

## VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



# **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

the health, safety and welfare of its residents. To avoid the transmittance of the COVID-19 virus. residents of the Village are invited to attend this meeting telephonically.

Specifically, residents are encouraged to call into the following teleconference line (712) 775-7031 in order to listen to the live meeting. After dialing the teleconference line, you will be prompted to enter the following conference ID: 245-795. After you have entered this conference ID. you will be able to listen to the meeting.

Additionally, residents are encouraged to email their questions and public comments to clinan@southchicagoheights.com prior to and during the meeting. The emails will be read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

A Regular Board of Trustee meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Mayor Matthews

Village President

John Ross Terry Fiorenzo Trustee Trustee

Matt Welch

Attorney

#### Dialed in by phone:

Catherine Linan

Village Clerk

Eugene Fazzini Sally Marrufo

Trustee Trustee

Eric Stanton

Trustee

Mark Martin

Public Works

Nora Gomez

Administrator

Bill Joyce Nick Goncher Police Chief

John Dolasinski

**Building Director** 

Treasurer

Chris Bednarek

Deputy Fire Chief

Trustee Tracy Bosco, Fire Chief Vlietstra and Deputy Police Chief Kozinski were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Stanton motioned to approve the Appropriation Public Hearing meeting minutes of December 21, 2020, seconded by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:</u> Trustee Ross motioned to approve the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes of January 19, 2021, seconded by Trustee Marrufo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

<u>APPROVAL OF COW MEETING MINUTES:</u> Trustee Ross motioned to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 with one correction that Juneteenth is June 19<sup>th</sup> not June 5th seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Clerk Linan stated that no questions were submitted electronically.

APPROVAL OF THE MANUAL CHECK LIST OF JANUARY 31, 2021: Trustee Fiorenzo motioned to approve the manual check list seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021:</u> Trustee Ross motioned to approve the bill list seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

### TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Fire Chief Bednarek stated that there were 120 calls for fire service in the month of January and that the department was awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$6,875.57 for COVID reimbursement expenses.

Police Chief Joyce stated that there were 520 calls for police service in January 2021. Chief Joyce explained that he received an executive order for safety policing policy and that the department has been certified.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

2021-ORD-3: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE ONE CLASS K LIQUOR LICENSE: Mayor Matthews presented the ordinance. Trustee Fazzini motioned to approve the ordinance seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2021-ORD-4: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE ONE CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE: Mayor Matthews presented the ordinance and stated Paulie's Pub is being sold and that this is for the new owner Scott Donkel. Lisa Schultz stated that Scott will be a good fit for Paulie's. Scott Donkel summarized both his and his wife's and him experience in the bar business and stated that they love to cook and are looking forward to working with the community. Trustee Ross motioned to approve the ordinance seconded, by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2021-R-2: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS AND ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AGREED TO ISSUE A GRANT FROM ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPAL RELIEF PROGRAM: Mayor Matthews presented the resolution. Administrator Gomez explained round 5 of the grant and that she was increasing the amount to \$50,000.00 to help offset the cost of possible demolition on abandoned homes. Trustee Stanton motioned to approve the resolution seconded, by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2021-R-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE PROPOSAL BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND CONCENTRIC INTEGRATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE VILLAGE SCADA WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENDING IEPA LOAN ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS: Mayor Matthews presented the resolution. Administrator Gomez explained that the Village is going to

use the IEPA loan funds for this project. Trustee Stanton motioned to approve the resolution seconded, by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2021-R-4: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND BAXTER & WOODMAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE IEPA LOAN TO UPGRADE THE VILLAGE SCADA WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: Mayor Matthews presented the resolution. Administrator Gomez explained that this a 50% forgivable loan. Trustee Fiorenzo motioned to approve the resolution seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

<u>APPROVAL</u> – <u>GARBAGE RATE INCREASE</u>: Mayor Matthews asked Finance Director Dolasinski to explain. Finance Director Dolasinski recommend a \$1.00 per month fee increase to stay consistent with our garbage contract. Trustee Fiorenzo motioned to approve the \$1.00 increase seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

APPROVAL – LOWEST BIDDER FOR 2019 CDBG WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS: Mayor Matthews presented the bid tab and asked Rich Gallas from Baxter Woodman to explain. Rich Gallas summarized the two bids and stated that M & J Underground was the lowest bidder at \$182,916.27 and recommended M & J Underground. Trustee Ross motioned to approve M & J Underground as the lowest bidder for \$189,916.27 seconded, by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

<u>APPROVAL – COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES:</u> Mayor Matthews stated that an annual cost of living raise was in the 2021 operation budget and stated that the increase is 2% for all non-union employees. Trustee Ross motioned to approve the 2% cost of living increase seconded, by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Eugene Fazzini, Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, & John Ross.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco. Motion carried 5 to 0.

#### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

Mr. Scott Donkel of Paulie's Pub located at 2736 Chicago Road summarized his plans for the business. Mayor Matthews stated that once the building was inspected by building and fire department and all violations were repaired a license could be issued.

Mayor Matthews stated that this license is for OM Gaming which is the business that shares a location with Wing Stop located at 44 W Sauk Trail. Mayor Matthews asked if Mr. Patel was present and no reply. Mayor Matthews stated that once all requirements have been met with the building and fire department, a license could be issued.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT:</u> Mayor Matthews stated that he received an email from Mario Planera requesting a color choice for the Village Hall canopy improvements and that he needed the Trustees to review and provide their color choice as soon as possible because the material would take 6 to 8 weeks to order.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Ross motioned to adjourn the Regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Fiorenzo. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Catherine Linan, Village Clerk

Dated