.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Commissioner Wade reported that the Building Department processed twenty-four (11) permits from October 4, 2022 to October 19, 2022 resulting in \$2,350.80 in permit fees. Fourteen (14) inspections were completed during this time period.

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

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 1653 calls for service/CAD Events from October 9, 2022, through October 23, 2022. Palos Park Police also issued 57 traffic stops, 24 moving violations, 9 adjudication tickets, 35 speeding tickets, 13 case reports, 8 accident reports, 2 adult arrests, 0 juvenile, 1 impounds, and 10 citizen assists.

**NEW COVID BOOSTERS:** Commissioner Polk informed residents about the newest Covid booster. Bivalent Covid-19 vaccine boosters assists the immune response to the new strains of Covid. The Johnson & Johnson booster will not be made. The mRNA vaccine would be the one to get if you had a Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It would be recommended to get your booster now, especially before the holidays. Consider getting the flu vaccine as well as it is prevalent this time of year.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH FORUM:** Commissioner Polk informed residents of a public safety discussion at Cog Hill Country Club on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN:** Commissioner Polk reminded residents to look out for Trick or Treaters on Halloween. There are no set trick or treating hours in Palos Park. Turn on porch lights for Trick or Treaters or turn them off if you do not want visitors.

**PALOS PARK POLICE CADETS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE:** Commissioner Polk announced the Palos Park Police Department Cadets Annual Food Drive is starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. Food Drive drop off sites are at the Recreation Center, Library, Metra Station and Village of Palos Park Kaptur Administrative Center. Please donate non-perishable items and do not give expired food.

**POLICE CHIEF MILLER UPDATE:** Police Chief, Joe Miller, informed the Council of a couple issues – Swallow Cliff – people reported hearing gunshots, Chief Miller report that nothing was found on that report. Also, there was a fire on 119<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction materials caught on fire. The home was under rehab, and no one was in the house or hurt.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters thanked the chief for taking care of a dead animal in the road. The police will be able to help residents with dead animals if they are on Village roads, but if it is on an IDOT road, IDOT should be contacted, and they will take care of dead animal situation. Call the Village if you are unsure of who to contact.

**COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, G. DARRYL REED:** Commissioner Reed had no formal report but thanked Allen Altic on the fantastic job he did on the Audit.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SWCD:** Mayor Mahoney presented an agreement between the Village of Palos Park and Southwest Central Dispatch Center (SWCD). As part of the proposed Settlement Agreement, the Village would pay SWCD an amount of \$5,000, the Village will allow SWCD equipment to remain on two of the Village’s communications towers, and a mutual release of any and all claims of one party against the other party. This agreement is the result of a letter Mayor Mahoney sent to SWCD Chairman Mayor Bennett on September 7, 2021.

Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the execution of a Settlement Agreement between Southwest Central Dispatch and the Village of Palos Park.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**VOTING:** Clerk Arrigoni informed residents that Election Day is in two weeks on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Arrigoni also informed residents of a referendum on the ballot to bring more resources the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**PETITION FOR DISCONNECTION:** Manager Boehm presented a petition for disconnection concerning 13105 Main Street. Manager Boehm informed the council that on October 14, 2022 the Village received a formal Petition for Disconnection regarding property commonly known as 13105 Main Street consisting of approximately 28.799 acres. A portion of this parcel is in a floodplain and has a topography that will make it difficult to develop. Property taxes for the property have been paid. Discussion was had by the Council on what they plan to do with the property, Manager Boehm stated there were discussions in the past about truck parking. The property becomes unincorporated Lemont Township if disconnected. Mayor Mahoney broached the question of a denial. Village Attorney, Howard Jablecki, confirmed there is no viable objection for the disconnection.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Wade to move that the Village acknowledge receipt of a Petition for Disconnection and proof of payment of property taxes for the property at 13105 Main Street submitted on October 14, 2022 and direct the Village Attorney to prepare the appropriate ordinance to voluntarily disconnect said parcel for consideration at the Village Council's November 14, 2022 meeting.

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

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

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**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 8:18 p.m.

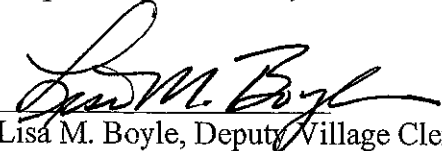
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NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk