

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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MAY 4, 2021**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

The Village President read into the record a statement regarding the applicable Illinois Open Meetings Act provisions that permit the Village Board to conduct a virtual meeting during the pandemic, and informed the public how they can view the meeting as well as how to provide comments remotely.

Pledge to the Flag

The Corporate Authorities and all persons in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call the following were:

Present: President Bass, Trustees Halevi, Patel, Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco. Trustee Cope was present via GoToMeeting.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Present via Go-To-Meeting: Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Acting Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Jason Parrott, Police Chief; Doug Hammel, Development Director; Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney.

President Bass requested that all roll call votes at this meeting be started with Trustee Halevi and end with Trustee Klatzco, and be called in the order in which the Trustees sit on the dais.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 20, 2021 Village Board meeting were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Patel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

Ayes: Trustees Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon and Klatzco

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

President Bass thanked Trustee Klatzco for his consistent work on the warrants.

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$506,030.24 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

- 1. Approval of the Following Items Pertaining to the Municipal Campus Parking Lot Resurfacing Project: A) a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Chicagoland Paving Contractors Inc. of Lake Zurich, Illinois in the Amount of \$181,006.50; and B) an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process and Awarding a Contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. of Rosemont, Illinois for Construction Oversight Services in an amount not to exceed \$24,676.00**

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Resolution and the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon and Klatzco

NAYS:

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Passing of Long Time Resident James Serritella

President Bass stated that, on Friday April 23rd, 2021, long-time resident of Lincolnwood James Serritella passed away at the age of 78. Mr. Serritella had lived in Lincolnwood since the 1970s. He was chief counsel and legal advisor to the Arch Diocese of Chicago for nearly 50 years and served as legal counsel for numerous other religious organizations, and was a loving father and husband. President Bass noted that funeral services would be at Holy Name Cathedral, on May 6th. President Bass expressed his condolences for the family's loss.

2. Teachers Appreciation Week

President Bass reminded residents and the Board that the first week of May is Teachers Appreciation Week. This year it runs from May 3rd to May 7th. President Bass wished the teachers of School District 74 a happy national Teachers Appreciation Week.

3. Orthodox Easter

President Bass reminded listeners that Sunday May 2nd was Orthodox Easter. The President expressed his hope that everyone who celebrates the event had a happy Easter.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Village Board Members

1. Proclamation Regarding Trustee Hlepas Nickell

President Bass wanted to recognize outgoing Trustee, Hlepas Nickell with a proclamation. He thanked Trustee Nickell's long service to the Village of Lincolnwood in various roles since the 1990s.

President Bass delineated some of Trustee Nickell's various achievements and awards that she had gained over her various tenures of service. He went on to list many of the outgoing Trustee's achievements during her four year tenure as Village Trustee. He thanked Trustee Nickell's family for supporting the Trustee during her tenure.

A plaque in her honor was presented by Mr. Meyer.

Trustee Nickell thanked the Village for their achievements and dedication. She said it was an honor and privilege serving the village for almost 30 years. She thanked members of the community and police, fire and public work departments. She expressed her best wishes to all the elected officials in the Village.

2. Proclamation Regarding Trustee Ronald Cope

Mayor Bass introduced Ronald Cope as having had a successful career as a municipal lawyer. Ronald Cope previously served as Village Attorney. He has extensive experience and wrote a book on the zoning decision-making process. He was instrumental in bringing PSI to the village. He served for two consecutive terms as trustee starting in 2013. The Village of Lincolnwood expressed their best wishes to Ronald Cope and wished him good luck with his future endeavors.

A plaque in his honor was presented by Mr. Meyer.

Trustee Cope thanked Mayor Bass. He stated the village government is the most important form of government in our day-to-day lives. He expressed his support of our police and his gratitude for the safety they allow residents to live in. He said that this new board takes on a large responsibility and that new trustees and other Village members of a next generation take on the work started by the previous one.

One by one he lauded each of the Trustees.

He recognized incoming President Jesal Patel, and expressed his feelings of good will toward him.

He thanked the Chief of Police, expressing how critical public safety is in the Village. He went on to thank the Fire Department and Chief Hansen.

He also thanked Clerk Herman and Mr. Meyer for their work with the Village.

Finally, he thanked those who voted for him, and stated that it is their responsibility to support and keep tabs on the new board, and to stay politically engaged.

3. Recognition of Trustee Jesal Patel

Mayor Bass recognized his colleague Trustee Jesal Patel. Mayor Bass stated that Trustee Patel has been serving as a Trustee for fourteen years. He served as a liaison to the Parks and Recreation board, Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals. He also served as Chair of the Finance Committee. He

further delineated many of Trustee Patel's achievements since his election to Trustee in 2007. Trustee Patel was presented with a plaque recognizing his service.

Trustee Patel thanked Mayor Bass for his service over the last four years. He also thanked outgoing Trustees Nickell and Cope. He thanked past Trustees who had served on the board over his tenure, as well as Trustees still on the board.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Village President

1. Proclamation Regarding Village President Barry I. Bass

Outgoing Trustee Nickell made her final proclamation recognizing outgoing President Barry I. Bass. She stated that President Bass had distinguished himself throughout his career serving the Village of Lincolnwood, providing model leadership and enacting several developments in the Village. In particular, overseeing the completion of the Valley Line Trail, switching the Village's water source from Chicago to Evanston for a more cost-effective service among many others. Trustee Nickell delineated to the board many of outgoing President Bass's achievements during his tenure, ranging from numerous planning projects to the addressing of traffic concerns, and, ultimately, thanked him for his service. She stated that the Village Board thanks the family of President Bass who have supported and guided him during his work and life. The Village Board thereby proclaimed Tuesday, May 4th 2021 as Barry I. Bass Day in the Village of Lincolnwood.

Mayor Bass received a plaque honoring his service.

Mayor Bass stated he came to the office of Mayor with very little experience holding public office or public speaker. However, he expressed his deep care for the community, and decided to step up to the plate and run for mayor. He expressed pride for all that was achieved during his tenure and thanked his staff and numerous people and institutions that helped run the Village.

He listed several officials and workers for the Village and thanked them all individually. He noted that he had surrounded himself with the best possible staff and friends. He stated that at times he had to make unpopular decisions and that some unfortunate allegations had forced him to do what had to be done to perform his duties. Nevertheless, he thanked everyone for the honor and opportunity to serve the Village of Lincolnwood.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment – Sine Die

Motion to Adjourn Sine Die made by Trustee Nickell Seconded by Trustee Patel.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Installation of Newly Elected Officials – Promenade of Village Hall – 6900 N Lincoln Avenue

Installation of Newly Elected Officials

The Honorable John Grogan, Retired, Circuit Court of Cook County was introduced by Village Clerk Beryl Herman. Mr. Grogan took to the stage to swear in the newly elected Mayor, Jesal Patel. Incoming Mayor Patel was sworn in and thanked the audience. He welcomed friends and neighbors to the Village and expressed thanks to all in the Village. He said he would work tirelessly with determination to achieve all that they would set out to do.

Mayor Patel took the opportunity to thank his family. He stated that Mother's Day means a lot to him given the passing of his mother a year and a half ago.

Clerk Herman introduced Trustee Halevi who was reelected to her position. She delineated her long legal career and service to the Village.

Trustee Halevi was sworn in as Trustee to the Village of Lincolnwood by Judge Anjana Hansen. Trustee Halevi thanked everyone for being there as well as those watching at home. She thanked her family and urged residents to speak to Trustees with thoughts and complaints.

Trustee Grace Diaz Herrera was sworn in by The Honorable Megan Goldish, Cook County Circuit Court Judge 9th Judicial Sub-circuit.

Trustee Herrera thanked all her supporters, from her family, friends, residents and her husband. She expressed her gratitude towards the community.

Trustee Mohammed Saleem was introduced by Clerk Herman, The Honorable Samia Naseem, Immigration Judge Chicago Immigration Court swore in the incoming Trustee Saleem.

Trustee Saleem thanked all who voted for him. He stated that while he knew a lot of the Muslim community in Lincolnwood, he was excited to get to know the wider community. He thanked his family and in particular his daughter Amina.

Village Clerk Herman introduced Judge John Grogan, who in turn swore her in.

Clark Herman noted that this was her fifth 'swearing in.' She thanked all who voted for her.

The full list of elected officials sworn in on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, are as follows:

1. Village President Jesal Patel (by The Honorable John Grogan, Retired, Circuit Court of Cook County)
2. Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi (by The Honorable Anjana Hansen, Cook County Circuit Court)
3. Trustee Grace Diaz Herrera (by The Honorable Megan Goldish, Cook County Circuit Court Judge 9th Judicial Subcircuit)

4. Trustee Mohammed Saleem (by The Honorable Samia Naseem, Immigration Judge Chicago Immigration Court)
5. Village Clerk Beryl Herman (by The Honorable John Grogan, Retired, Circuit Court of Cook County)

SECOND MEETING OF VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL PROMENADE 8:00 PM, MAY 4, 2021

Call to Order

President Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 8:34 P.M. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

The Village President read into the record a statement regarding the applicable Illinois Open Meetings Act provisions that permit the Village Board to conduct a virtual meeting during the pandemic, and informed the public how they can view the meeting as well as how to provide comments remotely.

Roll Call

On roll call the following were:

Present: President Patel, Trustees Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi and Klatzco

Absent: none

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Present via Go-To-Meeting: Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Acting Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Jason Parrott, Police Chief; Doug Hammel, Development Director; Melissa Rimdzius, Parks and Recreation Director; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney.

Regular Business

1. **Consideration of a Motion Directing the Village Attorney to Draft a New Village Manager Employment Agreement for Anne Marie Gaura and Authorizing the Continuation of her Services as Village Manager**

This item was presented by Mayor Patel.

Trustee Klatzco moved that (1) Minthe Village Attorney be directed to draft an employment agreement for Anne Marie Gaura and (2) the continuation of Anne Marie Gaura's service as Village Manager be continued while the employment agreement is being drafted and approved, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed

2. Consideration of an Extension of the Emergency Declaration Entered by Mayor Patel on May 4, 2021

Trustee Klatzco made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Sargon seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

Trustees Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 8:48P.M. Trustee Klatzco moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Sargon.


Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Klatzco

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk.