

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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 September 10, 2024, in Bolingbrook, Illinois, by Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mary S. Alexander-Basta requested Marcelo Valencia, to lead the pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: None

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Martha M. Barton; Village Attorney, Burt Odelson; Co-Administrators, Ken Teppel and Lucas Rickelman; Finance Director, Rosa Cojulun; Director of Public Works, Andres Orrego; Police Chief, Michael Rompa; and Fire Chief, Jeff LaJoie.

Absent: Acting IT Director, Phillip Chau; and Director of Community Development, Matt Eastman.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

Motion Lawler, second Kelly to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2024, as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS:

Attorney Odelson indicated two changes to the Agenda:

- Under E. (1) (a), addition of Proclamation “Help Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Days” – September 13 & 14, 2024
- Under D (1) (a), remove the Commissioner name of Mary Zapfel

Motion Carpanzano, second Quintero to approve the Agenda as revised.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Historic Preservation Commission

Reappointment of Bill Kohl to one-year term as Chair

Motion: Kelly
Second: Doris
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Mayor Alexander-Basta conducted the swearing-in.

Reappointment of Patricia Tredway to one-year term as Vice-Chair

Motion: Lawler
Second: Zarate
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Mayor Alexander-Basta conducted the swearing-in.

Appointment of Joseph Noce as Commissioner for a one-year term as Commissioner

Motion: Quintero
Second: Kelly
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Mayor Alexander-Basta conducted the swearing-in.

Reappointments of the following Commissioners for two-year terms:

1. Judy Bredeweg
2. Celia Chretien
3. Ruth Blumenstein-Costello
4. Ronald Ginocchio
5. Alicia Gonzalez
6. Dominick Guida
7. Mark F. Hayes
8. Michael E. O'Connor
9. Joseph Picciuca
10. Ed Russell
11. Melfa Sarkaria
12. Patricia Smith
13. Susan Varno
14. Jerry Wolak

Motion: Lawler
Second: Quintero
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Village Clerk Barton will swear these Commissioners in at their next Commission meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

1. Mayor

Proclamations

- POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 20, 2024 – Accepted by VFW Commander Greg Palmer, along with members of the VFW and American Legion
- Bolingbrook Senior Club 50th Anniversary – September 24, 2024 – Accepted by Judy Bredeweg and current president Rita Armstrong
- Proclamation “Help Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Days” – September 13 – 14, 2024 – Accepted by Chris Assaro and members of the Knights of Columbus

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

BILL APPROVAL

Motion Doris, second Carpanzano to approve expenditures submitted as:

Bill Listing A – Payables in the amount of \$ 723,785.21

Bill Listing B – Prepays in the amount of \$ 851,174.33

Total: \$1,574,959.54

(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:

June 2024 State Income Taxa \$824,132.25, a 12.9% increase from a year ago.

May 2024 Sales Tax - \$3,293,114.19, 6.7% decrease from a year ago.

June 2024 Motor Fuel Tax - \$283,705.64, a 2.3% increase from a year ago.

May 2024 State Administrative Fee - \$26,566.01

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 24R-094

APPROVING LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID FROM ABBEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONT AND REAR APPARATUS DRIVEWAYS AT FIRE STATION 4 AT 1111 W. BOUGHTON ROAD:

Motion Quintero second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving lowest responsible bid from Abbey Construction Co., Inc. for the removal and replacement of the front and rear apparatus driveways at Fire Station 4 at 1111 W. Boughton Road:

Eight bid packets were opened on August 13, 2024. The existing front and back concrete drives are in extremely poor condition which is a hazard to personnel and the community. All documents have been reviewed by our Engineering Division. The lowest bid was for \$148,625.00 plus a \$10,000.00 contingency was added to the bid. The Fire Department budgeted \$260,000.00 for this project and the cost was \$101,375.00 under the budgeted amount. Reviewed and approved by Public Safety Committee.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24R-095

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMED GREEN REGION PROGRAM FOR THE BOLINGBROOK LILY CACHE CREEK NATIVE PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS GRANT PROJECT:

Motion Kelly second Doris to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the ComEd Green Region Program for the Bolingbrook Lily Cache Creek Native Plants for Pollinators grant project:

The Village has accepted a \$10,000.00 grant to plant native vegetation along both sides of Lily Cache Creek, from Canterbury Lane to Lily Cache Lane, and has committed to matching the grant with an additional \$10,000.00 in funds. An informational board will be installed along the path behind Town Center to identify the various plants and pollinators in the area. The scope of work will be designed and completed by the Village's Forestry Section. Reviewed by all relevant personnel and officials.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24R-096

APPOINTING SCOTT PASCENTE TO ACT AS THE VILLAGE'S AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF):

Motion Doris second Quintero to adopt a resolution appointing Scott Pascente to act as the Village's authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal retirement fund (IMRF):

Only one authorized agent is permitted for the Village. Previously, Rosa Cojulun, the Finance Director, served as the Village's authorized agent as per Resolution (13R-043). A Notice of Appointment for the new authorized agent must be sent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Reviewed by all relevant personnel and officials.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24R-097

APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM HOMER TREE CARE, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL BLOCK TREE TRIM:

Motion Kelly, second Doris to adopt a resolution approving proposal from Homer Tree Care, Inc. for residential block tree trim.

General tree pruning will be conducted on Village properties and parkways in residential areas, ensuring clearances for street lighting, vehicles, and pedestrians. The service will be provided at the same rate as in 2023, with a total cost of \$375,000.00 to prune approximately 6,000 trees. Reviewed and approved by Public Services Committee.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24R-098

APPROVING J. HSSERT LANDSCAPING, INC. PROPOSAL FOR FALL 2024 TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM:

Motion Doris, second Lawler to adopt a resolution approving J. Hassert Landscaping, Inc. proposal for fall 2024 tree replacement program.

The Village plans to replace approximately 250 dead or diseased trees. Five requests for proposals were sent out, and four responses were received. The lowest proposal priced the replacement at \$435.00 per tree, resulting in a total cost of \$108,750.00.

Reviewed and approved by Public Services Committee.

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

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 24-045
AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (“TOBACCO LICENSES”), ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 5, SECTION 12-316 OF THE BOLINGBROOK VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE SALE OF TOBACCO WITHIN THE VILLAGE:

Motion Quintero, second Kelly to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 12 (“Tobacco Licenses”), Article 2, Division 5, Section 12-136 of the Bolingbrook Village Code regarding the sale of tobacco within the Village.

The amendment changes the tobacco license due date from December 15th to November 15th to align with the due date for liquor licenses. This adjustment requires the annual fee to be paid on or before November 15th of the year preceding the issuance of the license.

Reviewed by all relevant personnel and officials.

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:

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

ATTORNEY ODELSON:

Discussed the ongoing issue with Illinois American Water. Over 300 people attended the public forum. Over 700 customers sent comments to the Illinois Commerce Commission website and to CUB. They also hired two experts who testified to the hearing officer why a rate increase should be denied.

He then detailed the over-500 pages of briefs that were submitted. The one submitted by the Village of Bolingbrook took a totally different approach from the others. Instead of citing statistics, the Village’s cited the residents’ right to clean air and clean water at an affordable

price. He also mentioned that Mayor Alexander-Basta was the only mayor who submitted an affidavit, as well.

He concluded with the comment that in the case of the increase being approved, or approved at an unacceptable level, there is a legal process whereby the decision can be appealed.

MAYOR ALEXANDER-BASTA:

Mentioned that LIV is already in town, and gave kudos to Public Works and Public Safety for all of their preparations for the event. Permit parking only will be allowed in adjacent neighborhoods. There will be remote parking for all attendees. Reported that there have been a number of compliments from the players so far.

TRUSTEE LAWLER:

- Expressed his excitement to have this level of tournament at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, commenting that he was on the board when the golf club's construction was approved and built, with the vision that this level of golf could someday come to the club.
- Mentioned his gratitude to Joe Gross and his commission for doing such a great job with the Pathways Parade the previous Sunday.

TRUSTEE ZARATE:

- Announced El Grito on Saturday, August 14th behind Village Hall, celebrating Mexican Independence.
- Thanked all those who attended the Pathways Parade for their support.

TRUSTEE CARPANZANO:

- Reminded everyone that the following day, Sept. 11th, is National Day of Service & Patriot Day, in commemoration of the Sept. 11th attacks.

TRUSTEE DORIS:

- Announced that Saturday, August 21st, is the celebration of the Day of the Immigrant behind Village Hall.

TRUSTEE KELLY:

- Congratulated all of the new and reappointed Commissioners
- Announced that September 11th is the Bolingbrook Women's Club annual membership drive.

TRUSTEE QUINTERO:

- Reminded everyone to get their tickets to LIV, which is a great event for Bolingbrook with a very positive economic impact on the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Quintero, second Carpanzano to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mary S. Alexander-Basta
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Martha M. Barton
VILLAGE CLERK