

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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JUNE 1, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:36 P.M. Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue,

**Pledge to the Flag**

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

**Roll Call**

On roll call by Clerk Herman the following were:

Present: Mayor Patel, Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Halevi, Mayor Patel, Trustee Herrera was present via GoToMeeting

A quorum was present.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of May 19, 2021 Village Board meeting were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Halevi had one addition to the minutes. She had already sent the correction in. Mayor Patel made a motion to table the minutes, seconded by Trustee Saleem.

Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed

**Warrant Approval**

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$584,126.48 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

There was no public comment on the warrants.

## **President's Report**

### **1. 2021 Vehicle Sticker Presentation**

Mayor Patel noted that each year the 7th grade art students at Lincoln Hall are given a theme from the Village and then the students prepare artwork accordingly and it is submitted to be considered for the Village's vehicle sticker. This year's theme was Lincolnwood is Grateful. The Mayor noted that there was a lot of great artwork from the students to consider. The work that was ultimately chosen was created by Sarah Powell. Sarah Powell and her mother, Rachel and father, Mark, were asked to come up to the podium. The Mayor presented to Sarah her artwork framed, and a certificate for one free vehicle sticker for her parents. The Mayor thanked the Powell family for attending that evening.

### **2. Consideration of a Resolution Consenting to the Village President's Appointment of Anna Marie Gaura as the Village Manager and Approving a Village Manager Employment Agreement**

This item was presented by Mayor Patel. He noted that he was excited to work with Anne Marie Gaura. He stated that she brings a level of calm and preparedness to the role she serves as. He noted he was thrilled to have the unanimous approval of the board.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Village Manager Gaura thanked the Board and the Mayor for the opportunity to serve the community. She said she looked forward to working with the talented elected officials, staff and attorneys.

President Patel thanked Village Manager Gaura before moving on to the next item.

### **3. Passing of Former Parks and Recreation Director, Raymond G. Williams**

Mayor Patel wanted to call attention to the passing of Raymond Williams, former Parks and Recreation Director, who passed away on Thursday, May 13 in Vero Beach. Mayor Patel explained that Ray grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and served as a radioman in the Navy during World War II. Ray lived in Glenview for years and began working as the Parks and Recreation Director in June of 1979 until December of 1993. On January 20, 1994, after Mr. Williams' retirement from the Parks Department, a resolution was passed naming the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot after him and making it officially the Ray Williams Turkey Trot. The Mayor expressed his condolences to the Williams family on their loss.

### **4. Shirley Engelstein Art Coordinator**

Mayor Patel expressed his condolences due to the passing of Shirley Engelstein who years ago was placed in charge of coordinating art exhibits for the Village Hall.

Engelstein, a fiber artist, started by exhibiting her own work in the foyer outside the council chambers. Her work stayed up about three months until she could find another Lincolnwood artist to exhibit.

In the more than two decades since Mrs. Engelstein's work, the village hall has been host to a continuous art show featuring countless local artists and those from around the world.

Mayor Patel noted that Mrs. Engelstein was a resident of Lincolnwood since 1979, and hoped to locate Lincolnwood's "hidden talent." The Mayor thanked Mrs. Engelstein, and expressed his condolences and gratitude to her family.

Mayor Patel noted that there are over a dozen openings at the Village. The Mayor noted he could be contacted via email for more information at [JPatel@lwd.org](mailto:JPatel@lwd.org).

### **Village Trustees' Report**

Trustee Sargon wished to express her condolences to the family of Johni Younadim who passed away suddenly over the weekend. Johnny owned Larsa's Mediterranean Restaurant in Skokie and leaves behind two children. Trustee Sargon again expressed her condolences to the family and many friends.

Trustee Sargon reminded all that there is a meeting of the Parks Board on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 P.M.

Trustee Halevi wanted to disclose that she works with a company that deals with the buying and selling of bonds, and that her upcoming vote would reflect that.

Mayor Patel noted that all activities and goings on in the Village are listed on the website.

### **Village Clerk's Reports**

Village Clerk Beryl Herman first wanted to thank Julie, Anna and Olivia of the Parks and Recreation department for their handling of the masses of people wanting to sign up for the public pool.

She then went on to note that the Multicultural Task Force would be hosting an event that is yet to be named, that would be expressing the community's love for Asian American and Pacific Islander residents of the community. She noted that anyone wanting to support the event could call the Clerk's office. The event would have numerous interesting speakers. She noted that she was very excited for it.

Mayor Patel reminded listeners that non-resident pool passes are still available.

### **Public Forum**

President Patel noted that anyone who desires to offer public comment during the meeting about any matter concerning the Village of Lincolnwood could have done so by submitting an email to [VillageBoardPublicComment@lwd.org](mailto:VillageBoardPublicComment@lwd.org) prior to the commencement of the meeting, or by offering live oral comment at the stated time in the meeting agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of the Following Items Pertaining to the Street Storage Stage II Project:  
A) a Resolution Approving a Contract with MQ Construction Company of Chicago, Illinois for Construction of the Stage II Area in the Amount of \$2,159,605; and B) an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. of Rosemont, Illinois for Construction Oversight Services for Stage II Construction in the Amount of \$195,166**

2. **Approval of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Distribution Center at 7080 North McCormick Boulevard**
3. **Approval of a Resolution Appointing an Alternate to the Board of Directors of the North Suburban Employee Benefit Cooperative**
4. **Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Temporary Staffing Agreement with GovTempsUSA, LLC for Permit Clerk Services**
5. **Continuation to June 15, 2021, of a Recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Variation Related to Floor Area Ratio at 6547 North Central Park Avenue**

Attorney Elrod informed Mayor Patel that he only needed to scroll the consent agenda, did not need to read the items aloud.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed

**Regular Business**

6. **Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed \$11,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Order, Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof**

Attorney Elrod noted that this Ordinance has been revised.

This item was presented by Charles Meyer. Copies were provided to the audience and the Board.

This was a continuation of the conversation had on May 15th regarding the infrastructure plan. Direction was given to draft Ordinance for the selling of Bonds not to exceed \$11,500,000. A timetable was set out for this process. Competitive bids are to be collected on July 20th. The only amendment that was made was to add the Assistant Village Manager to the process and conversation about the selling of bonds.

Trustee Klatzco thanked the board for trusting him to work on the bonds process and announced that several thousand dollars would be saved in the long-run thanks to his staff deciding to pay off EPA loans.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Herrera

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Halevi

The motion passed

Trustee Herrera was excused due to a request to attend her son's graduation.

**7. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 5.14(3)c of the Zoning Code Related to Minor Variations**

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Mr. Hammel began by delineating how "Minor Variations" to properties in Lincolnwood are enacted. A Plan Commission hearing determined that it was appropriate to maintain the authority of staff to approve Minor Variations. They also clarified that vertical additions and horizontal additions have different rules and regulations.

There have been further revisions to the language used by the Planning Commission which Mr. Hammel showed highlighted on the PowerPoint slide. This included questions surrounding simultaneous horizontal and vertical variations to properties. This was determined to be permissible if it was in line with other rules and regulations.

Mayor Patel asked whether members of the board had questions or comments concerning the items highlighted in red.

Trustee Saleem wanted Mr. Hammel to elaborate on the point that the length of an addition is not allowed to exceed 50 percent the length of that portion.

Mr. Hammel noted that it was something that was not especially relevant due to the specific case of Lincolnwood. Trustee Saleem asked if this was because there was no space to build new lots in the Village. Mr. Hammel noted that subdivisions of lots were more common, but overall there were not many cases of new lots being implemented.

Mr. Hammel noted that this amendment would limit major variations. Minor variations would be permitted by the Zoning Officer.

Trustee Klatzco asked more about whether there was money for encroachments. He also quizzed Mr. Hammel about whether residents would have a say on whether their neighbors could make variations. Mayor Patel clarified information. Attorney Elrod stated that the Board needs more information..

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem, Halevi.

NAYS:

The motion passed

**8. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Sections 4.11 and 4.12 of the Zoning Code Related to Required Side Setbacks**

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Mr. Hammel recommended that the board approve the ordinance which amended Sections 4.11 and 4.12 of the Zoning Code to remove unreferenced asterisks and clarify that required side setbacks are the greater of 5 feet or 10 percent of lot width.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem and Halevi.

NAYS:

The motion passed

**9. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Amend the Village Code to Regulate Reverse-Slope Garages**

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

He noted that about 90 locations in the village of Reverse-Slope Garages. He stated that there were numerous safety concerns with these due to snow build-up and flooding. He asked the board whether the Village should prohibit or regulate reverse-slope garages. General consensus found that larger projects with such garages would be considered differently due to them usually having greater consideration for surface runoff and flooding.

It is not the intent of the board to ban these garages outright, but to regulate them.

Trustee Saleem asked how the 90 locations are handling storm water. Mr. Hammel noted that usually they receive a number of calls every rainy season, however this year was especially dry so this has not been the case.

It was noted by Mr. Hammel that new reverse-slope garages have not been built on new properties since the 2000s.

Trustee Saleem agreed that for new construction, the Village should discourage the building of such garages.

Trustee Sargon noted that last year many residents called the Village to ask what they were doing about storm water. While 2021 was a drier year, things are much worse during a rainy year.

Trustee Klatzco said he is not in favor of new buildings of this kind.

Trustee Halevi noted that there were no positives to such a type of build. She said that such buildings should be discouraged.

It was considered how such a regulation would be worded. Whether such buildings would be discouraged or outright banned.

Trustee Saleem stated that there is a difference between previously existing garages of this kind, and potential new builds.

Mayor Patel questioned "Do we need specific language regarding uses?"

Mr. Hammel agreed that it should be considered what specific language should be used for such an amendment. He asked whether anyone would be interested in outright banning such builds.

Director Badran was asked to comment. He noted that in places where such garages could be avoided, then builders do so. When such garages cannot be avoided specific license agreements are drawn up to find alternative solutions.

Trustee Halevi asked Mr. Badran how much extra cost came about due to trying to circumvent the need for sloped garages.

Mr. Badran responded that there would be extra costs, but did not identify amounts.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem and Halevi.

NAYS:

The motion passed

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

This item was presented by Village Attorney Elrod.

Mr. Elrod stated that the item is on the agenda for consideration and recommended that the emergency declaration entered by the Mayor on March 18, 2020 be extended to the end of the next regular meeting of the current Board on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration to the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Village Board on July 20, Trustee Saleem seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem and Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

### **Manager's Report**

Manager Gaura noted that the Village Hall and Police Station lot were paved on June 1st. The milling and resurfacing of the secure Police lot will be undertaken in addition to other resurfacing projects that have been undertaken. Some future resurfacing projects have been pushed back due to the ongoing resurfacing of the Police lot. She thanked the contractor and Public Works employees.

Trustee Halevi asked whether cottonwood seeds collecting on the parking lot would infiltrate the asphalt. She was assured by Mr. Badran that they would be removed.

Manager Gaura spoke of new signage in the parking lot which will make things more convenient for those visiting Village Hall as well as Staff.

### **Board and Commissions Report**

There were none.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:47 P.M. Trustee Klatzco made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting seconded by Trustee Sargon.


Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Saleem and Halevi.

NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beryl Herman  
Village Clerk.