

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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 7:30 p.m. on February 11, 2025, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta requested Ravish Patel to lead the pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk, Martha M. Barton, called the roll:

Present were: Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta, Trustees Maria A. Zarate, Michael T. Lawler, Michael J. Carpanzano, Troy J. Doris, Jean M. Kelly, and Jose Quintero.

Absent: None

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Martha M. Barton; Village Attorney, Burt Odelson; Co-Administrators, Ken Teppel and Lucas Rickelman; Director of Public Works, Andres Orrego; Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Jostes; Finance Director, Rosa Cojulun; Director of Community Development, Matt Eastman, and Police Chief, Michael Rompa.

Absent: IT Manager, Phillip Chau, and Fire Chief, Jeff LaJoie

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion Lawler, second Zarate to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 28, 2025, as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS:

Village Attorney Odelson indicated that there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Approval of the Agenda as presented:

Motion: Quintero
Second: Kelly
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

APPROVAL AND SWEARING-IN OF APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Approval of Michael Riend as Vice-Chair of the Special Events Commission for a One Year Term

Motion: Doris
Second: Carpanzano
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Mayor Alexander-Basta conducted the swearing-in.

PRESENTATION:

By the Sanskriti Organization to the Village of Bolingbrook in appreciation for its support, presented by Bhavini Patel and Ravish Patel on behalf of their board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

BILL APPROVAL

Motion Lawler second Doris to approve expenditures submitted as:

Bill Listing A: Payables in the amount of \$ 710,408.03

Bill Listing B: Payables in the amount of \$ 404,994.25

Total: \$1,115,402.28

(Copies were made available in the Finance Department, Clerk’s Office, and on the Village website.)

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Carpanzano, Doris, Kelly, Lawler, Quintero, Zarate
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None
	Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

TAX RECEIPTS

November 2024 State Income Tax: \$1,350,852.00, a 14.6% increase from a year ago.

October 2024 Sales Tax: \$3,708,281.00, a 10.1% increase from a year ago.

November 2024 Motor Fuel Tax: \$298,576.00, a 2.76% decrease from a year ago.

October 2024 State Administrative Fee: \$29,724.19

RESOLUTIONS:

25R-005

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM FOUR VENDORS FOR THE NEW FIRE ENGINE:

Motion Kelly, second Quintero to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment from four vendors for the new Fire Engine.

A new Fire Engine will be delivered in fiscal year 2026. The Fire Department is requesting to approve the purchase now for the equipment that will be on this new engine due to part

shortages. Air One Equipment will supply loose equipment for \$35,554.00; Conway Shield will supply valves, adapters and hand tools for \$2,187.00; Equipment Management Company will supply hydraulic tools for \$41,905.00; WS Darley will supply hose nozzles and tips for \$22,024.00. The total cost of \$101,670.00 is for all loose equipment, which is \$11,330.00 under budgeted amount. Reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Carpanzano, Doris, Kelly, Lawler, Quintero, Zarate
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None
	Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

25R-006

APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF MAGNET FORENSICS FOR GRAYKEY SOFTWARE RENEWAL:

Motion Doris, second Kelly to adopt a resolution approving the proposal of Magnet Forensics for Graykey Software Renewal:

This software is a pivotal tool used by the Police Department to access and extract data on mobile devices which assists in solving many of their cases. The renewal is contingent with an effective date of March 3, 2025. The total cost of the renewal for one year is \$34,760.00, which is \$5,240.00 under the budgeted amount. Reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee.

ROLL CALL:	Yea	6	Carpanzano, Doris, Kelly, Lawler, Quintero, Zarate
	Nay	0	None
	Absent	0	None
	Abstentions	0	None

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/PRESS:

BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

TRUSTEE LAWLER:

- Suggested that residents continue to reach out to the governor requesting a denial of the increase in our water rates.
- Commented on the tragedy of those who choose to end their life and the people they leave behind, who are troubled and wondering if there was something they could do to prevent it. (There isn't.) Mentioned calling 988, the Suicide Hotline, both for those contemplating suicide and their survivors. When dealing with loss, he suggested that people find a happy memory to soften the grief, as he does in dealing with the loss of his mother and brother.

TRUSTEE ZARATE:

- Offered her condolences to a local family who had suffered a loss through suicide.
- Announced that Town Center would be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day.

TRUSTEE KELLY:

- Thanked the commissioners for what they do for the Village.
- Announced the Valentine's Day dinner at the Bolingbrook Golf Club on February 14th, and that tickets are still available.

TRUSTEE QUINTERO:

- Mentioned the Rotary Club's annual Mac & Cheese Bake-Off event at New Life Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 8th. Tickets can be purchased from any Rotary Club member.
- Wished everybody a Happy Valentine's Day.

TRUSTEE CARPANZANO:

- Announced the next Pre-School Roundup at Fountaindale Public Library on Saturday, February 15th.
- Recommended that residents avail themselves of local resources, as well as dialing 211 to reach United Way's extensive resources for housing, food, counseling, and more.

TRUSTEE DORIS:

- Thanked new Special Events Commission Vice Chair Mike Reind for stepping up.
- Expressed his appreciation for the Sanskriti presentation and for what they are bringing to the community.
- Mentioned his appreciation for Trustee Lawler's vulnerability in bringing up what is a painful topic.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY ODELSON:

- Indicated that at 6:30 p.m. on this day they had finalized the Notice of Appeal to the Illinois Third Appellate Court regarding the increase approved by the ICC's decision.
- Mentioned that Bolingbrook is to date the only municipality to do so.
- The attorneys are working on their brief, based on the constitutional right for people to have affordable water.
- Assured residents that they are continuing to move forward with this.

MAYOR ALEXANDER-BASTA:

- Encouraged residents to reach out to Governor Pritzker regarding our exorbitant water rates.
- Announced the Fairytale Brunch on Saturday, February 15th at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.

- Mentioned the Bolingbrook Golf Club's First Trivia Night on Tuesday, February 18th.
- Reminded residents of the State of the Village Luncheon on Thursday, February 13th at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, which will be recorded and available afterwards on BCT and various other streaming platforms.

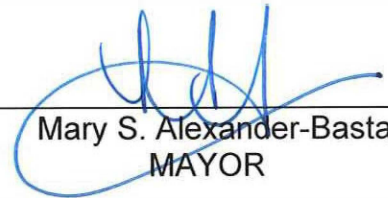
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:


Motion Quintero, second Doris to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Mary S. Alexander-Basta
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Martha M. Barton
VILLAGE CLERK