

**VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 1, 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, Andresen, and Frost, 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.

President Skillman mentioned that Trustee O’Sullivan is out of town due to work and Trustee Vela is sick tonight.

INVOCATION – None.

PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AND AWARDS –

- A. Proclamation Recognizing October 6 – 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week in the Village of Carpentersville – read by President Skillman.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Attorney Stewart reminded those signed up of the guidelines, such as the 5-minute time limit, and he also said to help keep the meeting moving along, one can say they agree or echo what a person before them stated. He also said that any comments or questions will be addressed by Village staff, but not necessarily the Board members.

Skyler Anderson, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – stated that he lives next to the proposed path and spoke out regarding his concern and objection to the Newport Cove Path Improvements project. Additionally, Mr. Anderson provided the Board members with a packet of information that he put together with documentation regarding what he views to be the negatives of the project, including security and parking concerns.

Richard O’Boyle, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – echoed Mr. Anderson’s comments, reiterating concerns about safety and parking nearby. He also wanted to know why the Village is even doing the project.

Rob Baker, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – stated that he thinks due to the construction of the path the quiet and peaceful subdivision will turn into having noisy intersections and parking issues. He also stated he is concerned about the safety of his grandchildren.

Fuad Puskar, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – he echoed the feelings of the previous three speakers, especially regarding parking concerns and why tax dollars are being spent on the project. He said he would like there to be a meeting where the neighborhood residents can participate.

Mark Berg, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – stated he is also against the Newport Cove Improvement Path. He stated his property backs up to the woods and two years ago a drainage project that was done. He said while the drainage works, the project opened up a path and said people trespass there, especially at night.

Ira Marcus, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – stated he is a retired corporate facility and real estate director, he has bid and overseen many construction projects, and wanted to commend the Village on a well-executed bidding and analysis process. He wanted to know if there was a public comment period prior to the work being bid, and if not, he would like to understand why not. He stated there may be some unintended negative consequences of the project and wanted to make sure the Board members had a complete understanding of the pros and cons. He inquired about the zoning, the tree removal, and what the need is for this project.

Michael Whelan, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – spoke in favor of the path and stated he is a public safety employee and he is not afraid of this project. He said he uses Raceway Woods on a regular basis and would love to see easier access to it. He said when he moved into the subdivision he was told that this path would go in someday and said he has a plat of survey for the whole subdivision which shows it being designated as a public walkway in 1989.

Christopher Mills, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – said he thinks the path will be a safe access to Raceway Woods for the kids compared to Huntley Road. He stated he knew about this path when he moved into the neighborhood and closed on his home.

Len Szatkowski, Carpentersville Resident (Newport Cove) – stated that he agrees with everyone opposed to the path with concerns regarding parking and security. He said when he bought the house he did it because it backed up to Raceway Woods and has peace and quiet. He said he is irritated that this project is trying to get pushed through even though there is opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA –

President Skillman asked if any Board Member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further review and discussion. Trustee Andresen asked that Item F be removed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-E by Trustee Frost, seconded by Trustee Garcia.

- A. *Approval of Bills
- Fiscal Year 2019 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: \$2,988,980.01*
- B. *Approval of Minutes
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2019*
- C. *An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for an Educational and Philanthropic Institution (251 Amarillo Drive)*

- D. *An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Items of Personal Property Owned by the Village Of Carpentersville*
- E. *A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Change in Plans No 1 and Final for the 2019 MFT Sidewalk Program*
- ~~F. *A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Newport Cove Path Improvement Project to Alamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois, in the Amount of \$44,824.00*~~

Vote on Motion:

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

Motion passed, approved by omnibus vote.

REPORTS OF THE MANAGER AND STAFF –

Manager Johnson – he wanted to address some of the concerns that came up this evening. He confirmed that in the original plat of survey for the neighborhood in 1989 the area was designated as a walking path not just for utilities. He stated that issue came up a little over a year ago with the Board when an agreement was being discussed with the Forest Preserve District on easements and right of ways. He said it was as part of that discussion that the conversation restarted about putting the path in and connecting it to Raceway Woods. He said as per agreement with the Forest Preserve District, the removal of the trees is being done as a service in lieu of cash transfers for easements.

Manager Johnson said there were discussions at the Board meetings about this last year, and that it had even been put out to bid then, but the bids returned were substantially higher. Lastly, he stated that some of the costs associated with this path is that due to it being a walking and biking bath, the project is subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act and its requirements. He said it additionally was bid so the construction would take place on the easements and not encroach on the neighboring properties. He said he is aware there are outstanding privacy concerns for those with property adjacent to the path and he stands ready to meet with the homeowners to find a way to best meet those needs.

President Skillman confirmed with Public Works Director Gray that for this project there was not a requirement for a public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- F. *A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Newport Cove Path Improvement Project to Alamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois, in the Amount of \$44,824.00*

Trustee Andresen motioned to postpone Item F until the first meeting in November.

After a question by a resident concerning the weather, Director Gray clarified the timeline of the construction and the usual scheduling of local asphalt plants. Trustee Andresen confirmed with Attorney Stewart that she was standing on her motion. President Skillman defined there was no second on that motion.

Trustee Garcia motioned to pass Item F, seconded by Trustee Frost.

Vote on Motion:

- 4 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, Frost, and Skillman)
- 1 – nay (Andresen)
- 2 – absent (O’Sullivan and Vela)

Motion passed.

President Skillman said he is still open to having discussions with residents.

TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Andresen had the following report:

- She is looking into a guide for how to find the bricks at the Veterans’ Memorial in Carpenter Park.

Trustee Frost had the following report:

- He reminded people to check their smoke detectors, carbon dioxide detectors, and batteries. He also reminded people to wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Trustee Malone had the following report:

- He thanked anyone who was involved in the pedestrian crossing project in the Kimball Farm subdivision which was finished today.

Trustee Garcia had the following report:

- He said Fall Fest was a nice event even though attendance was down due to the wet weather.
- He reminded people that there is the Civil War Reenactment this upcoming weekend.

President Skillman had the following report:

- He thanked everyone who came out to the meeting tonight and apologized for not communicating as well as he thinks he could have with his subdivision. He said multiple managers had been involved
- He echoed that Fall Fest was nice this past weekend, and he thanked the staff and volunteers who helped with it and the attendees. He also reminded people about the Civil War event.
- He mentioned they may do a holiday tree lighting in Carpenter Park this year the weekend following Thanksgiving, and that details are still being worked on.

CLOSED SESSION –

Trustee Garcia motioned to adjourn to Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Andresen, to discuss Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Vote on Motion:

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

Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS –

President Skillman and Trustee Andresen mentioned ideas they had for moving the holiday tree lighting ceremony to Carpenter Park. The Board decided on a tentative date of Saturday, November 30, 2019.

Manager Johnson told the Board that he and staff will continue to work with the two property owners adjacent to the Newport Cove Path regarding options for privacy such as fences or topiary.

President Skillman said several people mentioned to him they heard the radio ads for Carpentersville running on WBBM radio.

Attorney Stewart explained the next steps related to allowing the sale of recreational cannabis, including a Public Hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 17, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Trustee Frost motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Andresen. Voice vote was unanimous, all five members present voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Mastera

Kelly Mastera, Village Clerk