

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – JANUARY 13, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bolingbrook was called to order at the hour of 8:02 p.m., January 13, 2015, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Roger C. Claar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Claar requested Reggie Bobikiewicz, Assistant to both the Mayor and Village Attorney, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Village Clerk, Carol Penning, called the roll. Present were: Mayor Roger C. Claar, and Trustees Leroy J. Brown, Michael T. Lawler, Ricardo Morales, Joseph B. Morelli, Patricia E. Schanks and Maria A. Zarate

Absent: None

Also present were: Village Clerk – Carol S. Penning, Village Attorney - James Boan, Public Safety Director - Kevin McCarthy, Finance Director – Rosa Cojulun, Director of Public Services & Development – Lucas Rickelman

Absent: None

Representing the press: Geoff Ziezulewicz - Chicago Tribune

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion Brown, second Schanks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2014, Village Board meeting submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion Morales, second Zarate to approve the agenda.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ed Russell, past Grand Knight, presented Mayor Claar with a plaque in appreciation for all of his support and generosity toward the Knights of Columbus #6521.

VFW POST 5917, LADIES AUXILIARY: Renee Mierop, Chaplain, presented Mayor Claar with their new cookbook and noted that Mayor Claar had five (5) recipes in the book. She then gave information on how to purchase the cookbook.

PROCLAMATIONS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, January 19, 2015: Mayor Claar proclaimed Monday, January 19th, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and recognized his great achievements and exemplary life as a leader in the struggle to protect the legal and moral rights of all people. Kenneth Harris, Bolingbrook resident and Will County District #4 Board Member, accepted the proclamation.

BILL APPROVAL

Motion Morales, second Zarate to approve expenditures submitted as Bill Listing A - Payables in the amount of \$658,679.10 and Bill Listing B - Pre-paids in the amount of \$1,583,114.00 totaling \$2,241,793.10. (Copies were made available in the Finance Dept. and Clerk's Office.)

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

MOTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 15R-001

APPROVING RETAIL SALES AGREEMENT FOR VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND INTEGRATION SERVICES (AVI SYSTEMS, INC.)

Motion Brown, second Zarate to adopt a resolution approving a Retail Sales Agreement for video equipment and integration services (AVI Systems, Inc.).

At the December board meeting, a Consultant Agreement was approved with AVI to design a system to start to move the BCT Broadcast Signal from Analog to Digital/HD. This resolution approved the purchase of the equipment needed for internet streaming. BCT, the Vendor and Comcast will work together to investigate converting the television signal.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15R-002

APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR REMOVAL OF EMERALD ASH BORER INFECTED TREES – HOMER TREE CARE, INC.

Motion Morales, second Schanks to adopt a resolution approving a proposal for removal of Emerald Ash Borer infected Trees - Homer Tree Care, Inc.

The Village Board passed Resolution 14R-016 on May 27, 2014, authorizing Homer Tree Care to start removing ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Subsequent to that, the Board approved an amendment to the removal contract. There are approximately 11,000 ash trees on Village owned property. As of last Friday, January 9, 2015, the Village had treated 6,000 trees and removed 3,228. To date, the Village has appropriated \$646,062 to fight the blight. The Village increased the local fuel tax by 2 cents/gallon to supplement the budget for tree removal. The surcharge has been generating approximately \$75,000/month. This resolution was an addition to the contract with Homer Tree Care, Inc. It provided for an additional \$75,000 for tree removal with two (2) additional \$75,000 phases if approved by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 15-001

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT CLOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RETENTION POND) SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY APPROVAL

Motion Brown, second Lawler to pass an ordinance accepting the conveyance of property located at Clow International Airport (retention pond) subject to Attorney approval.

In conjunction with the Airport Runway Reconstruction Project, the existing retention pond that provided stormwater detention for the airport and commercial areas to the east needed to be redesigned or reconfigured. A Property Owners Association currently owned the property for the benefit of all the users. This ordinance accepted a Quit Claim Deed for the pond (5.74 acres) from the Association. With ownership, the Village will be able to work on the property and re-build the pond without having to get Association approval.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 15-002

APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK, FIRE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 6

Motion Schanks, second Zarate to pass an ordinance approving amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners of the Village of Bolingbrook, Fire Department, Articles 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

This ordinance was a “housekeeping” measure. Periodically, the Village updates the Fire and Police Boards Rules and Regulations to reflect statutory organization or language changes. This ordinance approved the updated Rules and Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PROCLAMATION

KEVIN McCARTHY DAY, January 13, 2015: Mayor Claar proclaimed January 13, 2015, as KEVIN McCARTHY DAY in Bolingbrook. He listed all of Kevin's achievements over the past 30 years commended him for his dedication and contributions to the successful growth of the Village of Bolingbrook. Mayor Claar presented Chief McCarthy with a plaque listing the achievements in his career in the Bolingbrook Police Department and a plaque in appreciation of his distinguished service to the community. He gave best wishes to Kevin and his family for a successful, happy and fun-filled retirement. He was given a standing ovation by those attending the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion Morelli, second Lawler to approve the appointments of Deputy Chief Thomas Ross to Director of Public Safety and Kenneth Teppel to Deputy Chief.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

Police Department: Deputy Chief Thomas Ross was appointed and sworn in as Public Safety Director.

Commander Kenneth Teppel was appointed and sworn in as Deputy Chief.

PROMOTIONS

Motion Brown, second Schanks to approve the promotion of Michael Rompa to Commander.

ROLL CALL: Yea 6 - Brown, Lawler, Morales, Morelli, Schanks, Zarate

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

Police Department: Lieutenant Michael Rompa was promoted and sworn in as Commander.

Sergeant John Hild was promoted and sworn in as a Lieutenant.

Detective Scott Lustik was promoted and sworn in as a Sergeant.

Fire & Police Board members present for the ceremony were: Dennis Meehan, Chair, Prem Lalvani, Ray Macri, Sandra Baldassano, Barbara Provo and Gretchen Schroeder.

Newly appointed Director of Public Safety, Thomas Ross, expressed his appreciation to all the friends, family and past and present co-workers that attended the meeting. Thanked his Mom and Dad for the hard work and sacrifices it took to raise six kids and teach them all about faith and family. He thanked his wife, Cathy, for all her support. He talked about living and working in Bolingbrook his entire life and his love for Bolingbrook. He pointed out the pros and cons involved being a police officer or fire fighter and how much the community depends on them in a crisis. He thanked the Mayor and Trustees for the opportunity to serve as Director of Public Safety and pledged to do all he could to live up to the position.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brown gave heartfelt comments and complimented both the Police and Fire Departments for the exemplary work they do for the Village. He also talked about Chief McCarthy and the fantastic job he had done in his 30 years of police work, as Police Chief/Public Safety Director in Bolingbrook. He also thanked the Public Works Department.

Trustee Schanks also expressed her gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments for doing such a wonderful job and how proud the Village was to have them serving Bolingbrook. She then gave details on the Operation Christmas Garage Sale taking place at the Performing Arts Center Stage Friday and Saturday, 1/16 & 17. The monies raised at the garage sale will be Operation Christmas 2015. This past December they helped over 500 families this year. She also gave information on the Community Service Council's Annual Fundraising Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 22nd.

Trustees Lawler, Morelli, Morales and Zarate all gave their best wishes to Kevin McCarthy on his retirement and congratulations to the newly appointed Public Safety Director, Tom Ross. In addition, they congratulated Michael Rompa for his promotion to Police Commander; John Hild for his promotion to Police Lieutenant; and Scott Lustik for his promotion to Police Sergeant

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Brown, second Morales to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Roger C. Claar
MAYOR

Carol S. Penning, CMC
VILLAGE CLERK