

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

July 23, 2019

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 meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the 2nd Floor- Large Conference Room/EOC, Village of Niles Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Village Clerk Kathryn Angell called the roll. Board members present were President Andrew Przybylo, Trustees John C. Jekot, Danette O'Donovan Matyas, Denise McCreery, Craig Niedermaier and Dean Strzelecki. Trustee George D. Alpogianis was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to convene into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). On roll call, all concurred.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Deputy Village Clerk Kathryn Angell called the roll. Board members present were President Przybylo and Trustees Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier and Strzelecki. Trustee Alpogianis was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Przybylo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FIRE AND POLICE
CEREMONIAL OATH OF
OFFICE**

Police Officer Candidate Nicholas Malecki

PROCLAMATIONS

National Night Out 2019 - August 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8037 N. Harlem Avenue.

PRESENTATIONS

**Update on Milwaukee
Avenue/Waukegan Street
Lighting Project Review of
4 Options**

Public Works Director Fred Braun presented an update on the Milwaukee Avenue/Waukegan Street Lighting Project. Mr. Braun began by stating that the Village had just received Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval for the lighting fixture with a lit finial atop. Next, the 4 fixture options were presented: Option 1 - Cobra Head Fixture at a cost of \$9,801 per pole and a total project cost of \$9,050,000, Option 2 - Omega Fixture at a cost of \$11,625 per pole and a total project cost of \$9,960,000, Option 3 - Solana Fixture without Lit Finial at a cost of \$9,512 per pole and a total project cost of \$8,910,000, and Option 4 - Solana Fixture with Lit Finial at a cost of \$13,840 per

pole and a total project cost of \$11,060,000. Mr. Braun stated that once a fixture is chosen, it will be about an 18 month timeline before the project is completed. Mr. Braun then invited Russ Loebe of HR Green to present information regarding 5G/small cells. Mr. Loebe stated that Federal and State regulations prevent local authorities from not allowing a company to attach a 5G/small cell unit to a street light. Regulations also dictate the time a local authority must process a small cell application, the fee amounts that can be assessed, and allows limited aesthetic control to the local authority. Mr. Loebe provided recommendations on how to avoid having “ugly” attachments placed of the street light poles. He stated that by having requirements, within the allowable limits, and by keeping in mind the possibility when selecting a fixture can allow for the opportunity to work with companies to try and avoid anything that would take away from the overall look of the street lighting.

President Przybylo asked if there was a profit to be made by the Village for having the 5G/small cell units. Village Manager Steven Vinezeano clarified that because of Federal and State regulations and being a utility, the Village is very limited in the amount it is able to collect. Trustee McCreery followed up by asking how the technology effects the Board’s design decision. Mr. Braun stated that while every effort can be made to select designs and try to avoid the replacement of poles we just installed or have a unit attached, there will be companies that utilize technology that is not compatible with the street light pole installed by the Village. Trustee Niedermaier asked if it would be beneficial to have a small delay in the project to allow the market and possibly regulations to catch up to the technology. Mr. Loebe responded that it is likely that most companies who manufacture the light poles already have a design that allows for 5G/small cell connection without replacing the pole. With no more questions from the Board, the presentation concluded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 2019 PEER (Promoting Employee Excellence through Recognition) Award to Officer Brian Zagorski of the Niles Police Department
- 7104-7110 Touhy Avenue Potential Redevelopment Open House Public Information Meeting on August 1, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m, Niles Police Department Training Room - 7000 W. Touhy Avenue
- 4th of July Parade Recognition of Sponsors and Volunteers
- Niles Cycling Classic Sponsored by Holiday Inn Express-July 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Notre Dame College

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- Upcoming Festivals: Festival Polonaise (August 16-18, 2019, Pakistan Heritage Festival (August 11, 2019), and the Maria S.S. Lauretana Festival (August 30-31 and September 1-2, 2019)
- Save the Date: Community Block Party - September 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive
- Citizen Survey Open on Village Website from July 24, 2019 through August 7, 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Przybylo reported the he has not been able to complete his Commission and Board Appointments and will ask for the item to be continued to next month. Next President Przybylo briefly discussed the costs and revenues of the Village, stating that if the Village is to continue subsidizing programs such, as the Free Bus, Senior Center, Teen Center, and Fitness Center; we need to make sure the revenue is there to cover the cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**General Government/IT
Committee**

Trustee Niedermaier reported on the July 9 meeting of the General Government/IT Committee. The Committee welcomed new resident appointee, Jeff David. Committee members then discussed the Honorary Street Sign Program. The application and procedure have been used in the past and the Committee wanted to formally adopt this policy and add the form to the website. All street naming applications are reviewed by staff and must be approved by the Board. The Committee recommended eventually adding biographies to the website on all individuals who have had a Niles street named after them.

Human Services Committee

Trustee Jekot reported on the July 16 meeting of the Human Services Committee. Currently the Fitness Center has 2,455 total memberships. The Cycling Classic is on June 25 at Notre Dame College Prep. Following Board approval, the pool dry cooler replacement has been ordered. The Senior Center currently has 944 total memberships. The Senior Center received an AgeOptions Grant - to provide Medicare outreach and education. Additionally, staff is partaking in Behavioral Health and Aging Certificate Training. Family Services received food and monetary donations from the Public Works recycling event for the Food Pantry. Family Services also received In-Kind donations of \$2,430. The Grand-Parenting Group at the Niles Community Church will be starting on August 7. The Teen Center hired a new

part-time supervisor who began on June 27. Fifteen teens participated in the 4th of July Teen Center float. Finally, the Teen Center held a trip to Pioneer Park for mini-golf and batting cages and hosted a movie night. President Przybylo requested that Trustee Jekot and the Human Services Committee work with the local schools for addiction prevention programs.

Public Safety Committee

Trustee Strzelecki reported on the July 16 Public Safety Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the restructuring of ranking in the Police Department. This will adjust the senior command level structure. The new Eagle Rank will clearly define the span of control in the command structure. Chief Tigera gave a presentation on the change and after further discussion the Committee recommended the restructuring. Since this change does not affect personnel numbers or the budget, the request does not have to come before the Board. Next, Chief Tigera requested approval to establish a committee with private partners to have a Police memorial statue honoring fallen officers installed. The statue would be placed at the entrance of the Police Department. The Committee recommended that this move forward. Finally, the Committee held discussion regarding the legalization of cannabis in Illinois. Fire Chief Feld and Police Chief Tigera reiterated their concerns as this was a follow up to the June 11, 2019 Special Board Meeting presentation. The Committee recommended that before the Village moves forward with any ordinance change that a Town Hall meeting or first reading of an ordinance be held to gain public input.

Stormwater Commission

Trustee Matyas reported on the July 2 Stormwater Commission meeting. The Commission heard drainage concerns for the 8200 block of Merrill and the 7300 block of Nora. The Commission then reviewed the Village's plan for addressing the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Infiltration and Inflow Control Program. Finally, the Commission discussed potential ordinance revisions including a WMO update, redevelopment regulations, and rear yard drainage considerations. President Przybylo asked if the Commission had considered a program to help residents with rear yard flooding concerns. Village Manager Steven Vinezeano stated that the Commission is interested in exploring options of how to help residents, which could include the 50-50 cost sharing program used to help residents with flooding. President Przybylo encouraged the Commission to look into this and find the cost associated with such assistance.

**Milwaukee Avenue Corridor
Ad Hoc Committee**

Trustee Matyas reported on the July 12 Milwaukee Avenue Corridor Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed options of assembly accessories, such as flowerboxes, flag poles, and pole bases, so that 4 streetlight options for Milwaukee Avenue could be presented to the Village Board. Next the Committee received an update on various streetscape projects. Streetscape Phase VI is scheduled for 2020 and Phase I is wrapping up for two additional projects. Finally the Committee reviewed a list of projects for the next round of ITEP funding. The Committee will meet in August to finalize the ITEP scope.

Public Comments

Todd Sanders, Chicago Billboard

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding Chicago Billboard's Digital Community Network program. The program allows the Village to have a digital gateway sign built by Chicago Billboard, who then sells advertising opportunities on the sign. Installation would be at no cost to the Village and the company will work with the Village to design the sign.

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston expressed concern about the replacement street light poles, specifically the longevity of the fixtures presented. She also wondered what the plan was to replace the remaining street lights throughout Niles. Ms. Preston stated the Village Board should not select a fixture tonight, based on the 5G information presented. Finally, Ms. Preston wondered about the other welcome signs that used to be up throughout Niles, since the Board is only addressing one gateway sign.

Rosemary Palicki, Niles

Ms. Palicki asked the Board to take the following into consideration regarding the gateway signage. First is the purpose of the signage, it should be a welcome sign and not for advertising. The sign should display the honors that the Village received throughout the years. Second, Ms. Palicki expressed concern that the gateway sign, street lights, and other design projects throughout the Village are being completed individually without consideration for each to complement the other. Ms. Palicki asked the Board to hold off on voting on the Street Lighting Project and Gateway Signage. Finally, Ms. Palicki asked if there had been an ordinance drafted to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana in Niles.

Norbert Johnson, Niles

Mr. Johnson reiterated his interest to have a welcome sign that highlights certain groups in the Village including but not limited

to the Lions Club and Optimist Club.

Jim Boratyn, Chicago

Mr. Boratyn encouraged the Board to make sure that when selecting a street lighting fixture, especially as it relates to 5G, they should be considering functionality first and aesthetics second.

RECESS

At 8:29 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 8:35 p.m. the Board reconvened.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointments by President Przybylo of Commissions and Boards

President Przybylo asked for a motion to table this item. Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCreery, to Table Item 1 of Old Business: Appointments by President Przybylo of Commissions and Boards to the August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Alpogianis

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**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 Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to allow items 1 and 2 to be included on the consent agenda. On roll call, all concurred.

Deputy Village Clerk Kathryn Angell read consent agenda items 1 and 2 into the record:

#1 Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

#2 Resolution – Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property (Family Fitness Center) Owned by the Village of Niles

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Milwaukee Avenue/Waukegan Street Lighting Project Options

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot to move forward with Option 2 for the Milwaukee Avenue/Waukegan Street Lighting Project. During discussion, Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to table Item #1 of New Business: Milwaukee Avenue/Waukegan Street Lighting Project Options to the August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing an Employment Agreement with Village Manager Steven C. Vinezano

President Przybylo asked for a motion. Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Employment Agreement, as amended by the Village Attorney, with Village Manager Steven C. Vinezano. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ordinance Adding Chapter 98 Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI. Weight and Size Limitations, Sec. 98-214 Oversize Vehicles Permitted on Certain Streets to the Niles Code of Ordinances

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot to adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 98 Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI. Weight and Size Limitations, Sec. 98-214 Oversize Vehicles Permitted on Certain Streets to the Niles Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance addition is required to meet the Illinois Department of Transportation Requirements for utilization of Truck Access Route Program funds. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Designating Oak Park Avenue From Howard Street to Touhy Avenue a Class II Truck Route

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to approve a Resolution Designating Oak Park Avenue from Howard Street to Touhy Avenue a Class II Truck Route. This Resolution is required to meet the Illinois Department of Transportation Requirements for utilization of Truck Access Route Program funds. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Paldo Sign & Display Co. for the Milwaukee Avenue Village Gateway Sign and Landscaping in the Amount of \$70,386

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCreery, to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Paldo Sign & Display Company for the Milwaukee Avenue Village Gateway Sign and Landscaping project in the amount of \$70,386. During discussion, President Przybylo asked for a motion to table this item. Trustee Jekot made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki to table item #5 of New Business: Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Paldo Sign & Display Co. for the Milwaukee Avenue Village Gateway Sign and Landscaping in the Amount of \$70,386 to the August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 3 Jekot, Matyas, Strzelecki
NAYS 2 McCreery, Niedermaier
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Board Approval - Authorizing an Approval of the Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI) Contractual Pricing Pursuant to Government Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/0.01, et. seq., with G&L Contractors, Inc. for Debris Hauling in the Amount of \$72,000

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, for Board Approval to authorize the approval of the Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI) contractual pricing pursuant to Government Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/0.01, et. seq., with G&L Contractors Inc. for the hauling of various materials both to and from the Public Works yard in the amount of \$72,000. G&L Contractors Inc. will haul away debris from Public Works maintenance activities and deliver crushed stone and sand as needed. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0
There being 5 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

June 2019

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, that the Accounts Payable including Payroll in the amount of \$4,905,588 for the month ending June 2019 be approved for payment. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0
There being 5 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2019 be approved and filed for audit as follows: beginning cash balance of \$67,682,337, receipts of \$11,675,083, disbursements of \$10,165,042 with an ending cash balance of \$69,192,379. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0
There being 5 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETINGS

August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM

President Przybylo left the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Jekot made a motion to nominate the longest serving Trustee present, Trustee Matyas, to serve as President Pro Tem, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Alpogianis
ABSTAIN 0
There being 5 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Louella Preston, Niles
Ms. Preston wanted to know what coordination efforts were happening between festivals held in Niles and the Niles Sister

Cities Association. Stating that she had attended the St. Haralambos Church "Big Greek Food Fest" and did not see anything about the Village's Sister City of Nafplion, Greece. Ms. Preston also asked about the Cycling Race, which had previously highlighted the Village's Sister City Pisa, Italy. Finally, Ms. Preston commented on the poor condition of the tree box in front of Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee McCreery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jekot. On roll call, all concurred. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Deputy Village Clerk


Village President