

**VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present for roll call were Trustees Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Frost, and Vela, and President Skillman. Also present were Village Manager Johnson, Attorney Stewart, Fire Chief Schilling, Police Chief Kilbourne, and Village Clerk Mastera.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Skillman.

INVOCATION – Pastor Phil Zilinski, Fox Valley Baptist Church

PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AND AWARDS –

- A. Proclamation for Constitution Week – read by President Skillman.
- B. Proclamation Establishing “IT’S OUR FOX RIVER DAY – A Watershed Wide Celebration” – read by Trustee O’Sullivan. He then mentioned there will be a clean-up at 9:00 a.m. starting at the north parking lot of Otto Engineering which the Rotary Club will be participating in and that all are welcome to join.

President Skillman thanked the two women from the Daughters of the American Revolution who attended the meeting to support the Constitution Week proclamation.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Akemi Almeida, Carpentersville Resident

Ms. Almeida introduced herself as a Carpentersville resident who went to District 300 schools, went to Elgin Community College, and graduated from DePaul University. She said she is here tonight representing her workplace, Elevele, a medical cannabis dispensary in Highland Park, Illinois, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Minority Cannabis Business Association, Illinois Women in Cannabis, and Chicago NORML. Ms. Almeida said she knew the topic of cannabis had been mentioned at a prior Board meeting and whether or not the Village would allow it. She stated she is concerned with how to move forward, providing suggestions such as: being mindful of the license caps the Board places, being mindful of licensed distributors and, if possible, seeing if a local Carpentersville resident who has been convicted of a cannabis offense can get a license. She said it is important to bring the illicit market to the surface and let the people work in a safe and regulated environment. Ms. Almeida said legalization is an exciting financial opportunity, but that it’s also about restorative justice to communities ravaged by the war on drugs. She stated that the process should be open, transparent, and inclusive, and that she and the organizations she represents will be holding accountable her hometown trustees and those throughout the state who have the power to make decisions.

CONSENT AGENDA –

President Skillman asked if any Board Member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further review and discussion. No removals were requested.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee O’Sullivan.

- A. *Approval of Bills
- Fiscal Year 2019 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: \$1,888,036.98*
- B. *Approval of Minutes
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2019*
- C. *A Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number One and Final for Items Related to the 2019 Manhole and Forcemain Rehabilitation Project Resulting in a Reduction of the Contract Amount by \$21,272.00*
- D. *Approval of a Request from the Knights of Columbus #6248 to Conduct Their Tootsie Roll Drive on September 20 & 21, 2019*
- E. *An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Chapter 10.20, Section 10.20.010 (B) of the Carpentersville Municipal Code*
- F. *Approval of a Request from the Odd Fellows for a Special Event Liquor License and Fee Waiver for Fall Fest on September 28, 2019*
- G. *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.12 of the Carpentersville Municipal Code, as Amended, Regarding the Maximum Number of Liquor Licenses Issued*
- H. *A Resolution Approving Entry into a Radio Advertising Services Agreement with DiMeo Partners*

Vote on Motion:

- 7 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Frost, Vela, and Skillman)
- 0 – nay
- 0 – absent

Motion passed, approved by omnibus vote.

REPORTS OF THE MANAGER AND STAFF –

Assistant Public Works Director Kevin Gray

He provided updates on the Route 31/Huntley Road project and what the next steps will be. He said that while S. Lincoln Avenue is closed, they also have a contractor who will start the resurfacing of Highland and Hillside. He said he anticipates the completion of the retaining wall by Parkway Bank in about two and half weeks. Additionally, he said they are still coordinating with Nicor on Nicor’s relocation project. He then provided an update on Huntley Road near Raceway Woods. He said the goal is to have the project substantially completed by November 22, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Garcia had the following report:

- He congratulated Trustee Vela and her team on El Grito parade which he participated in last Saturday.
- He said next Saturday between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. there will be a group of attorneys who will give free advice to any Carpentersville resident. He said this is sponsored by United for You at 1670 S. Kennedy Drive.

Trustees Malone, O’Sullivan, and Andresen had no reports this evening.

Trustee Frost had the following report:

- He thanked the first grade class at Perry Elementary regarding their Patriot Day artwork for 9/11. He also thanked everyone who showed up for the 9/11 remembrance at Fire Station 91, especially the fifth grade Parkview Elementary kids who lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- He attended his first Fox River Flood Commission meeting where there was discussion regarding the watershed north to Wisconsin and south to Ottawa. He said you can Google the Fox River Flood Commission or go to IllinoisFloodMaps.org to learn more.
- He said El Grito event was a beautiful day, well attended, and a success.

Trustee Vela had the following report:

- She said El Grito 2019 parade and festival was a huge hit. She thanked the Village Departments for all of their help and support. She also thanked Village Clerk Kelly Mastera for helping with all the paperwork. She thanked all the Board members who participated and came by El Grito. She said it means a lot to the Mexican community celebrating Mexican Independence Day. She reminded people that the event is a fundraiser for the Carpentersville Family Resource Center (CFRC) which is about community, volunteers, and families. She thanked the community of Carpentersville for all of its support, and she specifically thanked a special group of women who were in attendance tonight at the Board Meeting who spent a lot of time and work to make the event a success.

President Skillman had the following report:

- He also thanked the volunteer team who assisted with El Grito. He said the event was great and they had an awesome crowd.
- He said they had a nice ceremony for 9/11.

CLOSED SESSION – None.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Trustee Garcia motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Malone. Voice vote was unanimous, all seven members present voted aye.
The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Mastera

Kelly Mastera, Village Clerk