

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VILLAGE OF NILES
May 24, 2022
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 Regular Meeting was called to order by Village Attorney Danielle Grcic at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village of Niles Municipal Building, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Attorney Grcic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Village Clerk Marlene J. Victorine called the roll. Board members present were Trustees John C. Jekot, Danette O'Donovan Matyas, Craig Niedermaier and Dean Strzelecki. President George D. Alpogianis and Trustee Joe LoVerde were absent.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM In the absence of President Alpogianis, Attorney Grcic asked for a nomination for President Pro Tem. Trustee Niedermaier made a motion to nominate Trustee Matyas as President Pro Tem, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Pro Tem Matyas took her seat as Board Chair and President Pro Tem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2022 Dollars for Scholars Recipients** – Congratulations to Katherine “Kate” Bachman and Stanislaw Swiatek! Fred Braun, Niles Chamber Board member and Dollars for Scholars Committee member, announced the two high school senior scholarship winners – each receiving a \$4,000 Scholarship.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony and Milwaukee Avenue Street Closure** – Niles VFW Post 3579 will hold its Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30 at the Veterans Memorial Waterfall at Milwaukee and Touhy Avenues.

Milwaukee Avenue will be closed until noon from Touhy to Harts Road to accommodate the Ceremony.

- **4th of July Parade and Park District Family Fest** – Parade step off at 8:45 a.m. from Notre Dame College Prep followed by the Park District's Family Fest at Grennan Heights
- **Concerts in the Park** – Free Concerts at Oak Park, located at Main and Ottawa, every Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- **Niles Veterans Wellness Fair** - Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579 located at 7255 N. Caldwell (Hosted by Niles Family Services)
- **Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event** in Partnership with SWANCC will be held on June 25 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at Niles Public Works, 6949 W. Touhy Avenue
- **Textile Recycling Program Updates** – Simple Recycling will no longer provide automatic curbside collection for textiles. Residents are now required to schedule a pick-up online at simplerecycling.com or by calling (866) 835-5068. Residents will no longer be required to use the orange bags. Textiles can be placed in boxes or clean bags and placed by the front door for pickup.
- **Buy Your Vehicle Stickers by June 30** - Village Hall will be open two Saturdays, June 18 and June 25, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon for vehicle sticker purchase. The Village also offers online bill pay and accepts debit and credit card payments: www.vniles.com/onlinebillpay.
- **Village Facilities will be Closed on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022**

PROCLAMATIONS

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2022

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine reported on the June 28, 2022, Gubernatorial Primary Election. She provided information regarding voter registration and availability of applications for mail-in ballots. She announced that Niles is once again an Early Voting site, however, most likely the location will be moved to the Niles Senior Center, Room 131, beginning June 13 through June 27, Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any election questions should be forwarded to the Village Clerk's Office.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Niedermaier

General Government/IT Committee

Trustee Niedermaier reported that the General Government/IT Committee met on May 10 and discussed hiring of a Federal

lobbyist to help the Village find money and programs in the recently reinvigorated Federal earmark system. The Committee discussed IT projects and getting the Village migrated to Office 365; IT Director Ali also presented a request to perform a network and infrastructure assessment Village-wide for IT improvement. The Committee discussed the need to address a failing Audio Visual system in the Council Chambers and Police Training Room. HR Director Donna Dunn presented the goals of the HR Department and plans for increased efficiencies. Deputy Manager Kathy Thake presented parameters of the renewed Solid Waste Agency contract. Community Engagement Coordinator Katie Schneider presented a contract for a stock photo library of Village imagery to better depict diversity of the Village in marketing pieces.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Advisory Group

Trustee Niedermaier reported that the Bike and Ped Plan Group met on May 23 in a Town Hall fashion for the purpose of discussing the latest phase of the Village's complete streets directive which is focusing on Fargo and Jarvis Streets. Many residents attended and there was a lively discussion including concerns regarding this project which seeks to complete a functional sidewalk system from Nordica to Waukegan along Fargo and Jarvis. The Group decided that a feedback study of the neighborhood was in order to allow the Committee to determine next steps. The Committee then discussed new technology that passably triggers flashing lights which was considered for the Howard Street Bike Path. It was noted that many riders do not manually activate the buttons and sometimes the flashing lights startle motorists. The Group will gather pricing info and will discuss at a future Advisory Group meeting.

Trustee Jekot

Northwest Municipal Conference

Trustee Jekot reported on the May 18 Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala held at Ravinia in Highland Park. Deerfield Mayor Dan Shapiro was inaugurated as the 2022-2023 Northwest Municipal Conference President. Schaumburg Village President Tom Dailly was installed as Vice President with Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig as Secretary and Lincolnwood Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura as Treasurer. 158 members and guests celebrated the accomplishments of outgoing President and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering and viewed a video highlighting efforts of the Northwest Municipal Conference members helping residents and businesses as the region manages to recover from the pandemic.

Trustee Jekot announced the return of the St. John Brebeuf Summerfest and Carnival on June 23 through June 26 on the parish grounds with food provided by Lone Tree Manor. There will be a DJ and live bands on Friday and Saturday. For more information check out Sjbrebeuf.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston commented on the closure of Milwaukee Avenue on Memorial Day and her concerns regarding how this will affect traffic for those traveling to the Memorial Day ceremonies at St. Adalbert Cemetery and Maryhill Cemetery both located on Milwaukee Avenue.

Rosemary Palicki, Niles

Ms. Palicki commented on the change in pickup procedure for the Simple Recycling Program and that she and others on her block were not aware of the change. She asked if the Village receives money for the textiles Simple Recycling picks up but more importantly, she asked what Simple Recycling does with the items. Ms. Palicki commented on New Business Item 13.c Contractual Agreement with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins for Legal Services for the Golf Mill Redevelopment Project which seems contradictory since there is an advisory referendum question for voters on the June 28 ballot asking whether the Village should support the Golf Mill Redevelopment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS

President Pro Tem Matyas 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 Jekot, to allow items 12.a through 12.x to be included on the Consent Agenda. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine read Consent Agenda items 12.a through 12.x into the record:

#12.a Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

#12.b Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article XI. Arts and Humanities, Division 1. Public Arts and Culture Program, Sec. 2-601 to the Niles Code of Ordinances

#12.c Ordinance Adding Chapter 22 Businesses, Article XXII. Outdoor Seating Areas, Sec. 22-693 through Sec. 22-699 to the Niles Code of Ordinances

#12.d Ordinance Granting and Accepting a Plat of Right of Way Dedication for Certain Property Located at 7300 Melvina

#12.e Ordinance Granting and Accepting a Plat of Temporary Easement Dedication for Certain Property Located at 7300 Melvina

#12.f Ordinance Approving a Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision as Required in Chapter 90 Subdivision, Sec. 90-8 for the Property Commonly Known as 8041 Merrill Street (22-ZP-09)

#12.g Ordinance Approving a Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision as required in Chapter 90 Subdivision, Sec. 90-8 for the Property Commonly Known as 7401 W. Oakton Street (22-ZP-11)

#12.h Ordinance Approving an Extension of Ordinance 2021-28 Allowing a Special Use Permit as Required in Section 15.4 (G) for the Property at 7900 Milwaukee Avenue

#12.i Ordinance Approving a Change Order Number 1 for Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project (ITEP IV) Local Agency Construction Match by Increasing the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Price by \$15,671.65 for a Total Agreement Construction Amount of \$185,705.17 and Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds to Pay for Such Change Order

#12.j Supplemental Resolution Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to Pay for the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project (ITEP IV) Local Agency Construction Match

#12.k Ordinance Approving a Change Order Number 1 for Engineering Services for Design & Construction Engineering for

the 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Program From Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., by Increasing the Contract Price by \$13,616 for a Total Contract Amount of \$385,191 and Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds to Pay for Such Change Order

#12.l Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Niles and the State and Municipal Teamsters, Chauffeurs & Helpers Local 700, International Brotherhood of the Teamsters (Fire Union)

#12.m Resolution Authorizing a Bid Waiver and Contractual Agreement for Office 365 / Microsoft 365 Migration Services by Computer Drive of Skokie in the Amount of \$41,300

#12.n Resolution Approving a Contractual Agreement with The Lakota Group for Engineering Services for Community Signage Design + Site Planning in the Amount of \$46,220

#12.o Resolution Appointing President George D. Alpogianis as Director and Trustee John C. Jekot and Village Manager Joseph S. La Margo as Alternate Directors to the Board of Directors of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) for FY2023

#12.p Resolution Appointing President George D. Alpogianis as Director and Trustee John C. Jekot and Village Manager Joseph S. La Margo as Alternate Directors to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for FY2023

#12.q Resolution Appointing Trustee Dean Strzelecki as Director to the Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center Board of Directors for FY2023

#12.r Resolution Appointing Fire Chief Martin C. Feld as a Director and Village Manager Joseph S. La Margo as an Alternate Director to the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) for FY 2023

#12.s Board Approval – Ratification of Motor Fuel Purchases from Al Warren Oil Co. Inc. in the Amount of \$83,328.48

#12.t Board Approval – Professional Evidence Analysis and Processing from Northern Illinois Regional Crime Lab in the Amount of \$45,022

#12.u Board Approval – Authorizing a Bid Waiver and Purchase for the Monthly Usage Fees of the STARCOM for a Total Amount of \$30,120

#12.v Board Approval – Annual Bid Waiver to Purchase 2022-2023 Annual Police Winter and Spring Uniforms from JG Uniforms of Chicago

#12.w Board Approval – Authorizing a Bid Waiver and Purchase for the Automated License Plate Reader from Flock Safety in the Amount of \$38,896 for the First Year and \$34,396 Recurring Annually for Five Years

#12.x Board Approval - Authorizing a Bid Waiver for a Purchase for Updating Audio Visual Technology for the Council Chambers and the Police Training Room Service and Materials Provided by Abt Electronics in the Amount \$27,016.97

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier, to approve Consent Agenda Items 12.a through 12.x. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment as Required in Appendix B, Section 15.2 From R-2 Single-Family Residential to PI Public/Institutional Lands District for the Property at 7401 W. Oakton Street (22-ZP-10)

Trustee Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to adopt the Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property at 7401 W. Oakton Street from its current zoning designation of 'R-2 – Single-Family Residential' to 'PI - Public/Institutional Lands District' with the following conditions:

1. A 6 foot sound-deadening fence shall be erected along the entire Southern lot line of the Western parking lot, continuing North along the Western lot line of the parking lot until the first curb cut. The fence shall tie into the existing fence of the homeowner to the south.
2. Jerry's Fruit & Garden will be required to patrol the Western parking lot for garbage and prohibit employees from eating or loitering in the parking lot. If the employees violate any conditions, Jerry's will be cited by the Police Department and/or Code Enforcement.

The Planning and Zoning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval of the request at a public hearing held on May 2, 2022.

Trustee Strzelecki made a friendly amendment to strike the words “eating or” from condition #2, seconded by Trustee Jekot. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property at 7401 W. Oakton Street from its current zoning designation of ‘R-2 – Single-Family Residential’ to ‘PI - Public/Institutional Lands District’ with two conditions, as amended, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Authorizing a
Bid Award and Contractual
Agreement with
Chicagoland Paving
Company to Provide the
2022 Street Improvement
Program Civic Center Plaza
(Human Services/Fitness)
Parking Lots in the Amount
of \$190,000**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier, to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Chicagoland Paving Company to Provide the 2022 Street Improvement Program Civic Center Plaza (Human Services/Fitness) Parking Lots in the Amount of \$190,000. Bids were received and opened on April 27, 2022 from four bidders for the 2022 Street Improvement Program Civic Center Plaza (Human Services/Fitness) Parking Lots. Chicagoland Paving Company provided the lowest bid price of \$190,000 and has met all bid requirements. The next lowest bidder was A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc, in the amount of \$208,000. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. to Provide Legal Services for the Golf Mill Shopping Center Redevelopment Project Not to Exceed \$50,000

Trustee Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd. to Provide Legal Services for the Golf Mill Shopping Center Redevelopment Project Not to Exceed \$50,000. The Village received a proposal from Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. provide legal services for the Golf Mill Shopping Center Redevelopment Project. Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. has extensive experience with tax increment financing and complex redevelopment agreement including the Hawthorn Center Redevelopment Agreement in Vernon Hills, and the Wheeling Town Center redevelopment agreement in Wheeling, among many others. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Arrow Road Construction Company to Provide the 2022 Street Improvement Program in the Amount of \$4,098,434.38

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier, to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Arrow Road Construction Company to Provide the 2022 Street Improvement Program in the Amount of \$4,098,434.38. Bids were received from five firms for the 2022 Street Improvement Program. Arrow Road Construction Company provided the lowest bid price of \$4,098,434.38 and has met all bid requirements. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with Grcic Law, LLC for all Village Prosecution Services on behalf of the Village of Niles for Fiscal Year 2023 in the Amount of \$80,200

Trustee Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with Grcic Law, LLC for all Village Prosecution Services on behalf of the Village of Niles for Fiscal Year 2023 in the Amount of \$80,200. The prosecution services on behalf of the Village include Circuit Court of Cook County traffic violations, DUIs, misdemeanors, and Adjudication Hearings conducted in-house including Police, Community Development, impound, business license and liquor hearings. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Approving a Contractual Agreement with FGM Architects Inc., to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services for Preparation of Construction Documents and Bidding Services for Improvements to the Public Works Facility Located at 6849 Touhy Avenue in the Amount of \$203,515

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier, to approve the Resolution Approving a Contractual Agreement with FGM Architects Inc., to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services for Preparation of Construction Documents and Bidding Services for Improvements to the Public Works Facility Located at 6849 Touhy Avenue in the Amount of \$203,515. The Village completed Phase I of the Public Works campus redesign project prior to the pandemic by relocating the fuel station to the front of the yard. The fueling site was relocated in preparation of future phases which include a larger capacity salt dome with a larger footprint. Because it was considered site preparation, that project was TIF eligible and TIF funds were used. The larger dome is needed, as best management practice dictates that a municipality have 150% of annual, average salt use on hand prior to the start of a winter season. Currently, the dome holds less than 50% of that average, annual usage. When compared to surrounding municipalities, Niles ranks last in percentage of average usage capacity.

In addition to the dome, the project includes the demolition of cinder block buildings and other storage facilities which are also failing, having outlived their life expectancy (built in the 1960s.) This storage will be replaced via an extension to the truck garage. Minor utility relocation, new fencing and the resurfacing of the employee parking lot will also be included, as all are necessary. Community Development would like to include a Plat of Consolidation along with this project, which resulted in this item being over budget \$13,515. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Board Approval - Annual Payment to Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for Fiscal Year 2023 Operation and Maintenance Costs in

Trustee Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, for Board Approval of an Annual Payment to Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for Fiscal Year 2023 Operation and Maintenance Costs in the Amount of \$427,824 pursuant to the Article VII of Project Use Agreement between the Village and SWANCC dated March 25, 1992. At the beginning of

**the Amount of \$427,824
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each fiscal year, the Village creates a blanket purchase order for the annual payment to SWANCC. Based on the SWANCC's FY23 annual budget as approved by the SWANCC Board; the Niles portion is based on the estimated tons with a true up at the end of the year. This year the annual fee to SWANCC for FY2023 Operation and Management costs based on an estimated 8,530 tons at \$50.15/ton. General Government/IT Committee reviewed and approved this item on May 10, 2022. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report
April 2022**

Trustee Jekot made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to approve the accounts payable, including payroll in the amount of \$6,179,273 for the month ending April 2022.

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2022 be approved and filed for audit with a beginning cash balance of \$56,293,865, receipts of \$19,471,809, disbursements of \$19,259,341 and ending cash balance of \$56,506,333. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: 4 Jekot, Matyas, Niedermaier, Strzelecki
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 LoVerde
ABSTAIN: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETINGS

June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susanne Atanus, 60016

Ms. Atanus commented that her neighbor at 8409 Betty Terrace in Niles hired a contractor to put in a new driveway and sloped the land toward their house which is causing flooding. She commented on the cost of a house expansion and stated that we charge too much. Ms. Atanus is not in favor of paying \$50,000 for attorneys for Golf Mill.

James Hui, Niles

Mr. Hui commented on Mayor Alpogianis' misleading comments at the last meeting that the Niles-Maine District Library has to do a better job of budgeting. Mr. Hui read from an email Resident Elizabeth Lynch sent to Mayor Alpogianis, and he quoted her: "the Niles-Maine District Library consistently looks conservative and moderate in its spending. I would also caution comparing the Library with the Village in terms of property tax revenue. The Library relies on property tax for about 95% of its revenue. The Village relies on property tax for only 7% of its revenue. The Village is able to fund more employees, more services, and more buildings because it collects about \$47 million in state and local sales taxes." Mr. Hui was also speaking on behalf of Renee Sutherland who wants the Village to take a look at the property tax bill, which shows the Village is \$30 million in debt compared to the Library and local schools. Mr. Hui ended with "Save Niles Library".

David Sutherland, Niles

Mr. Sutherland commented that tomorrow is the two year anniversary of the death of George Floyd and the beginning of the black lives matter uprising and the request to defund the police. He stated that Policing serves to funnel people into incarceration. He commented on the approval tonight of the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader from Flock Safety which he feels are a violation of our privacy and a threat to people moving about in Niles. He stated that he is very disappointed that the Board rammed this purchase through without further input and this is how white supremacy is perpetuated.

Trustee Niedermaier commented on the Flock cameras and stated that he has spoken with the Police Chief and Former Police Chief Strzelecki and he voted yes because he does trust the Village's Police Force. He believes that you start locally and make it right there – he does not like the cameras and can see evidence of abuse everywhere, not so much in the government, but in private business with the use of private information. He also believes these cameras should have a lot more regulation; however, after doing his due

diligence he is satisfied for what we are currently using them for, which is largely stolen vehicles, amber alerts. Trustee Niedermaier feels confident that the Village and Police Force will reevaluate our approach to these cameras every year to make sure this is done correctly. The Village will not be actively using the cameras, it must be triggered for us to use them. Trustee Niedermaier is comfortable where the Village stands on this.

Ticia Doughty, Niles

Ms. Doughty commented to the Police Officers in Texas who came to the aid of the school where 15 people were shot and killed. Shootings are everywhere. Ms. Doughty referenced various disturbing incidents in Niles at Gemini School, Culver School, Emerson School and assault at Niles West – all sad and unacceptable. She hopes that Niles is prepared and that this will never happen here, as it is heartbreaking.

Louella Preston, Niles

Ms. Preston commented on her concern as a woman and a resident that Niles Police vehicles do not have lights on their roofs so they are easily distinguishable by everyone. She asked the Board to please think of adding lights to roofs. She is also concerned about people on the street corners begging for money with signs that say they are homeless, what is she to do about that? Finally, Ms. Preston commented on the June Election Referenda questions and encouraged a no vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Strzelecki made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Niedermaier. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Village Clerk



Village President

