

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – DECEMBER 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bolingbrook was called to order at the hour of 8:00 p.m., December 17, 2019, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Roger C. Claar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Roger C. Claar requested Gretchen Schroeter to lead the pledge to the Flag. Gretchen Schroeter is a longtime Bolingbrook resident, a former Village Trustee and a current member of the Bolingbrook Fire and Police Board.

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

PERFORMANCE BY THE BOLINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGAL SINGERS

Mayor Claar announced that the Bolingbrook High School Madrigals will perform this evening with a few holiday Christmas Carols. Mayor Claar added that they are a special group and have shared their talents traditionally at Village Board meetings. BHS Madrigal Singers are a vocal ensemble performing numerous acappella songs at community events. They sing a variety of styles from Renaissance to Jazz and always strive for a high caliber of musicianship in every performance. The singers perform in costumes reminiscent of the Renaissance era. Mayor Claar shared that he was honored this past week, as well as the several years prior, to be the emcee of their annual Christmas event, which was magnificent and well attended.

Mayor Claar acknowledged Lawrence Fisher, Choir Director for the Bolingbrook High School Madrigal Singers. Mayor Claar introduced each member of the group and thanked them for their performance.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk, Carol S. Penning, called the roll:

Present were: Mayor Roger C. Claar, Trustees Maria A. Zarate, Michael T. Lawler, Mary Alexander Basta, Michael J. Carpanzano, Sheldon L. Watts, and Robert M. Jaskiewicz

Also present were:

Village Clerk – Carol S. Penning, Village Attorney – Burt Odelson, Public Safety Director – Ken Teppel, Finance Director – Rosa Cojulun and Director of Public Services & Development - Lucas Rickelman

Absent: None

Representing the press: Bolingbrook Patch

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion Watts, second Basta to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2019 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS:

Burt Odelson, Village Attorney indicated that he had no additions or deletions for the agenda. Motion Carpanzano, second Lawler to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

MAYOR CLaar

Mayor Claar acknowledged the following:

- Welcomed Village Attorney Burt Odelson with Odelson and Sterk to the dais.
- Mentioned newly retired and former Village Attorney Jim Boan who was in attendance at the meeting in the audience.
- Thanked the Public Services Staff, Fran Miller in the Mayor’s Office and Village Trustee Basta for the beautiful job that was done this year on the new holiday lights out in front of Village Hall.
- Shared an article from this week’s Crain’s Chicago Business which named Mary Dillon, CEO of Ulta Beauty products one of the 25 most influential leaders in the Chicagoland area. Mayor Claar added that he is very proud of that fact and that Ulta’s corporate headquarters is located here in Bolingbrook on Remington Boulevard in the Tall Grass Center. Mary Dillon has been the CEO of Ulta Beauty since 2013 and it is great to have her working right here in Bolingbrook on a daily basis. Ulta has approximately 1,500 employees.
- Announced that an article was in the newspaper, and that he received a call from Bruce Christian, President and Chief of Staff of the Bolingbrook Amita Health Adventist Hospital, indicating that eight hospitals were named among the best in the nation. One of those eight in the nation is the Bolingbrook Amita Health Adventist Hospital. Mayor Claar emphasized that this hospital award is widely acknowledged to be one of the most competitive honors that American hospitals can achieve. Bruce Christian is in Washington this evening accepting this prestigious award. Mayor Claar added that this is a testament to hard work and dedication shown by their physicians and associates every day. It is great to know that this is going on right here in Bolingbrook.
- Mayor Claar shared the recent press release that “Bolingbrook’s S&P Credit Rating Jumps to All-Time High.” He added that the Village of Bolingbrook is pleased to announce that following a ratings review, Standard & Poors Global Ratings announced on Wall Street that it has raised the village’s credit rating assigned by Moody’s in 2018 from AA (upper medium grade) to A2 (high grade), a significant upgrade of three levels.

In a congratulatory message to Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar, former Illinois State Senator Kirk Dillard commented, “Not an easy designation to get in a State like Illinois with its well documented fiscal woes.”

This substantial upgrade regarding the village’s series 2019A general obligation (GO) refunding bonds was based on S&P’s determination that Bolingbrook has:

- strong management with the ability to maintain consistent balanced operations

- very strong budgetary performance resulting in operating surpluses which enables the village to exceed its debt-servicing obligations
- very strong budgetary flexibility allowing it to shift resources as needs evolve
- very strong internal liquidity with access to external liquidity
- a strong institutional framework score

In reaching its conclusion to assign a higher credit rating to Bolingbrook, S&P Global specifically cited that village management had “realistic and well-grounded assumptions when setting the annual budget”, holds a formal investment-management policy, and adheres to an informal fund-balance target of maintaining a general fund reserve of at least three months’ operating costs, all of which are consistent with rating a AA credit score.

As a result of the increased S&P rating, the Village is refunding its 2010 General Obligation Bonds (similar to refinancing a home mortgage). The present value savings that the Village will see is \$3,432,026 without extending the term of the bonds’ maturity. The closing occurred on November 21st.

Standard & Poors further reported that Bolingbrook “has a strong economy that we expect will likely continue to improve through continued commercial, retail, and residential development”, citing that the commercial, industrial, and residential sectors are expanding, with multiple local housing developments underway, coupled with an expansion of major businesses such as WeatherTech.

The village also has 900 acres of annexed but undeveloped land, allowing room for more growth. S&P also concluded that Bolingbrook’s “budgetary flexibility, budgetary performance and liquidity will likely remain strong.”

As former State Senator Dillard commented, “So don’t just take it from the Mayor, Wall Street knows Bolingbrook is run well financially and has a strong economy. S&P also applauded [Bolingbrook’s] efforts to fully fund municipal pension obligations with a goal of 90% funding...also rare in Illinois. This was a great Wall Street “Report Card” on the Bolingbrook Village government’s financial stewardship both short and long term-examining forward and backward.”

Moody’s and Standard & Poors are two of the nation’s top three credit rating services. Lastly, Mayor Claar shared that this is great news for the taxpayers of Bolingbrook.

Public Safety Director Ken Teppel recognized Bolingbrook Police David Henzler – Officer of the Year Award

Officer David Henzler of the Bolingbrook Police Department has been named the 2019 Edward Hospital Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

David Henzler is a 15-year veteran of the Bolingbrook Police Department. His sergeant, Jeff Drabek, nominated him. David Henzler serves as a Field Training Officer, SWAT Assistant Team Leader and SWAT Medic. He is an active member of the National Guard and recipient of two Bronze Stars during deployment in the Middle East.

During the past year, Henzler has received department commendations for apprehending a barricaded subject who was threatening suicide, helping the community during an extended severe storm event and assisting with the successful apprehension of a burglary and vehicle arson suspect. In October 2018, Henzler was awarded a Life Saving Medal after administering a Narcan dose to a 29-year-old male overdose victim.

The Officer of the Year Award is part of Edward-Elmhurst Health's Law Enforcement Recognition Program, which supports the system's partners in law enforcement in the surrounding communities.

Ken Teppel added that this is an esteemed award and approximately 35 to 37 other police departments were vying for this recognition. We were honored that Officer Henzler was recognized. Mayor Claar asked Ken Teppel to extend our congratulations from the Village Board.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN AWARDS: Mayor Claar, Barbara Ann Parker, Vice-Chair of the Beautification Commission and members of the commission, Debra Savage and Mary Myers distributed awards for best 2019 Halloween decorations to the following residents (*indicates that they were in attendance at the meeting):

Johnny & Charlyn Alamon	1542 Woodland Lane
Elvira Arroyo	1613 Trails End Lane
Pablo Avina	1432 Comanche Drive
Brian Barg	354 Huntington Way
Helen & Leo Bazelewski	620 Hillcrest Drive
Ronald & June Bingham	420 Cardinal Lane
Robert Biseck	439 Wildflower Way
*Jeff & Sandy Biske	710 Feather Sound Drive
*Anthony Bjorklund & Caitlyn Byrnes	801 Tam O'Shanter Circle
Allison & David Bogash	808 Tam O'Shanter Circle
Joseph Bratta	937 N. Ashbury Avenue
Mary Brennan	928 N. Ashbury Avenue
Robert & Sarah Brost	3 Fenview Circle
Elizabeth Bryan	413 Cambridge Way
Richard Buchanan	419 Springwood Lane
Suzanne Cabage	135 Delaware Drive
*Michael & Sandra Calcagno	796 Hartford Lane
*Randy & Stacy Caudill	680 Bluebird Drive

Peter Chapman	486 Springwood Lane
Michael Cushing	210 E. Briarcliff Road
William Davies	193 Delmar Drive
William Delfiaccio	780 Lily Cache Lane
*Eric Desimone	1634 Manhattan Street
Wayne & Kristin Detro	317 Stonegate Road
Anthony & Jeanne Diconstanzo	156 Sycamore Drive
Frank Jr. Duffek	956 N. Ashbury Avenue
*Hazelyn & Carlos Garcia	400 Justine Avenue
*Nicole & Cedric Gibson	771 Sapphire Drive
Juan Gutierrez	345 Stonegate Road
Jeffery Hankey	550 Cottonwood Circle
Richard & Sonya Hanley	300 Willoway Drive
Jeff & Debra Hansen	161 S. Palmer Drive
*Sean Harper & Beverly Elliott	637 Blackhawk Lane
Corey & Margaret Heckendon	401 Marshall Ash Street
Chester & Dawne Iglinski	504 Jill Lane
Shari Joly	538 Forest Way
Thomas Kallum	407 Derring Lane
James & Catherine Kuzur	1017 Kent Court
Kevin & Tammie Lindblom	784 Hartford Lane
Jill Maldonado	1476 Schoenherr Avenue
Dario Margarita & Ferando Valentin	1056 Churchhill Drive
Barbara Jean Martin	590 Warbler Drive
*Robert & Karen Millan	361 N. Ashbury Avenue
Jessica & Nicholas Miller	641 N. Pinecrest Road
Randy Mink	301 Sulgrave Court
*Hector Molina & Elizabeth Stone	506 Monroe Road
Kelly Moore	245 Creekside Drive
Erik Moser / Tara Smith	378 Hogan Street
Emmanuel & Sheila Msengi	490 Bloomfield Drive
*Susan Munger	252 Laurie Circle
Patti Nordhem & Carol Schmitt	1021 Churchill Drive
William & Doris Nunez	625 Hillcrest Drive
David Patek	688 Melissa Drive

Vincent Pecoraro	1506 Schafer Avenue
Patrick Phillips	3 Foxglove Court
Norbert Pozy & Rosemary Bylski	533 Emerson Circle
Erich & Barbara Preimesberger	166 Christine Way
Jessie Richard	144 Wedgewood Way
Jeffrey & Jacquelyn Rimkus	856 Bonnie Brae Lane
Linda & Glennie Rodrigues	373 Foster Way
*Maria Sanchez & Julio Casasola	377 Marshall Ash Street
*Michael & Wendy Semerau	329 Plainview Drive
Albert Shubert	804 Tam O'Shanter Circle
Oswaldo & Fatima Silva	408 Hogan Street
Jason Skudrna	312 Nelson Court
*Janice & Jason Stoddard	688 Rebecca Lane
Arhonda Thomas	506 Jill Lane
Richard & Evelyn Timpe	608 N. Pinecrest Road
John Trznadel	562 Buckingham Way
Tammy Warden	784 Delacourte Avenue
*Jason & Sara Watkins	560 Larkspur Drive
Lawrence Watters	565 Emerson Circle
Steve Westrom	384 Plainview Drive
Christopher & Melissa Witt	756 Countryside Drive

PROMOTIONS/SWEARING IN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD THIS EVENING: None

BILL APPROVAL:

Motion Basta, second Jaskiewicz to approve expenditures submitted as Bill Listing A - Payables in the amount of \$2,809,675.16 and Bill Listing B - Pre-Paids in the amount of \$818,228.66 totaling \$3,627,903.82. (Copies were made available in the Finance Department and the Village Clerk's Office.)

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

TAX RECEIPTS: None

MOTIONS:

MOTION TO ALLOW MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR GAS SUPPLY:

Motion Lawler, second Zarate to accept a motion to allow the Mayor and Director of Public Services to enter into a contract for gas supply.

This Motion authorizes the Mayor and Public Services Director to enter into a contract to provide natural gas to Village buildings. Since rates fluctuate daily, it is not possible to select a supplier in advance. This is the same type of request that was done with electric suppliers. NiCor will remain the local gas distributor. Quotes will be obtained and the lowest fixed rate supplier will be selected.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 19R-062
SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK TO RECLASSIFY KINGS ROAD AS A FEDERAL COLLECTOR ROUTE

Motion Jaskiewicz, second Watts to adopt a resolution approving support for the Village of Bolingbrook to reclassify Kings Road as a Federal Collector Route.

This Resolution expresses the Village's support to classify Kings Road (new) from Hassert Boulevard to Rodeo Drive as a major collector. This road classification allows the Village to access state and federal grants. Kings Road north of Hassert Boulevard is already designated a major collector.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 19-092
ABATING TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON \$35,795,000 SPECIAL AREAS NUMBERS 2001-1, 2001-2, 2001-3 AND 2002-1 SPECIAL TAXES REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018

Motion Carpanzano, second Zarate to pass an ordinance Abating Taxes Heretofore Levied to pay interest and principal on \$35,795,000 Special Areas Numbers 2001-1, 2001-2, 2001-3 and 2002-1 Special Taxes Refunding Bonds, Series 2018.

This Ordinance abates \$1,338,292.09 principal and interest on \$35,795,000.00 of 2018 Special Service Area bonds. After the abatement, the remaining levy is \$3,270,394.71. These residential Special Service Areas cover portions of Bloomfield West, Southgate, Lakewood Ridge and Augusta Village. The funds for the abatement come from homes that have prepaid their SSA obligation. Upon passage, the abatement Ordinance will be filed with the County.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-093

AMENDING CHAPTERS 2, 13 AND 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY):

This Ordinance would convert the Office of the Mayor from a full-time to a part-time position. The change would be effective with the Consolidated Election in April of 2021. The salary for part-time Mayor would be \$35,000.00 a year and would include the duties of Alcohol and Tobacco Commissioner. The Trustee and Clerk salaries would remain the same. Trustee salary would be \$16,625.00 and the Clerk salary would be \$23,969.00. All salaries would be adjustable annually based on the consumer price index (CPI). Note: Terms and conditions of office cannot be changed during the current term of office, and changes must be approved at least one hundred-eighty days (180) prior to an election.

ORDINANCE 19-094

AMENDING CHAPTER 19 – PUBLIC SAFETY, MORALS, AND WELFARE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK TO COMPLY WITH THE CANNABIS REGULATION AND TAX ACT

Motion Lawler, second Basta to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 19 – Public Safety, Morals, and Welfare of the Municipal Code of the Village of Bolingbrook to comply with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

This Ordinance amends Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code to comply with the Recreational Marijuana Statute approved by the State effective January 1, 2020. It decriminalizes the use and possession of cannabis, sets possession limits, revises the fine schedule for violations and amends the list of drug related paraphernalia. The Public Safety Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-095

AMENDING PERSONNEL MANUAL OF THE VILLAGE REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CANNABIS REGULATION AND TAX ACT

Motion Basta, second Watts to pass an ordinance amending Personnel Manual of the Village regarding compliance with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

This Ordinance amends the Village’s personnel manual to comply with the States’ recreational cannabis regulations which take effect January 1, 2020. Sections of the Village’s manual dealing with hiring procedures, drug free workplace and job postings requirements are being amended to comply with the Statute.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-096

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE DECREASING CLASS “D-6” FROM ONE (1) TO ZERO (0) MCQ’S - 730 N. BOLINGBROOK DRIVE

Motion Lawler, second Watts to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code decreasing Class “D-6” from one (1) to zero (0) McQ’s - 730 N. Bolingbrook Drive.

This Ordinance amends Chapter 13, Section 13-307(p) of the Municipal Code. The off-track betting facility located in McQ’s has vacated their space. This Ordinance decreases the number of Class “D-6” liquor licenses from one (1) to zero (0) to reflect the closing of the business.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-097

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE RE ELIMINATION OF THE OTB LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion Jaskiewicz, second Basta to pass an ordinance amending certain provisions of Chapter 13 of the Village of Bolingbrook Municipal Code Re Elimination of the OTB Liquor License.

As mentioned in the prior Ordinance, the off-track betting facility has vacated McQ’s. This Ordinance amends Chapter 13 Sections 13-206, 13-207 and 13-307 of the Municipal Code to delete the “D-6” (OTB) liquor classification license. There are no other licenses in this category.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-098

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING CLASS “D-2” FROM NINETEEN (19) TO TWENTY (20) AND INCREASING CLASS “D-1” FROM TWENTY-FOUR (24) TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) – DANNY’S PIZZA & BURGER BAR II (639 E. BOUGHTON RD #105)

Motion Lawler, second Zarate to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code increasing Class “D-2” from nineteen (19) to twenty (20) and increasing Class “D-1” from twenty-four (24) to twenty-five (25) – Danny’s Pizza & Burger Bar II (639 E. Boughton Rd #105).

Danny’s Pizza & Burger Bar is opening in the Promenade (Unit 105 next to Rock Bottom) in early January. The restaurant has requested a “D-2” (full service) and “D-1” (outdoor café) liquor license. This Ordinance increases the Class “D-2” licenses from nineteen (19) to twenty (20) and the number of Class “D-1” licenses from twenty-four (24) to twenty-five (25) to accommodate the request.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-099

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE DECREASING CLASS “C” FROM TEN (10) TO NINE (9) FAMILY SQUARE – 372 S. BOLINGBROOK DRIVE

Motion Watts, second Carpanzano to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code Decreasing Class “C” from ten (10) to nine (9) Family Square – 372 S. Bolingbrook Drive.

Family Square Restaurant at 372 S. Bolingbrook Drive has decided not to renew their liquor license. This Ordinance reduces the number of Class “C” licenses from ten (10) to nine (9) to reflect their non-renewal.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Zarate, Lawler, Basta, Watts, Carpanzano, Jaskiewicz
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None

Motion carried.

Mayor Claar provided a detailed explanation with regards to Ordinance 19-093, Amending Chapters 2, 13 And 19 of the Municipal Code Regarding Administration of the Executive Department – (Discussion Only).

He provided a history of the Mayor's position both full-time and part-time and what the job entailed. He added that this ordinance will be brought back in writing and for discussion in January and February. Based on what transpires we can take action.

To hear Mayor Claar's comments in its entirety, please go online to:
https://www.bolingbrook.com/bctvlive_gov
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QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE/PRESS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Trustee Zarate

Provided details regarding the Fountaindale Public Library, Story time at the Bolingbrook Historic Museum and Breakfast with Santa at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. She wished everyone in the village a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in English and Spanish.

Trustee Lawler

Thanked the Madrigals and shared that the concert was incredible. They change it up every year. The entire musical staff do a great job teaching students values and appreciation for music, both instrumental and vocal. Shared an event coming up this Sunday, December 22nd at Bolingbrook High School. It is an event, put on by an alumnus of the school district, called Infinite Hands. They are doing the fifth annual Joy of Giving Event. There will be gifts, food, job opportunities, resume building and many additional resources. There will be some activities for kids such as a moon jump, carnival games and face painting.

The next "Coffee with the Chiefs" is an interesting one. It's going to be on January 7th and it will be held out at "Wescom" our regional dispatch center. Anyone interested in coming along for a tour of the facility, please meet here at Village Hall by 8:15 a.m. There will be a caravan to the Plainfield location. He shared, from my family to all of you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Basta

Provided information on New Year's Eve Celebrations in Bolingbrook. Knights of Columbus Council 6521 is having a party at Saint Dominic's school gym on Tuesday, December 31st. The cost is \$35 per person. There will be a DJ, hors d'oeuvres, dinner party favors and a cash bar. For more information, please look on the website or call (630) 201-6388. Shared another New Year's Eve celebration, which will be at The Nest at Bolingbrook Golf Club. A dinner menu featuring seafood, steak, drinks and more - reservations are required, (630) 771-9400. Lastly, Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge is having their event from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. which includes a three-course dinner. The cost is \$40 per guest and does include champagne. Reservations are required, (630) 783-6604. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Watts

Welcomed Attorney Burt Odelson aboard and added that we are in good hands. Announced that Tora Tora Tora movie night will be hosted by the Illinois Aviation Museum. Tora Tora Tora was the attack on Pearl Harbor. The movie night will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Bolingbrook Clow Airport. There will be popcorn and drinks served. The Community Mobile Pantry is being hosted at the New Hope Baptist Church, which is located at 509 E. Briarcliff Road here in Bolingbrook between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please spread the word. He added that he is hosting a first time homebuyer seminar along with realtor Sean Cochran. This seminar will take place Sunday January 12th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Fountaindale Public Library.

Sean is an excellent realtor. He is really good at explaining and bringing awareness about what funding can be available to first time homebuyers. He added that if you have not seen it yet, Sean interviewed Mayor Claar on his podcast recently. It was a classic interview where Mayor Claar reflects on his 33 plus years of public service. The interview is on You Tube or you can go on Sean Cochran's Facebook page.

He wished wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take this time to spend time with your family, hug your family and embrace them. Let us enjoy this wonderful time of the year and remember that we do have people that may not be in the best of spirits. They may be struggling with finances, the loss of a loved one or other difficult situations. Let us keep them encouraged and do what we can to bless someone else during this season.

Trustee Carpanzano

Shared a note from Operation Christmas Chairperson Lee Bush Jr. - All of us at Operation Christmas want to thank everyone for their strong support. Every year the involvement from the community increases, which allows us to help more families. We are in the process of wrapping up this year's event and we will begin planning for next year. If you have any items you wish to donate, please email OperationChristmasbb@gmail.com. Please supply your contact information along with what else you are going to be donating and they will set up a time to pick it up. Operation Christmas closes down for a few months and starts taking donations again in May.

He shared information on the 2020 State of the Village luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, January 16th at the beautiful Bolingbrook Golf Club. The event's keynote speaker is Mayor Roger Claar. The event opens at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are available through the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce. Bolingbrook Community Television will be recording the event for future broadcasts. If you have any questions, call the Chamber at (630) 226-8420.

Lastly, Bolingbrook has Got Talent is coming up on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at the Bolingbrook Community Center. The event benefits Midwest Christian Montessori Academy. It begins at 2:00 p.m. They are looking for contestants now through January 15th. Anyone in the community is welcome - musicians, violinists, comedians, magicians or any other talent.

He welcomed Bert Odelson and shared that it was great to see Mr. Boan in the audience. He thanked the Madrigals and commented that the youth in the community during this time of the year is doing great things. I have seen them at countless functions obviously giving up their time to spread Christmas cheer. From my family to yours Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Jaskiewicz

He welcomed Burt Odelson to the dais and wished him a long career with Bolingbrook just like Mr. Boan has had. He congratulated the Halloween winners. They all did a great job. We appreciate it when our residents go out there and decorate. Thank you for what you are doing for the Christmas holidays as well. He wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays because not everybody celebrates Christmas. Other individuals celebrate Hanukkah or other holidays. Please be safe during the holiday season. Spend some time with your family, people that you love and people that you care about and have a Happy New Year's Eve. Be sure to be safe and enjoy yourself. Please take advantage of the opportunities that are being offered by the different local establishments.

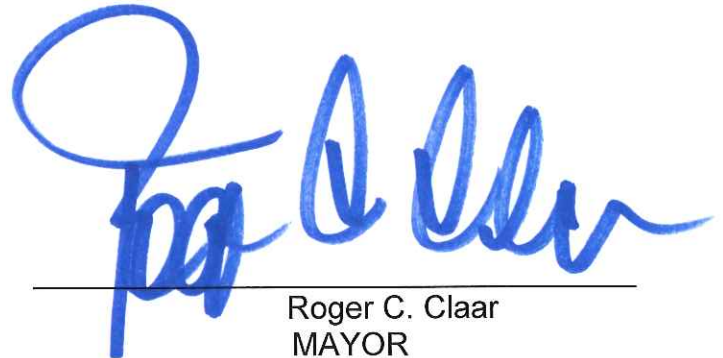
Mayor Claar emphasized that we remember the men and women serving in the military service around the world. As we are sipping our eggnog, enjoying cookies, singing Christmas Carols and opening presents, please remember those that are protecting our freedom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Basta, second Zarate to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Roger C. Claar
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Carol S. Penning, CMC
VILLAGE CLERK