

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – AUGUST 25, 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 8:00 p.m., August 25, 2015, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Roger C. Claar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Claar requested Jerome Strickland, Vice Chair of the Bolingbrook Community Television Commission to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Village Clerk, Carol S. 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 Attorney - James Boan, Public Safety Director - Thomas Ross, Director of Public Services & Development – Lucas Rickelman and Finance Director – Rosa Cojulun

Representing the press: None

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Motion Brown, second Schanks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2015, Village Board meeting as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

Village Attorney Jim Boan requested that under Mayor's Report a "BCT Presentation" be added. Motion Morelli, second Lawler to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion Schanks, second Lawler to approve commission appointments as follows:

Historic Preservation Commission: Dominick Guida

Information Technology Commission: Edward Phelps and Charles Henry IV

Voice vote. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

2015 Citizens of the Year:

Male Citizen of the Year – Jerome “Jerry” Strickland
Female Citizen of the Year – Sandy Swinkunas
Family of the Year - The Singer Family

A biography of all "Citizen of the Year" winners has been attached.

BCT Presentation: Jim Singer, Chair and Jerome Strickland, Vice Chair, talked about the growth that BCT has gone through the years and the updates in equipment that was made this last year to improve the quality of broadcasting.

PROCLAMATIONS

PATHWAYS PARADE, Sunday, September 13, 2015: Mayor Claar proclaimed Sunday, September 13th as PATHWAYS PARADE DAY. There will be a mini-fest behind Village Hall after the parade. In addition, there will be a big celebration for the 50th Annual Pathways Parade and Bolingbrook's 50th Birthday. Mayor Claar and his family will be this year's Grand Marshal in recognition of his public service record as the longest serving Mayor (29 years) in Bolingbrook's history. There will also be food, games for the kids, the Park District's Climbing Wall and more. Vice Chair of the Parade Commission, Raj Naik, and commission members – John Clyne, Thomas Conway, Vincent Scordata, Vicki Lange, Fran Lopez, Peggie McMillan and Lynn Wozny accepted the proclamation and more information was given about the event.

APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING-IN

Historic Preservation Commission: Dominick Guida was sworn-in as a new commissioner.

Information Technology Commission: Edward Phelps and Charles Henry IV were sworn-in as new commissioners.

BILL APPROVAL

Motion Morales, second Zarate to approve expenditures submitted as Bill Listing A - Payables in the amount of \$2,377,735.69 and Bill Listing B - Pre-paids in the amount of \$1,679,450.72 totaling \$4,057,186.41. (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.

TAX RECEIPTS

- 1. May, 2015 State Income Tax - \$770,587.15 (May, 2014 State Income Tax - \$683,572.53) – a 12.7% Increase
- 2. June, 2015 Sales Tax - \$2,596,664.47 (June, 2014 Sales Tax - \$2,602,162.09) – a .2% Decrease
- 3. June, 2015 Motor Fuel Tax - \$-0- (June, 2014 Motor Fuel Tax - \$160,083.76)

Mayor Claar talked about how the State had stopped distributing MFT funds since there was no budget passed by the State legislature. He hoped that once the budget was passed, MFT funds will be distributed to the municipalities.

MOTIONS

MOTION TO CANCEL THE SEPTEMBER 8th AND SEPTEMBER 22nd REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS AND TO SCHEDULE A BOARD MEETING FOR 8:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Motion Brown, second Schanks to accept a motion to cancel the September 8th and September 22nd regularly scheduled Board meetings and to schedule a Board meeting for 8:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015.

Based on the calendar and schedules, the staff recommended that the September 8th and September 22nd board meetings be consolidated and replaced with a meeting on September 15th.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 15R-056 APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR UTILITY LOCATIONS TO JULIE, INC.

Motion Lawler, second Zarate to adopt a resolution approving the payment of the Annual Assessment for Utility Locations to JULIE, Inc.

This resolution approved the 2015 Annual Payment for Joint Utility Location Information (for Excavators (JULIE) underground location services. JULIE provides utility notification services for the Village. The Village uses this service whenever “digging” will be done by the Public Works Department.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15R-057

APPROVING DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS OF AMERICA, INC.

Motion Brown, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving a Debt Collection Services Agreement with Municipal Collections of America, Inc.

The collection company that was being used by the Village went out of business. The Village needed the services of a collection agency to assist with the recovery of outstanding debt.

Four (4) companies were interviewed by the Finance and Public Services Departments. The staff recommendation was to retain "Municipal Collections of America". The firm represents over forty (40) Illinois Municipalities. The fee was 25% of the amount of past due revenue collected.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15R-058

APPROVING AMERICAN LOG RESTORATION INC. TO REPAIR LOG CABIN (BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB – DRIVING RANGE)

Motion Morelli, second Zarate to adopt a resolution approving American Log Restoration, Inc., to repair the log cabin at the Bolingbrook Golf Club Driving Range.

Recently, it was discovered that the second floor in the Driving Range building (log cabin) at the Golf Course was sagging. Upon inspection, it was determined that the timber logs supporting the second floor on the east wall of the building had deteriorated. These timbers needed replacing. The contractor also recommended that several other logs and the front porch posts be replaced. The roof needed replacement as well.

Three (3) companies submitted repair estimates. Dan Buonamici, the Village's Building Commissioner, and Randy Farber, General Manager of the Golf Course, recommended American Log Restoration, Inc. The contract amount was \$59,110. The Public Services Committee reviewed the estimate and recommended approval.

Note: The log cabin was originally donated and moved to the site by the late Bill Gahlberg. Mr. Gahlberg was a prominent land developer in the Chicago suburban area. He developed large tracts of land.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

PC 15-17

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH VARIANCES, FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION – RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT AT BOLINGBROOK, 180 AND 200 REMINGTON BOULEVARD: PETER SCHIFFER, LOVE HOTEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY, APPLICANT

Motion Morales, second Lawler to accept Plan Commission Report PC 15-17 for approval of a Special Use Permit with variances, Final Development Plan and Final Plat of Subdivision for Residence Inn by Marriott at Bolingbrook, 180 and 200 Remington Blvd.; Peter Schiffer, Love Hotel Management Company, Applicant.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 15-049

APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH VARIANCES, FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION – RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT AT BOLINGBROOK, 180 AND 200 REMINGTON BOULEVARD

Motion Brown, second Lawler to pass an ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development with variances, Final Development Plan and Final Plat of Subdivision for Residence Inn by Marriott at Bolingbrook, 180 and 200 Remington Blvd.

The applicant, Love Hotel Management Company (Peter Schiffer), requested to build a 103 room extended stay hotel at 180 and 200 Remington Boulevard (east of the Unicare Building). The franchise label would be Marriott Residence Inn. Love also owned the Marriott Springhill Suites across the street.

Each unit would contain a kitchenette. The hotel will have an indoor pool and exercise room. The typical guest stays three or more days. The applicant sought approval of six (6) related variances, Final Development Plan and Final Plat of Subdivision. The subject site consisted of 8.61 acres. The hotel would occupy Lot 1 (3.31 acres) leaving Lot 2 (5.29 acres) for future development. The applicant would like to start construction this fall and hoped to complete the hotel by winter.

With the addition of this hotel, the Village would have a total of 925 hotel rooms.

The Plan Commission reviewed the project and recommended approval.

Peter Schiffer, Love Hotel Management Co., representing the Residence Inn by Marriott at Bolingbrook project, talked about the target market for Residence Inns which would be people relocating or attending training programs in the immediate area. He explained what would be included in the rental cost. Mayor Claar asked that Peter make sure the signage was clear regarding the two (2) different addresses.

Upon further discussion by the Mayor and Peter Shiffer, it was agreed per Mayor Claar's request that there would be proper signage on the property regarding the exact location of the two (2) addresses. This will be important so that people will be able to locate both addresses without any difficulties.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 15-050

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING CLASS "D-1" FROM SEVENTEEN (17) TO EIGHTEEN (18) – HOME RUN INN

Motion Schanks, second Morales to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code increasing Class D-1 liquor licenses from seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) - Home Run Inn.

The Village Board approved an outdoor seating area (patio) for Home Run Inn at its last meeting. The patio will be on the southeast wall of the building and will seat thirty-two (32) people at approximately eight (8) tables. Home Run Inn would like to sell liquor on the patio, also. Hours of operation would be the same as the inside restaurant.

This ordinance increased the number of Class "D-1" liquor licenses from seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) in order to authorize the serving of alcohol on the restaurant patio.

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

Nay 0 - None

Absent 0 - None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mir Ali, 3 Arbury Ct., thanked the Mayor and Village Board as well as the Public Works and Police Department, Bolingbrook Community Television and all those who helped make the Taste of Pakistan a great success. He expressed his appreciation for the way the Village and all its residents embrace diversity.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Trustee Lawler welcomed back Carol Penning who had been gone last week recovering from surgery. He gave information about the Summer Concerts held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. He noted that tomorrow night, Tony Ocean, would be performing. Tony Ocean gives a great Vegas style performance. Next Wednesday evening, Denny Diamond will be featured who was a late booking. He congratulated the Citizens of the Year.

Mayor Claar wished Maggie Sadowski, Deputy Village Clerk, well as she just had knee surgery today.

Trustee Morales informed residents on the Weather Alert radio available for \$10 at the Police Department. He also congratulated the Citizens of the Year winners. He thanked all the volunteers that made the Jubilee such a success and noted what a great job Dale McClannahan, Facilities Director, did in planning all of the entertainment.

Trustee Schanks gave details on the Heart Haven Hustle which will be a 5k run or 1 mile walk at the Promenade Bolingbrook Mall on Sunday, October 4th. Pat also welcomed back Village Clerk Carol Penning.

Trustee Brown gave details about Veterans Appreciation Day to be held on Saturday, September 5th hosted by the Bolingbrook VFW and Bolingbrook American Legion at the Performing Arts Center between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. The opening ceremonies will begin at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free and there will be live entertainment, food vendors, and activities for the kids. He also gave information about JoyFest (a family fun Christian festival) being held at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 12th, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Trustee Morelli congratulated the 2015 Citizens of the Year.

Trustee Zarate gave details on the Bolingbrook Park District's Parkie's 5k Run being held during Summers Last Blast at the BRAC Center on Lindsey Lane on Saturday, August 29th. There will also be family fun, games swimming and live entertainment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Brown, second Schanks to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Roger C. Claar
MAYOR

Carol S. Penning, CMC
VILLAGE CLERK

THE SINGER FAMILY - 2015 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

42 years ago - in 1973 - Jim Singer and his new bride Judy bought a home in Bolingbrook and raised two children. Their grown kids James Richard and Kimberly Ann have blessed the couple with three (3) grandchildren all boys... Jackson, Riley and Lucas.

While their kids were young; Jim volunteered for many youth activities. He was initially cast in the role of Cub Scout Webelos Leader before graduating to Boy Scout Leader. Jim then coached Tee-ball for three years in the 80's, moved to Boy's Little League for another two years before wrapping up his youth coaching activities for yet another three years with the Girls' Softball League.

Since the mid 70's Jim's been rooted in Bolingbrook's Catholic Church Community at both St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Dominic Parish. Jim ushered from the mid 70's to the mid 80's and was a member of the Sunday Collection Counting Team from 1985 until 2005. He returned to ushering in 2005 and continues to uphold that volunteer activity. Jim edits the 5pm Saturday Service so it may be rebroadcast to Bolingbrook's sick and shut-in's. Since 1984 Jim has additionally served with the St. Dominic Parish Knights of Columbus.

However, Jim found his passion in 1992 volunteering for Bolingbrook Community Television. Early on he enjoyed the challenge of learning the intricacies of operating camera's, directing, manipulating computer graphics and editing. Over the years Jim has won numerous community television awards. He's also the BCT "Go to Guy" for a range of issues. Working silently behind the scenes Jim rarely takes credit for the production the longest running television series on BCT named "Bridging the Gap" which has been taped monthly for almost two decades.

In 1993, Jim was elected to the Secretary position on the BCT Board of Directors. He fulfilled those duties from 1993 until 1999. Jim was then elected as Treasurer from 1999 until 2001; Vice President from 2001 through 2009 before being elected BCT President. Jim continued to preside in the role of President until April 2015 when BCT became a Village of Bolingbrook Commission. Jim currently holds the position of Chairperson.

Like her husband Jim, Judy also volunteered as coach for her daughter's Girls' Softball team in the 80's as well as embracing Girl Scout Leadership. In 1984, Judy joined the Council of Catholic women where she is still an active member.

Volunteering is a family affair with Judy; as such she fully supports Jim's passion for Bolingbrook Community Television. In fact, she is the one behind the camera taping St. Francis Church Services so that Jim can usher during the service. Judy has also been present at every "Bridging the Gap" taping in addition to keying verbiage on live shoots for Village hosted special events.

In 1992, Judy took a Sign Language class that was held at Independence Baptist Church and found a knack for teaching. She followed up classes by teaching Sign Language to a group of friends.

Jim retired in 2007 and Judy in 2012. They split whatever free time they've gained between spoiling their grandsons, upholding volunteer commitments to their Church, to their Community and to the new Village of Bolingbrook Community Television Commission. They are greatly admired by all who know them. Both and warm, kind, friendly and always willing to lending a help hand!

They are local stars... shining examples of what makes Bolingbrook such as great place to live.

SANDY SWINKUNAS - 2015 FEMALE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Sandy Swinkunas has been a resident of Bolingbrook since 1983. One of the first things she did after moving to Bolingbrook was to apply to be a commissioner for the Civic and Cultural Affairs Commission. In 1993, she was elected to her first term as a Bolingbrook Trustee; she has served five consecutive terms (20 years) and officially ended a history of decorated Public Service from the Bolingbrook Village Board in 2013.

Thinking back on Sandy's years of service - "There aren't many people who can keep me in check". "And occasionally, Sandy was successful."

Sandy has been committed to helping the residents of Bolingbrook and has always been dedicated to making Bolingbrook "A Place to Grow" and to raise a family. Sandy's family is VERY important to her. She and her sister Mary Ellen are very close. Her brother Bruce still lives in Sandy's Hometown – West Frankfort, IL. Her nephews, great nephew, and great niece are the loves of her life.

Sandy was hoping to get some travel time and enjoy retirement but that was not to be her destiny – at least not yet. It was over a year ago that I asked retired Trustee Swinkunas to head up a 50th Anniversary Committee. She graciously accepted to Chair the Committee. A project which would last well over a year planning and organizing events which commemorates the incorporation of the Village of Bolingbrook in October of 1965. Sandy's creative idea of a "SITTIN ROCK" became a reality when it was dedicated by the pond behind Town Center during the Village Picnic this past year.

Sandy earned her BS in Elementary Education from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. She then earned her MS in Gifted Education from National Louis University and taught in the Valley View School District for 24 years. She started teaching at Bolingbrook's first School which was North View Elementary and when North View closed due to low enrollment - she went to Wood View where she retired in 2004. Sandy continues to enjoy being a Substitute Teacher in the District.

She is an amazing teacher who really bonds with many of her students. She still meets yearly with a former group of students to catch up on life. Students on Facebook will say they remember when Miss Swinkunas used to read to us and then mention the specific books. Sandy truly left lasting memories for her students.

In addition to her tireless works and service to the community, Sandy has also been very active member of Westbrook Christian Church for nearly 19 years. She has been very involved in the Hospitality Ministry of the church as well as the Children's Ministry. Currently she serves as a Weekend Service Coordinator and does Curriculum preparation for the early childhood ministry. She went on mission trips to Mexico to build homes for families. One year the mission team went to Globe Arizona where they built homes on a reservation. Arizona Reservation Mission (ARM) is very dear to Sandy. She loves going and riding the afterschool bus which teaches children of the reservation about God.

She has been a member of the Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation for many years serving as Vice President, a Board member and as the Fund Raising Chair for 13 years. She has also served on the Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation Fund Raising Committee, and the Will County Cares Advisory Group. She has volunteered and supports the Community Service Council. In 2013 she was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce. Sandy was the Grand Marshal for Bolingbrook's 49th Parade celebration.

Sandy is an exemplary volunteer and as such, she demonstrates creativity, vision, and leadership by participating and providing services that positively impact the residents of the Village of Bolingbrook.

JEROME “JERRY” STRICKLAND – 2015 MALE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Jerome Strickland is a resident of the Village of Bolingbrook for the past 25 years. He moved here with his wife Debra. They were blessed with four children (three girls and one boy); LaTonya, Delilah, Jerome Jr (JR) and Brittney. His mother, Evelyn and sister, Janet are also residents in Bolingbrook. Jerome raised four wonderful and talented children on his own.

Jerome became very active in the Bolingbrook by getting involved in sports, starting with T-Ball where he coached his son Jerome Jr. He coached his daughters through Panthers basketball as well. In 1997 he coached the Bolingbrook Magic, a traveling Boys basketball team to a successful championship season winning the Illinois Park and Recreation championship 8th grade game. As part of their win – the 8th grade team played basketball at the United Center prior to Michael Jordon and the Chicago Bulls taking court.

He also was heavily involved in the decision making regarding the Bolingbrook Youth Sports Organizations. He was involved with Youth Sports Baseball (BYBL Bolingbrook Youth Baseball League) and BALL (Bolingbrook Associated Little League), Panther Softball, Bolingbrook Community Basketball and Panther Basketball. He served the Bolingbrook Community Basketball Board as Vice President for four (4) years. He served other positions prior on the Board for an additional four (4) years. He also has been a referee for over the past 25 years for boys and girls youth Basketball. He continues to volunteer in that capacity today.

Jerome attended Proviso East High School and played basketball from 1970 to 1972 and he played with Joseph Ponsetto, (DePaul Blue Demon basketball star). Jerome graduated Proviso East 1973. He also attended Triton College and currently is working at Nalco/Ecolab for 32 years where he is an IT Project Manager.

All four of his children are graduates of Humphrey Middle School and Bolingbrook High. Delilah played for the Lady Raiders Basketball Team and her team was the start of great success for the Lady Raider Basketball Program. Jerome helped provide shoes and warm-ups for Humphrey Lady Warriors and Bolingbrook Lady Raiders. Active in the basketball camps for the high school as well. He also was a volunteer and very active with Park District Basketball Camps for Boys and Girls as a volunteer.

Jerome also has a love for film and video. He merged the two by becoming the color commentary for the BCB (Bolingbrook Community Basketball) and Bolingbrook High School games. Jerome, Jr., got his dad into filming sports as he and his three sisters are athletic. Jerome was always involved coaching somebody and it was a family thing to do. Understanding that his son was serious about filmmaking – Jerome began to seek ways for his namesake to express himself.

In an effort to be more involved with the community and the media of television, Jerome joined Bolingbrook Community Television as a volunteer. Later became a cameraman, producer, and director. He is a BCT Director and serves on as the vice-chair. He became the main producer for the Bolingbrook High School Football and Basketball games. Constantly he pushed the limits. Throughout his tenure, and with the help of other volunteers and Bolingbrook, the BHS Football games adapted live replays and graphics as well as the ability to livestream the games.

Sports were just one aspect of shows Jerome was a part of. He's heavily involved in recording the village picnics, concerts, graduations, and parades to name a few.

Jerome is an inspiration to the people around him, his family, friends and the residents of the Village of Bolingbrook. He is dedicated to service and has stepped forward by making a commitment to volunteerism in Bolingbrook....where everyone benefits from his personal donation of his time.