

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

April 26, 2016

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Village of Niles website www.vniles.com.

CALL TO ORDER The Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Andrew Przybylo in the Council Chambers, Village of Niles Municipal Building, on Tuesday, April 26, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to convene into Executive Session to discuss Personnel per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). On roll call, all concurred.

REGULAR MEETING The Board reconvened at 7:03 p.m. 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 Results of March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election -
Village of Niles Referenda

Arbor Day Celebration – April 29 at 2:30 p.m. at Nelson School

Winners of Arbor Day Poster Contest

“Trees Grow with Us and for Us”

First Place - Sejla Omerovic, Mark Twain School

First Runner Up - Lazar Simic, Mark Twain School

Second Runner Up - Kriish Mukesh Patel, Mark Twain School

Building Safety Month – May 2016

National Nursing Home Week – May 8-14, 2016

Administrator Ambreen Qureshi

Assistant Administrator Margo Dominquez

VFW "Buddy" Poppy Day – May 14, 2016

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week – May 15-21, 2016

National Police Week – May 15-21, 2016

National Public Works Week – May 15-21, 2016

PRESENTATIONS

Certificates of Appreciation to Students and Chaperones Who Travelled to Pisa, Italy with Niles Sister Cities Association in Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning of Niles and Pisa

Students from Notre Dame College Prep:
Charles Allen, Jonathan Kendall, Matthew Muldoon,
James Shaughnessy, Maxell Sloan, Bradley Varner,
Peter Zonsius, Vincenzo Genualdi

Students from Maine South High School:
Gabriella Lynch and Angelina Moore

Chaperones: Julie Genualdi, Vince Genualdi, Rossana Macejak
and Kurt Wozniak and Special Guest: Anthony Genualdi

Legislative Report (Senator John Mulroe)

Community Garden Fundraiser Kick-Off
(Hadley Skeffington-Vos and Katy Darr)

Police Department SCRAM Program Update
(Sgt. Robert Tornabene)

Village of Niles Tree Program (Forester Tony Dati)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2016 PEER (Promoting Employee Excellence through Recognition) Award to Cathy Spadoni, General Government

Niles Free Bus System Service Changes Begin May 2

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Trustee LoVerde reported that the Finance Committee met on April 20 and discussed proposed ordinances for amusement tax, water rate increase and motor fuel tax. They received an update on the list of delinquent water accounts, payment plans, leak adjustments and the Illinois Debt Recovery Program. These programs have been very successful in reducing outstanding debt.

The Finance Director discussed the FY2017 budget.

Stormwater Commission

Trustee LoVerde reported that he is pleased to announce that the Cleveland Avenue Sewer Project issues have been resolved and the Village is taking every step necessary to proceed with the construction. The Village is scheduled to receive \$2 million in assistance from the MWRD and staff has submitted the required paperwork for the Illinois EPA to participate in a low interest loan program to further reduce the cost to our taxpayers for this important project. The Cleveland Avenue Sewer Project is the largest of the Phase I projects and will provide flood relief to the largest areas. He thanked Mayor Przybylo for his commitment to addressing flooding issues, former Mayor Callero for starting the Commission, the members and staff for their participation in accomplishing the Commission's goals and the residents for their patience.

**General Government/IT
Committee**

Trustee Alpogianis reported that the General Government/IT Committee met on April 20 and discussed the completion of the UIC Department of Public Administration Capstone Project where students conducted a Village of Niles community survey and are now analyzing the results. The summer project is an employee survey to gauge Village employees' attitudes. Use of the UIC MPA students will save the Village between \$6,000-\$15,000. Trustee Alpogianis announced that the MWRD rain barrel program is a success and reminded residents that everyone is eligible for a free rain barrel. Approximately 100 rain barrels have been given out. He thanked the Niles Sustainability Committee for their "green" initiatives including the new Community Garden and Arbor Day celebration.

**Northwest Municipal
Conference (NWMC)**

Trustee Jekot reported that the Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala is scheduled for June 22, 2016.

**Solid Waste Agency of
Northern Cook County
(SWANCC)**

Trustee Jekot reported that the Drug Enforcement Administration has declared April 30 as National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Niles Police Station is a year-round collection site.

Human Services Committee

Trustee Jekot reported on activities of the Niles Senior Center, Fitness Center, Family Services and Teen Center. Staff is being trained on the new MaxGalaxy membership software program. The Senior Center staff is reaching out to condo associations to promote their programs and services and 170 tax forms were completed through their tax aid program. The Fitness Center memberships have increased by 10% and expenses are down from FY2016. The Family Services staff continues to provide support to over 80 residents impacted by the January fire. They provided

wellness training to the Niles firefighters in dealing with stress, work-life balance and fatigue; and will be providing Teen Center staff with behavioral health awareness training. The Teen Center attendance is increasing and had 10,700 individual visits in 2015 with an average daily attendance of 54 teens. Trustee Jekot thanked the Optimist Club for their donation to support the Teen Center Tile Art Project which was unveiled in February.

Public Services Committee

Trustee Matyas reported on the April 19 Public Services Committee and discussed the proposed language change to the ordinances regarding water services to reflect past practice. They also discussed an opportunity offered by the National League of Cities for a utility service line repair program that could be offered to residents as a form of insurance and they will look into it. Upcoming retirements by the water plant supervisor, water plant operator and a service worker II were announced.

Building and Zoning Committee

Trustee McCreery announced a Public Hearing on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. to review the rewrite of the Zoning Code and the public is invited to comment.

Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal Ad Hoc Commission

Trustee McCreery reported that the Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal Commission met on April 6 and the Lakota Group discussed the proposed Comprehensive Entrance and Roadway Sign Plan where three “sign families” were reviewed. The Committee voted on their favorite and after some revisions a proposed “sign family” will be presented to the Village Board for consideration. Progress is being made on the website redesign and should be completed by early June. Several hot topics were developed for this Committee for future discussion.

Public Safety / Economic Enhancement Committee

Trustee Strzelecki reported that on April 20 he and Fire Chief Borkowski attended the RED Center Board meeting where the FY2017 budget was approved and the loss of Highwood and Lincolnwood as members was announced. On March 30 he attended a breakfast held by Cook County President Preckwinkle and 9th District Commissioner Peter Silvestri to inform communities of the advances the County Board has made in attempts to assist with programs on infrastructure, economic development and participation in the Forest Preserve Districts. In addition, it was announced The County has adopted the National Zoning Code.

President Przybylo reported on:

- Village Garage Sale Signs and list of garage sales on website
- Village’s Traffic Calming Policy to keep everyone safe

#4 Resolution Authorizing the Sale and/or Disposal of Personal Property Various Equipment

#5 Resolution Ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Niles and the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) of Cook County to Provide Free On-Site Services for Residents of the Village of Niles

#6 IDOT Report – Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Compliance Review Report Covering the Period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 Presented to the Board of Trustees for Filing

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to approve consent agenda items 1-6. 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 Special Use to Allow a Building Height Exceeding the Allowed 36 Feet Located at 9020-9196 Golf Road
16-ZP-11**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to adopt the ordinance approving a special use as required in Appendix B, Section VIII(B)(9) to allow a building height exceeding the allowed 36 feet located at 9020-9196 Golf Road. The Plan Commission voted 6-1 to recommend approval at their public hearing on April 4, 2016. 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 Special Uses to Allow a Vehicle Repair Shop and Sales Business with Outdoor Inventory and Storage at 9207 Milwaukee Avenue
16-ZP-12**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to adopt the ordinance approving special uses as required by Appendix B, Sections VIII(B)(3)(d), VIII(B)(3)(m) and VIII(C)(3)(i) to allow a vehicle repair shop and sales business with outdoor inventory and storage located at 9207 Milwaukee Avenue. The Plan Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval at their public hearing on April 4, 2016. Community

Development Director Charles Ostman was requested to look into the safety concerns brought up in public comment regarding the street width. Architect Gary Ebben from Design Studio and Mitch Goltz from GW Properties responded to questions from the Board. 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 a
Medical Wellness Clinic
and Parking Credits at
7437 Harlem Avenue
16-ZP-13**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to adopt the ordinance approving a special use as required in Appendix B, Section VIII(B)(3)(nn) to allow a medical wellness clinic and parking credits as allowed in Appendix B, Section X(B)(10)(nn) at 7437 N. Harlem Avenue with the following condition that all the parking will be striped. The Plan Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval at their public hearing on April 4, 2016. 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 the
Cost of Living Adjustment
for the Employees of the
Village of Niles from May 1,
2016 to April 30, 2017**

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to adopt the ordinance approving the cost of living adjustment for the employees of the Village of Niles from May 1, 2016 to 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.**

**Resolution Authorizing an
Agreement with PMA
Financial Network and PMA
Securities to Provide
Investment Services for the
Village of Niles**

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with PMA Financial Network, Inc., and PMA Securities, Inc., to provide investment services for the Village of Niles in the amount of \$5,000. 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 Amending
Chapter 102 Utilities,
Sec. 102-123 Water Rates
Established and
Appendix D Fee Schedule**

President Przybylo asked the Board to table the proposed ordinance amending the water rates in Chapter 102 Utilities until the Village is notified of the increase in water rates from the City of Chicago. He read a draft letter he intends to send to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel regarding their annual water rate increase and how it affects our residents, especially our large senior population, and businesses. The water rates have increased 186% since 2007 and he is asking Mayor Emanuel not to raise the water rates for Niles or any other suburban municipalities.

Trustee LoVerde made a motion to table the ordinance amending the water rates, seconded by Trustee Jekot. 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 the item was TABLED**.

**Ordinance Imposing a Six-
Month Moratorium on New
Businesses that are Engaged
in the Sale of Tobacco
Products as a Primary
Activity, on all Businesses
Who Sell Paraphernalia
Associated with Smoking
and on New Businesses
Where the Primary Activity
is Smoking**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to adopt the ordinance imposing a six-month moratorium on new businesses that are engaged in the sale of tobacco products as a primary activity, on all businesses who sell paraphernalia associated with smoking and on new businesses where the primary activity is smoking. This is recommended by the Building and Zoning Committee. 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 Amending
Chapter 94 Taxation,
Sec. 94-271 Tax Imposed**

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 94 Taxation, Sec. 94-271 Tax Imposed on Motor Fuel to four cents (\$0.04) per gallon.

on Motor Fuel

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this ordinance at their April 20, 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**.

Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension and Amendment of the Village's Annual Sidewalk and Curb/Gutter Program with Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc.

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, for Board approval of a resolution authorizing a contract extension and amendment of the Village's annual sidewalk and curb/gutter program with Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000. This will be the first extension of the contract. 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 Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2)

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, for approval of a resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2). In 2007, the Village adopted the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' GRC1. Hadley Skeffington-Vos presented a Powerpoint with a background and plans of the GRC1 and 2 and how it relates to the Village's Environmental Action Plan. 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**.

Purchase and Installation of a Soft Cloth Drive Thru Car Wash and Blow Dryer System for 7104 Touhy from NS Corporation

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, for approval for the purchase and installation of a soft cloth drive thru car wash and blow dryer system for 7104 Touhy from NS Corporation utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council contract pricing in the amount of \$84,197.55. The Board questioned the value of getting our own car wash system versus taking the vehicles to car washes in the Village. Public Services Director Mary Anderson responded to questions from the Board.

Trustee LoVerde disclosed, as Park District Executive Director, that the Park District had been looking to possibly partner with the Village to use the building at 7104 Touhy, which is the old maintenance garage; however, the Park District has determined that this building is not conducive for its needs. 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**.

**Purchase of Design Services
for Construction of Street
Light Fixtures from
Sternberg Lighting as Part
of the Milwaukee Avenue
Street Lighting Project**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, for Board approval and bid waiver for the purchase of design services for construction of street light fixtures from Sternberg Lighting, through KSA Lighting, as part of the Milwaukee Avenue Street Lighting Project in the amount of \$29,495. The Village has used Sternberg Lighting for the pedestrian lighting now in place on Milwaukee Avenue and has chosen to continue this relationship utilizing Sternberg designs to develop the street light fixture to be installed as part of a Surface Transportation Program granted project totaling \$8.7 million. The Northwest Conference of Mayors has allocated this funding for construction for FY2018. 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
March 2016**

Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, that the Accounts Payable including Payroll in the amount of \$4,913,420 for the month ending March 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 March 31, 2016 be approved and filed for audit as follows: beginning cash balance of \$43,791,664, receipts of \$9,064,820, disbursements of \$5,476,806, with an ending cash balance of \$47,379,678. 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

A Special Meeting Executive Session will be held on May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. regarding Collective Bargaining.

An Informal Consideration regarding Community Development Organization Analysis presentation by Matrix Consultants will be held on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Reinebach, Niles

Mr. Reinebach commented on Senator Mulroe's legislative report and Cook County politics.

Al Schafer, Niles

Mr. Schafer commented on dandelions and neighbors who don't take care of their property and suggested that all new residents should receive schooling by Niles of our laws. He commented on the cost of living raises.

Norbert Johnson, Niles

Mr. Johnson commented that there will be a Senior Expo at Golf Mill on April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Niles Lions Club will have free exams for vision and hearing. He suggested again that the Village place a sign with the important Niles civic organizations for all motorists to see as they drive through Niles. He handed the Board, for their consideration, a sheet with sample signage and said the Mayor and Board were doing a great job.

Frank Soto, Niles

Mr. Soto commented on the flooding problem in his backyard on Monroe Street. He displayed photos of his property and his neighbor's property that show what he believes is causing the flooding. He does not think he should pay for a drain in his yard

which is what is recommended. (Public Services and the Stormwater Commission will follow-up on his complaint.)

Al Schafer, Niles

Mr. Schafer followed up on Mr. Soto's flooding comments stating that he also lives on Monroe and stated that since the cemetery put in a new drain system and covered over a flooded pond that he now gets water in his backyard too.

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston asked if there was a standard procedure for conducting committee meetings, wondered where she could go to get answers to her questions, asked about the referendum coverage in the Focus, and questioned the residency of the students who attended the Sister Cities trip.

Rosemary Palicki, Niles

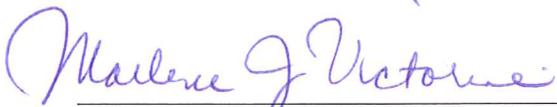
Ms. Palicki commented on the car wash approved at this meeting for the old maintenance garage. She asked if a study had been done of the old maintenance garage to see if it was financially feasible or a good idea to maintain that building and if so, could she see the results of the study. She asked about the status of purchasing water from alternative water sources. Ms. Palicki asked for respectful, concise answers to residents' questions.

President Przybylo stated that anyone can call the Mayor's office or Village staff at any time with questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Village Clerk



Village President