

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VILLAGE OF NILES**

**February 23, 2016
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER The Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Andrew Przybylo in the Council Chambers, Village of Niles Municipal Building, on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

ROLL CALL Village Clerk Marlene Victorine called the roll. Board members present were President Andrew Przybylo, Trustees George D. Alpogianis, John C. Jekot, Joe LoVerde, Danette O'Donovan Matyas, Denise M. McCreery and Dean Strzelecki.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Przybylo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS None

PRESENTATIONS Colleen O'Reilly, Meijer Store Director, presented gifts cards in the amount of \$5,274.50 to the Niles Police Department and Niles Family Services for the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niles VFW Post #7712 Commander Tom Amirante expressed appreciation to the Home Depot for Veterans Assistance for Home Repair Services for Robin and Mary Ann Miller

January 2016 PEER (Promoting Employee Excellence through Recognition) Award to Marco Aviles, Senior Center

Niles Sister Cities Association presents Taste of Sister Cities, Saturday, March 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Niles Family Fitness Center

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Congratulations to Niles Bugle reporter Igor Studenkov, winner of the Reporter Heart Health Challenge sponsored by the Human Services Departments. Thanks to Tom Robb from the Niles Journal and Topics who also participated. President Przybylo read an email from Mark Reich thanking Public Services staff for helping him with a fallen tree during the recent windstorm. President Przybylo read a report from the Public Services Department on Niles water and reassured residents that there are no problems with the Village's water supply and it is very safe.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT Village Clerk Marlene Victorine reported that Early Voting at Village Hall will be Monday through Saturday, February 29 through March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the March 15, 2016

Presidential Primary Election. Grace Period voter registration and voting will also be available during Early Voting. Mail-in ballot applications are still available from the Village Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee

Trustees McCreery and Strzelecki reported on the new Economic Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee which was charged with the task of identifying innovative ways to reduce costs and increase revenue for the Village. They presented possible revenue enhancement ideas that include ambulance fee adjustment, amusement tax, appeals court fee, bus shelter and bench ads, charitable giving, electric vehicle charging stations, elevator false alarm fee, festival permits, gateway signage sponsorship, increase handicap parking fee, increase local Motor Fuel Tax, increase program fees, increase water rates, leaf bagging program, on-line adjudication payment, red light cameras, re-evaluate police fines, school bus cameras, "Shop Niles" online merchandise, tree cost sharing program, vehicle fee, vending license fee, video gaming, water and sewer line insurance program. This presentation does not endorse these programs but merely shares what other communities are doing that may or may not work for the Village of Niles. These are only suggestions submitted by Department heads and staff and will be sent to the appropriate committees for further evaluation and discussion and ultimately to the Board of Trustees.

Finance Committee

Trustee LoVerde reported that the Finance Committee met on February 17 and the Finance Department and Village Manager's Office presented the FY2017 budget in detail. He thanked staff for working hard on ways the Village can balance our budget and address our shortfalls without an additional impact on our citizens.

Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)

Trustee Jekot reported on the Northwest Municipal Conference Legislative Brunch attended by 161 NWMC members, legislators and guests. The 2016 Legislative Program was presented which highlighted the operational and social impact on local governments resulting from the ongoing state budget crisis. NWMC Legislative Days will be held in Springfield on April 5-7.

Public Services Committee

Trustee Matyas reported that the Public Services Committee met on February 18 to receive public input from residents of the 9000 block of Maryland Street regarding their interest in being the first Village street to utilize traffic calming measures. The first step is to submit a petition with at least one-third of the residents on the street supporting investigating traffic calming. Public Services

will analyze current traffic patterns on Maryland, evaluate potential locations for placement of speed tables, determine the cost of this alternative and prepare a presentation for the Maryland Street residents.

**Building and Zoning
Committee**

Trustee McCreery reported that the Building and Zoning Committee met on February 18 and discussed items that are on the agenda this evening and also opportunities to expand the committee by recruiting qualified individuals that would be presented to the Mayor for approval.

**Economic Development and
Neighborhood Renewal Ad
Hoc Commission**

Trustee McCreery reported that the Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal Ad Hoc Commission met on February 10 to further discuss the proposed entrance and roadway sign designs. The designs were placed on the Village's website and residents were asked to select their favorite or least favorite. Close to 70 responses were received which helped the Commission eliminate a couple of design families from considerations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leonard Reinebach, Niles

Mr. Reinebach commented on the political history of the Village, the teamsters and the cost of pensions.

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston commented on the landscaping extension contract and, in particular, the landscaping in front of Village Hall. She also commented on the AFSCME union contract dates.

**CONSENT AGENDA –
NEW BUSINESS**

President Przybylo stated that all items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no individual discussion of these items unless a Trustee so requests. The requested item will then be removed from the consent agenda and considered at the end of New Business.

Trustee Jekot made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to allow items 1-2 to be included on the consent agenda. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpgianis, Jekot, LoVerde
 Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine read the consent agenda items into the record:

#1 Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2016 Informal Consideration and Regular Board Meeting

#2 Board Approval Ratification of Payment for a Workers Compensation Arbitration Settlement, Case #15WC13802, in the Amount of \$101,113.38

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to approve consent agenda items 1-2. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Approving a Variation to Increase the Area Allowed to Expand a Garage at 8753 Sunset Road 15-ZP-38

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to adopt the ordinance approving a variation as required in Appendix B, Section IV(H)(4) to increase the area from the allowed 700 square foot to 1,172.17 square foot size limit to expand a garage located at 8753 Sunset Road. After holding public hearings on this case in November of 2015 and January of 2016, the Plan Commission voted 4-3 to recommend approval at the February 1, 2016 meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Ordinance Approving a Variation to Allow a Front Porch to Encroach in the Front Yard at 6913 Jarvis Avenue 16-ZP-4

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to adopt the ordinance approving a variation as required in Appendix B, Section IV(J)(1) to allow a front porch to encroach 3 feet, 7 inches in the front yard, that is more than 20% allowed, located at 6913 Jarvis Avenue. The Plan Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval at the February 1, 2016 meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ordinance Approving a
Special Use to Allow the Sale
of Tobacco Products at
7017 Milwaukee Avenue
16-ZP-5**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to remand this agenda item requesting approval for a special use as required in Chapter B, Section VIII(B)(3)(hh) to allow a business whose primary activity is the sale of tobacco products located at 7017 Milwaukee Avenue back to the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission, with 3 votes in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention at the February 1, 2016 meeting, did not recommend this special use. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED AND
WAS REMANDED BACK TO THE PLAN COMMISSON.**

**Ordinance Imposing a
Moratorium on Commercial
and/or Business
Development in the Gross
Point Touhy TIF District in
Order to Create a New
Zoning District Overlay
Guided by the Touhy
Triangle Master Plan**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to adopt the ordinance imposing a moratorium on commercial and/or business development in the Gross Point Touhy Tax Increment Financing District in order to create a new zoning district overlay guided by the Touhy Triangle Master Plan. The proposed moratorium will allow the Village adequate time to complete its Zoning Code and rewrite and finish development of the Touhy Triangle Master Plan. Both of these documents are being constructed to help guide and facilitate future development and redevelopment in a manner that is consistent with the goals and objectives that were outlined in the creation of the Gross Point Touhy TIF District. This ordinance was reviewed and recommended for approval at the Building and Zoning Committee meeting on February 18, 2016 by a unanimous vote. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors Inc., for the 2016 Riverside Drive and Days Terrace Reconstruction Project

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the resolution authorizing a bid award and contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors Inc., for the 2016 Riverside Drive and Days Terrace Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$1,033,392.50. Bids were received from nine contractors on January 27, 2016, with the apparent low bid from A Lamp Concrete Contractors, in the amount of \$1,033,392.50. This is approximately \$240,000 below the engineer's estimate. This project includes reconstruction of the neighborhood infrastructure for a total budget of \$1,215,000.00. This bid award is less than the total budget amount. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpagianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing the First Contract Extension and Amendment for the 2015 Municipal Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Restoration with Milieu Design LLC

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpagianis, to approve the resolution authorizing the first contract extension and amendment for the 2015 Municipal Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Restoration with Milieu Design LLC in the amount of \$140,000. Due to quality work performed by Milieu, the first allowed contractual extension is requested with amendments to the original contract as indicated in the agreement documents. This is the first of three allowed extensions for the contract. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpagianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the Banner Sponsorship Program

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the resolution authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a Banner Sponsorship Program. This program has been successful for the past four years. This resolution approves a new two-year agreement administered by the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpagianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Board Approval of the
Collective Bargaining
Agreement with the
American Federation of
State, County and Municipal
Employees, Council 31/Local
2953**

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Niles and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 31/Local 2953 – May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2017. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde,
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS
January 2016**

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, that the Accounts Payable including Payroll in the amount of \$7,084,937 for the month ending January 31, 2016 be approved for payment. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2016 be approved and filed for audit as follows: beginning cash balance of \$44,713,252, receipts of \$4,919,313; disbursements of \$6,080,308; with an ending cash balance of \$43,552,257. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 6 Alpogianis, Jekot, LoVerde
Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 6 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

NEXT MEETINGS

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to cancel the Informal Consideration scheduled for March 8, 2016. On voice vote, all concurred and the motion carried.

Budget Workshops are scheduled for March 14, 16, and 23 (if necessary) at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall and are open to the public.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Reinebach, Niles

Mr. Reinebach commented on the upcoming Presidential Primary Election.

David Carrobotta, Niles

Mr. Carrobotta, on behalf of Joe Makula, commented on the referendum regarding filling trustee vacancies by appointment and asked for a no vote on referendum #2.

Roberta Herschenhouse, Niles

Ms. Herschenhouse commented that she is concerned with the referenda regarding possible closing of the Senior Center. She has been going to the Senior Center and their programs have improved greatly and she would like more information on this referendum.

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston commented on information on the Presidential Primary Election and spoke against the trustee and Leaning Tower referenda, and invited everyone to attend the St. Joseph's Table on March 13 at St. Isaac Joques.

President Przybylo stepped down from the dais and addressed the Board and Niles residents as a citizen.

Mr. Przybylo read the "State of Niles" address he gave, as Mayor, to the businesses at the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Luncheon in January. He commented on the Village's goal of keeping existing services high and taxes low. He highlighted the unique services offered to our residents through the Niles Senior Center, Family Fitness Center, Teen Center and Family Services Department. Most recently Family Services staff has provided stress relief techniques to our Niles Police Officers.

He commented on sales tax revenue and plans for the new Gross Point Touhy TIF surrounding the Leaning Tower that will provide for greater sales tax in the future, guaranteeing that Niles residents will keep their excellent service with the lowest possible property taxes. He offered to hold a special Board meeting to address any concerns regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts if necessary.

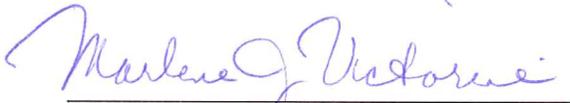
He commented on the importance of the State Law enacted in 1961 which enables local government to function in an emergency in the event that there are vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Trustee vacancies filled by Mayoral appointment, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, will stand before the voters in the next election.

Lastly, he commented on the formation of the Public Arts & Culture Advisory Council and the reorganization of the Niles Sister Cities Program and invited everyone to the March 19 Taste of Sister Cities Event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Jekot, seconded by Trustee LoVerde. On roll call, all concurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Village Clerk



Village President

