MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – MAY 14, 2019

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 8:00 p.m., May 14, 2019, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Roger C. Claar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Mayor Roger C. Claar requested the members of the Bolingbrook VFW Post 5917 and American Legion Post 1288 that were in attendance to lead the pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:
Village Clerk, Carol S. Penning, called the roll:
Present were: Mayor Roger C. Claar, Trustees Maria A. Zarate, Michael T. Lawler, Sheldon L. Watts, Deresa A. Hoogland, Ricardo Morales and Robert M. Jaskiewicz

Also present were:
Village Clerk – Carol S. Penning, Village Attorney - James Boan, Public Safety Director – Ken Teppel, Finance Director – Rosa Cojulu and Director of Public Services & Development - Lucas Rickelman

Absent: None

Representing the press: No press was in attendance.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:
Motion Morales, second Watts to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 30th, 2019, Village Board meeting as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS:
Jim Boan, Village Attorney indicated that there was one addition as follows: on the agenda under sub-heading of Recognitions, letter C., add 2. Sarah Bouhuyys, Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation. There were no other additions or corrections to the agenda.

Motion Lawler, second Zarate to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Jaskiewicz made a motion to amend the agenda to add the trash fees. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Mayor Claar indicated that he would be making a brief report regarding refuse.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:
Motion Morales, second Zarate to approve the new appointments to the following Commissions:

- Beautification Commission:
  - Evelyn Fletcher

- Plan Commission:
  - Mir Ali

Voice vote. Motion carried.
REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

PROCLAMATIONS
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, SUNDAY, MAY 12 THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019: Mayor Claar proclaimed May 12th through May 18th, 2019, NATIONAL POLICE WEEK and urged citizens to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the Police Officers of Bolingbrook by deed, remark and attitude. Also to make every effort to express our thanks to the men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes and families in safety each day and return knowing they are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

Mike Rompa, Deputy Police Chief, accepted the proclamation. Mike Rompa added that in 2018, 158 officers were killed in the line of duty nationwide and four were from Illinois. In 2019, already 42 officers have died in the line of duty nationwide and four were from Illinois. These statistics almost impacted Bolingbrook, when one of our own officers was nearly killed in a vehicular incident. Fortunately, he survived. He thanked Mayor Claar and everyone at the Village Board meeting for honoring Bolingbrook Police Officers.

POPPY DAYS, FRIDAY, MAY 17 – SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019: Mayor Claar proclaimed May 17th through May 19th, 2019, POPPY DAYS in Bolingbrook and urged citizens to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations and to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

John Davin, Commander of Bolingbrook VFW Post 5917, accepted the proclamation. Members of the Bolingbrook VFW and American Legion passed out poppies and collected donations from everyone in attendance. John provided details that both the Bolingbrook VFW and the American Legion work hard to raise money together for a relief fund program to help Veterans with water bills, gas bills, house fire victims, etc. Many individuals are members of both the VFW and the American Legion. John encouraged Bolingbrook veterans that are not members to join the local VFW and/or the American Legion. Both groups have contributed over 9,000 lbs. of bread to the DuPage Township Food Pantry. The following were in attendance: John Davin, Larry Savaer, Greg Palmer, Dave Soma, Herschel Nelson, Bill Marszalik, Roy Pura, Angelo Iziary and Bob Adame. Mayor Claar thanked each of them for their service and their continued work in the community helping veterans in need.

PRESENTATIONS: None

Mayor Claar recognized those in attendance that came out specifically for the swearing in ceremony of the three newly-elected Village Trustees Mary Basta, Sheldon Watts and Michael Carpanzano:

Peggy Danhof, President of the Fountaindale Public Library and recently elected to a two-year term; Ruth Newell, Library Board Member; Celeste Bermejo, newly elected Library Board Member; former Village Trustees Sandy Swinkunas, Joe Morelli and Gretchen Schreeter who is also a member of the Fire and Police Board; Jerry Hix, President of the Bolingbrook Park District and newly elected to a four-year term; Ron Oestreicht, Executive Director of the Bolingbrook Park District; Diane Parro, recently re-elected to a four-year term as a Valley View School Board member; Felix George, DuPage Township Supervisor; Bob Kalnicky, Executive Director for the Community
Service Council and Vice-President of the Fountaindale Public Library; and Pat Brown, the widow of former Deputy Mayor Leroy Brown. Leroy was the longest serving Village Trustee for a total of 24 years and 11 months. Most of that time he served as Deputy Mayor. Mayor Claar said he often thinks of Leroy, Pat and their entire family. Leroy was a great, great man.

Mayor Claar acknowledged his wife Pat and complimented her as she was dressed in Bolingbrook colors – blue skirt, green jacket and a white blouse and matched the Village flag. He said she looked very nice.

Mayor Claar shared the sad news that longtime Beautification Commissioner Karen Smith died suddenly a week ago. She was an eleven-year member of the commission, a twenty-five-year resident of Bolingbrook, very instrumental in decorating each year for the Pathways Parade, Festival of Lights, and never missed a commission meeting. Mayor Claar was sorry to hear about her passing.

Mayor Claar addressed the Refuse/Recycling Collection Billing Program as follows:
- Out of 286 Chicagoland communities – only one still includes it on the tax bill.
- None of the communities surrounding Bolingbrook have refuse on the tax bill.
- It was taken off the tax bill last year and the Village absorbed the cost of the refuse bill out of the reserve account. No one paid for garbage pickup this past year – not on their tax bill or by billing directly to their home.
- The change in billing from the Village of Bolingbrook had been discussed publicly for over a year. It was addressed at several board meetings, budget workshops, and at a public forum at the Community Center in March of 2018. It was approved unanimously by the entire Village Board.
- A list of Refuse/Recycling Collection Billing – Frequently Asked Questions is on the Village Website for resident review.
- There is a $2.00 service fee per billing cycle. This service fee is to cover additional personnel and administrative costs such as invoice and mail processing. This fee will be reviewed at a later time and might be amended.
- The cost for refuse collection will be approximately $20/month and will help pay for the cost of Village Services - Police, Fire, Public Works, etc.

Mayor Claar added that the property tax bill came out at the same time as the Village was implementing the new refuse/recycling collection billing program. The school districts take approximately 65% of the annual tax bill. All school districts in Bolingbrook had an increase and it showed on this year's tax bills. The State of Illinois should be paying 50% as indicated by the State of Illinois Constitution of 1970 for Public School funding – right now it is only paying 24%; passing the costs on to the local governments to manage.

He encouraged Bolingbrook resident to lobby Springfield legislators to stop taking funds from the local governments. The real problem is the General Assembly who steal money locally so they can pay their bills in Springfield.
Mayor Claar asked Ken Teppel, Public Safety Director to address the two disgusting incidents that happened recently in Bolingbrook.

Ken Teppel gave an update on the two unfortunate incidents – one at a resident’s home and one at the McDonalds at Weber Road.

- The first incident occurred on Friday, April 26th at the Enclave Townhouses – The Bolingbrook Police Department has developed a promising suspect.
- The second incident that recently occurred at the McDonalds on Weber Road – The Bolingbrook Police Department has a person of interest.

He assured residents that the Bolingbrook detectives are working diligently on both cases and he is hoping to have an update for the next Village Board Meeting.

**MAYOR CLAAR ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:**

Evelyn Fletcher was sworn in by Mayor Claar as a Beautification Commissioner and Mir Ali was sworn in as the Plan Commission Chair.

**VILLAGE RECOGNITIONS:**

Kevin A. Brown, Bolingbrook Community Chorus: Mayor Roger C. Claar and Community Chorus President Jack Finan presented Kevin Brown with a plaque commemorating his thirty years of service as the accompanist for the Bolingbrook Community Chorus. The plaque was from both the Village of Bolingbrook and the Bolingbrook Community Chorus. The Chorus has twin goals of bringing enjoyable music to the Bolingbrook Community and to provide an opportunity for singers to employ their talents.

Sarah Bouhuys - Girl Scout Gold Award project. Sarah designed a prayer “Butterfly Garden” to welcome everyone to New Life Lutheran Church located here in Bolingbrook. Sarah thanked all those who helped her implement the project. Sarah introduced her parents Rudy and Jane Bouhuys. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award. Mayor Claar shared that Sarah’s name would appear on a plaque in the Village Hall lobby and congratulated her on this prestigious recognition.

Mayor shared that the Village of Bolingbrook received a Monarch Butterfly Waystation Award. The Waystation Project will save the butterfly population in Bolingbrook by providing them with food, shelter and breeding grounds during their migration period.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**BILL APPROVAL:**

Motion Jaskiewicz, second Zarate to approve expenditures submitted as Bill Listing A - Payables in the amount of $752,603.93 and Bill Listing B - Pre-Paid in the amount of $778,159.33 totaling $1,530,763.26. (Copies were made available in the Finance Department and the Village Clerk's Office.)

**ROLL CALL:**

Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
Nay 0  None
Absent 0  None

Motion carried.
MOTIONS:

MOTION TO RATIFY AWARDING AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACT TO AIRY'S INC.: 
Motion Watts, second Morales to accept a motion to ratify awarding an emergency repair contract to Airy's Inc.

At the April 30, 2019 Board meeting an emergency Motion was passed to repair a 24" pressurized iron pipe used for aeration at STP 1. The pipe had failed. The Motion authorized expenditures up to $115,000.00. The staff obtained 3 quotes. The lowest qualified quote was from Airy’s Inc. in the amount of $98,388.05. This Motion ratifies the contract awarded by the Mayor and Public Services Director.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0  None  
Absent 0  None  

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LOW BID FROM ELMHURST-CHICAGO STONE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,600.00 FOR 2019/2020 MFT MATERIALS GROUP 1 – CONCRETE & AGGREGATES:
Motion Lawler, second Jaskiewicz to accept a motion to accept low bid from Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company in the amount of $40,600.00 for 2019/2020 MFT Materials Group 1 – Concrete & Aggregates.

This Motion accepts the bid from Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company for concrete and aggregates (stone) for use during the year on MFT projects. One bid was returned and the amount is $40,600.00 which is $800.00 over the budgeted amount of $39,800.00.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0  None  
Absent 0  None  

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LOW BID FROM ROUTE 66 ASPHALT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $41,707.50 FOR 2019/2020 MFT MATERIALS GROUP I – HOT MIX ASPHALT:
Motion Morales, second Lawler to accept a motion to accept low bid from Route 66 Asphalt Company in the amount of $41,707.50 for 2019/2020 MFT Materials Group I – Hot Mix Asphalt.

This Motion accepts the lowest qualified bid for hot mix asphalt for use during the year on MFT projects. Two bid packets were sent out and two bids were received. While Gallagher Materials Corporation had a lower per ton charge; when pick-up/delivery charges are factored in, the total cost exceeds the bid from Route 66 Asphalt Company. Their adjusted bid price is $41,707.50 which is $5,128.85 under Gallagher’s price and $8,542.50 under the budgeted amount of $50,250.00.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0  None  
Absent 0  None  

Motion carried.
MOTION TO ACCEPT LOW BID FROM GLOBE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $287,004.50 FOR THE 2019/2020 MFT SIDEWALK PROGRAM:
Motion Morales, second Lawler to accept a motion to accept low bid from Globe Construction in the amount of $287,004.50 for the 2019/2020 MFT Sidewalk Program.

This Motion accepts the low bid from Globe Construction for the 2019/2020 MFT sidewalk program. Six bid packets were sent out and three bids were returned. The low bid was $287,004.50 which is $12,995.50 under the budgeted amount of $300,000.00.

Mayor Claar requested that Lucas Rickelman make the list public to the residents of the sidewalks that will be repaired this year. He encouraged residents to contact the Public Services department if they are not on the list and need sidewalk repair. Lucas Rickelman indicated that Public Services will review all resident sidewalk repair requests.

ROLL CALL: Yea  6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
             Nay  0  None
             Absent  0  None

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LOW BID FROM PRECISION PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $146,896.00 FOR THE 2019/2020 MFT PAVEMENT MARKING:
Motion Watts, second Zarate to accept a motion to accept low bid from Precision Pavement Markings, Inc. in the amount of $146,896.00 for the 2019/2020 MFT Pavement Marking.

This Motion awards the 2019/2020 MFT pavement markings program to the low bidder, Precision Pavement Markings, Inc. Five bid packets were sent out and five bids were returned. The low bid was $146,896.00 which is $28,104.00 under budget.

ROLL CALL: Yea  6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
             Nay  0  None
             Absent  0  None

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LOW BID FROM TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $51,915.00 FOR THE 2019/2020 MFT MATERIALS GROUP 1 STREET LIGHT POLES:
Motion Morales, second Lawler to accept a motion to accept low bid from Traffic Control Corporation in the amount of $51,915.00 for the 2019/2020 MFT Materials Group 1 Street Light Poles.

This Motion accepts the low/sole bid for street light poles from Traffic Control Corporation. Three bid packets were sent out and one bid returned. The bid is in the amount of $51,915.00 which is $1,915.00 over budget.

ROLL CALL: Yea  6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
             Nay  0  None
             Absent  0  None

Motion carried.
Mayor Claar mentioned that the traffic signal light located at Route 53 and Royce Road should be up and running in a couple of weeks. The delays were twofold; ComEd had trouble energizing the light, and there was tree and shrubbery clean up needed, so there would be clear visibility to see the light.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 19R-027
APPROVING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK AND GAD GROUP TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR SERVICES:
Motion Lawler, second Zarate to adopt a resolution approving renewal of contract between the Village of Bolingbrook and Gad Group Technology, Inc. for consultant/contractor services.

This Resolution renews an annual contract with the GAD Group Technology, Inc. for I.T. Services. The Gad Group provides two on-site consultants that provide “help desk” and software support services. The cost is $210,000.00 which is what was budgeted. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

Mayor Claar mentioned that GAD group does an excellent job. He added that they recently received the top recognition from the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce as “Business of the Year”.

ROLL CALL:  Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
Nay 0  None
Absent 0  None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19R-028
APPROVING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK AND ROBERT LEE:
Motion Watts, second Jaskiewicz to adopt a resolution approving independent contractor agreement between the Village of Bolingbrook and Robert Lee.

This Resolution renews an I.T. contract with Robert Lee to provide application and software support for the Village’s AS400 computer program. The annual cost is $49,920.00 which is the budgeted amount. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

ROLL CALL:  Yea 6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
Nay 0  None
Absent 0  None

Motion carried.

Trustee Jaskiewicz shared that the Village Board goes through the agenda with minimal discussion because many items that come before them have already been reviewed by the staff, through committees, and the budget workshop process.
RESOLUTION 19R-029
APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH B & F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES, INC. FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES:
Motion Morales, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving professional service agreement with B & F Construction Code Services, Inc. for building inspection services.

This Resolution approves a contract with B & F Construction Code Services for third party inspections. In the Building department during construction season, current staff levels cannot keep up with the volume/demand. The hourly cost is $80.00/hour. Budgeted cost is $40,000.00 for this firm. The Public Services Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6 Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0 None  
Absent 0 None  

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19R-030
APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN, INC. FOR BUILDING PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES:
Motion Hoogland, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving professional services agreement with HR Green, Inc. for building plan review and inspection services.

This Resolution approves a contract with HR Green, Inc. to provide third party inspection services for the Building department and plan review services for the Engineering department. This is a 6-month retainer (June – November). The monthly fee is not to exceed $14,000.00 or $84,000.00 (6 months). Hourly rates vary ranging from $84.00/hour to $260.00/hour based on the service being provided. This has been reviewed by the Public Services department and recommends approval.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6 Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0 None  
Absent 0 None  

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19R-031
APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM TPI BUILDING CODE CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES:
Motion Watts, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving proposal from TPI Building Code Consultants, Inc. for third party inspection services.

This Resolution retains TPI Building Code Consultants, Inc. to provide construction inspections during the summer months when the volume/number exceeds current staffing ability to provide. The cost is $80.00/hour. Total cost is not to exceed $26,000.00. The Public Services Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

ROLL CALL:  
Yea 6 Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz  
Nay 0 None  
Absent 0 None  

Motion carried.
MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THE ABSTRACT OF VOTES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 FROM THE DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTY CLERKS: THIS MOTION ACCEPTS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE FINAL VOTE TOTALS FOR THE TOP THREE VOTE GETTERS THAT WERE ELECTED:

Motion Morales, second Lawler to accept a motion to acknowledge and accept the abstract of votes for the consolidated election held Tuesday, April 2, 2019, from the DuPage and Will County Clerks. This Motion accepts and acknowledges the final vote totals for the three top vote getters that were elected.

Sheldon Watts: 4,033 votes (19.08%)
Mary Sabri Alexander-Basta: 3,726 votes (17.63%)
Michael Carpanzano: 3,724 votes (17.62%)

ROLL CALL:  
Yea  6  Zarate, Lawler, Watts, Hoogland, Morales, Jaskiewicz
Nay  0  None
Absent 0  None

Motion carried.

Mayor Claar made a presentation to outgoing Village Trustee Deresa Hoogland. He stated that Deresa did an excellent job fulfilling the unexpired term of office for former Village Trustee Pat Schanks. He presented her with a beautiful momentum of her public service to the residents of the Village of Bolingbrook. Deresa Hoogland thanked Mayor Claar, her fellow trustees, village staff and the residents for the opportunity to serve. She added that she loves Bolingbrook and will continue with volunteer efforts in the community.

Mayor Claar made a presentation to outgoing Village Trustee Ricardo “Ric” Morales. Ric served 18 years and one month; serving as the fourth longest serving Village Trustee in Bolingbrook's history. Mayor Claar stated that Ric served well and he will be missed as a member of the Village Board. He presented Ric with a beautiful momentum and a clock with sincere appreciation for his public service to the residents of the Village of Bolingbrook.

Ric Morales thanked Mayor Claar, Jim Boan, current and former trustees, staff and everyone in the community that supported him through the years. He shared that it was an honor and privilege to serve. As a resident for 23 years, the community has truly been a “Place to Grow” and the board members that he served with always focused on the betterment of “Bolingbrook First.” He stated that Mayor Claar embraced diversity in the community and on the Village Board. He added that he was the first Mexican American to serve on the board and Leroy Brown, his mentor, was the first African American to serve. The community has demonstrated “Peace and Progress” through this process. He thanked his wife Rosanna and their two children Andrea and Evan. He advised the newly elected board members to be “true to yourself and embrace common sense practices”. He provided a picture presentation showing the growth of his family through the years. He praised the Bolingbrook Park District and the programs that his children utilized. Now he is going to spend more time with his family, as for him family is everything. And lastly, he said “God Bless” to the community and all in attendance.
OATH OF OFFICE:
Will County Associate Judge Ben Braun, presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected Village Trustees Mary Basta, Sheldon Watts and Michael Carpanzano.

Mayor Claar introduced Judge Ben Braun and shared his bio information as follows: Judge Ben Braun is a widely-respected judge with over thirty-one years of experience in law. He has served Will County as an Associate Judge for twelve years, presiding over more than one hundred criminal jury trials, hundreds of bench trials and thousands of hearings in nearly every division of the courthouse. A cancer survivor, Judge Braun lives every day grateful for the opportunity to serve Will County which has been his home for over twenty-eight years. Judge Braun is currently the supervising judge of the misdemeanor division, which includes six courtrooms in the Will County Courthouse as well as the court calls heard in Bolingbrook and other municipalities around the county. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Stetson University College of Law and resides in Frankfort with his wife Wendy, with whom he recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Mayor Claar also mentioned Joann Robinson of the HEART Organization and Judge Braun. Sadly, Joann Robinson passed before she was able to develop a long-term working relationship with Judge Braun but he spoke at her funeral service. Joann played an active role for more than a decade in reforming local teens in an effort to keep them out of trouble. As founder, director and driving force behind the non-profit H.E.A.R.T. (Helping, Enriching, Advising, Reaching and Teaching) Organization, Robinson has worked with the Will County court system to direct underage youth (ages 12-18) onto a law-abiding path by helping them look inward and move forward, out of trouble.

Judge Braun shared that he was thrilled to be back in Bolingbrook and see all the friends he has made over the past two years. He mentioned how impressed he was with the Village Board meeting turnout. He congratulated everyone for their support of the three trustees.

Mayor Claar introduced the newly elected Trustees, so they could say a few words after they received their oath of office. Mayor Claar presented each Trustee with their official commission from the Village, and the certificate of election from the Will County Clerk’s Office.

Trustee Mary Alexander-Basta
Mary introduced her family in attendance. She especially thanked her husband Emad, and their sons Peter and Benjamin. She remembered the words of her father who sadly passed; he told her to “always be strong and to never give up”. She thanked the campaign leadership and the volunteers. She thanked the campaign leader; Dr. Pat Claar for encouraging them to take the high road and to stay positive – which Mary said was not always easy. Mary encouraged everyone to work together for the residents and the good of the community. She thanked every person that voted for her and then she shared God’s blessings to all in attendance.

Trustee Sheldon Watts
Sheldon introduced his family in attendance, especially his wife Cherron and their twins Shania and Sheldon, Jr. He shared that Cherron works side by side with him, and that she is the rock of the household. He thanked Judge Braun for his participation. Sheldon acknowledged that he was humbled by the experience of serving as a Village Trustee and looked forward to this next chapter in his life. He wished Deresa Hoogland and Ric Morales all the best. He welcomed aboard new trustees Basta and Carpanzano. He thanked Mayor Claar for this great opportunity and his continued friendship. He acknowledged Dr. Pat Claar for her leadership in this election campaign season. Sheldon indicated that he will strive to continue the class and dignity that this Village Board has exhibited under Mayor Claar’s governance. Bolingbrook is wonderfully diverse and is a family friendly community.
Mayor Claar described Michael Carpanzano as the energizer bunny – always bouncing around.

**Trustee Michael Carpanzano**

Michael introduced his family, especially his wife Nadia and their son Luca. He thanked his parents for their help with watching Luca and allowing Michael the opportunity to run for public office. He mentioned that they put Nadia’s business on hold during the campaign season. He thanked God for his strong faith and indicated that he would not be here today without it. He said that the fillec room with well-wishers is what Bolingbrook is all about. The community spoke and now it is time to act. He confirmed the goals of the campaign platform and said it is a promise that he will be keeping our motto as “Because We Care”. As a Village Trustee, he plans to listen and investigate requests received by residents. One of his goals is to be a good steward for the community. He shared that this is an experience of a lifetime. He thanked Pat Claar for her leadership and thanked the volunteers and voters for their incredible support. He expressed appreciation for both Deresa and Ric. Lastly, he thanked his running mates for being such a good team to work with during a campaign that challenged them to “take the high road”.

**QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE/PRESS:**

County Board Member Jackie Trayner shared her views on the refuse/recycling collection billing.

Mayor Claar commented that Jackie Trayner’s comments were incorrect, as this is not a tax – it is a direct billing program for refuse and recycling collection. Her view is a distortion of the truth and she twists the facts. All the communities surrounding Bolingbrook and all Chicagoland communities, except for one, utilize direct billing.

Diane Kloepher inquired on behalf of her mother. She asked if there was a senior discount for refuse collection and what happens if the bill isn’t paid. Village Attorney Jim Boan indicated that there is no senior discount at this time. Bills that are not paid in a timely manner will go to collection.

Mayor Claar mentioned that his daughter Lindsey texted him from California and mentioned that there were technical difficulties with the live viewing of the meeting. He then asked Pat Claar to come up and say goodnight to both Lindsey and their granddaughter Samantha.

Mayor Claar acknowledged Ed Schroeter, owner of the Bolingbrook Rocket Ice Arena.

He invited everyone to attend the reception in honor of the new trustees and the outgoing trustees at Golden Chopsticks. There will be cake and refreshments. Mayor Claar thanked Judge Ben Braun for officiating the swearing-in service – his time was greatly appreciated.

Jay Kolder, a 21-year Bolingbrook resident shared that he is a lifelong Democrat. He passionately shared his view that Federal and State politics should not be a part of municipal elections – no Democrats versus Republicans locally. He said it is unfortunate that such negativity is coming from the other local party. He encouraged more positivity from them about the good things that are happening in the community i.e. Village services, the programs that are provided by the Bolingbrook Park District and the Fontaindale Public Library. He added that people will miss Mayor Claar when he retires as “great people are great leaders”.

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TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Trustee Zarate
Wished both Deresa Hoogland and Ric Morales the best and expressed how much she enjoyed working with them.

Trustee Lawler
He thanked both Deresa and Ric for their community service. He considers them lifelong friends. He welcomed the "new kids on the block" to the Village Board.

Trustee Basta
No Comment

Trustee Watts
Provided details on the Bolingbrook Stem Association's "Family Extravaganza Night". He encouraged residents to spread the word and attend this free event. He added that he is excited for this new chapter on the Village Board. He added that he is willing to work with anyone that is genuine and has the best interests of the Village as a priority. He wished Deresa and Ric a happy retirement.

Trustee Carpanzano
Congratulated Deresa and Ric for their public service contributions to the community. He provided details on the Pet Parade at the Promenade this weekend and added that Fran Miller's dog Heidi will officially be the 2019 Pet Parade Grand Marshal. Heidi received the largest vote (22.9%).

Trustee Jaskiewicz
He wished Deresa and Morales well and congratulated the new trustees. He made additional comments regarding the refuse/recycling billing program; he asked about additional benefits or changes to the trash program, the possibility of mandatory lids for the recycling bins to avoid trash blowing everywhere, optional trash toters, and set up a fund to assist residents on a fixed income.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion Carpanzano, second Basta to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:
Carol S. Penning, CMC
VILLAGE CLERK

Roger C. Claar
MAYOR
Bd. Min. 05.14.19