The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present for roll call were Trustees Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, and Vela, and President Skillman. Also present were Village Manager Johnson, Attorney Stewart, Fire Chief Schilling, Deputy Police Chief Shaver, and Village Clerk Mastera. Trustee Frost was absent from the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Skillman.

**INVOCATION** – Lead by Pastor Dexter K. Ball, Faithwalk Harvest Center

**PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AND AWARDS** –

A. Award for the Winner of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Chief Schilling introduced Fire Fighter Matt Tracy, who currently manages the annual poster contest. Tracy said that of the 3,300 students in the Village of Carpentersville in grades K-5, they had 1515 posters turned in, or 46% participation, which is the highest participation they’ve ever had. Tracy said they’ve seen an increase since they introduced the traveling trophy to make it a competition between schools. Additionally, Tracy explained that the drawings are actually done on Woodman’s paperbags, where they are eventually returned and used to bag groceries, spreading the message throughout the community. He said the theme of this year was “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape – Plan and Practice Your Escape.” Tracy presented the trophy to Mr. Jorge Almodovar, the principal of Meadowdale Elementary School, which won for its third year in a row with 83% of its students participating.

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH** –

A. Reappointment of Michael Kilbourne to the Fire Pension Board

Motion to approve the reappointment by Trustee O’Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Vela.

Vote on Motion:
6 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Vela, and Skillman)
0 – nay
1 – absent (Frost)
0 – abstain
Motion passed and approved by vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
CONSENT AGENDA –

President Skillman asked if any Board Member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further review and discussion. Trustee Garcia asked that Item A be removed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item A by Trustee Andresen, seconded by Trustee Malone.

A. Approval of Bills

- Fiscal Year 2019 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: $1,652,859.07
- Fiscal Year 2020 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: $658,182.52

B. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2019

C. Approval to Expend $1,800 and Authorization for the Co-Sponsorship with the Dundee Township Park District for the 2020 Concert in the Park Events

D. Approval of Side Letter Agreement with Carpentersville Firefighters Association SEIU Local 73 (Part Time Fire Fighters)

Vote on Motion:

6 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Vela, and Skillman)
0 – nay
1 – absent (Frost)

Motion passed, approved by omnibus vote.

REPORTS OF THE MANAGER AND STAFF –

A. Branding Initiative Update

Manager Johnson invited the branding team to give an update to the Village Board. Cindy Bodie introduced Karl Wolf and Adam Parchert, and explained that since the Carpentersville Today website has been launched, the last five months have been focused on development, refinement, and determining how to make things work better. Ms. Bodie spoke about the “Faces and Places” videos that are featured on the website. Mr. Parchert gave an update on the social media presence and interactions.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Garcia recused himself and exited the room at 7:22 p.m.

Motion to approve Item A by Trustee O’Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Andresen.

A. Approval of Bills

- Fiscal Year 2019 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: $1,652,859.07
- Fiscal Year 2020 Bills List and Payroll Totaling: $658,182.52

Vote on Motion:

5 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Vela, and Skillman)
0 – nay
2 – absent (Frost and Garcia)

Motion passed.
Trustee Garcia reentered the room at 7:23 p.m.

TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Vela had the following report:
- She said she did not attend the last meeting of the year and said she missed the opportunity to thank all the Village employees for another great year. She said their professionalism and quality of service has not gone unnoticed and that they’re very proud of the work they do.
- She thanked Fire Chief Schilling and the Carpentersville Fire Department for the toys donation for the CFRC (Community Family Resource Center) center which provided for over forty families in need. She said it is a time of great need and they’re very grateful for the wonderful gesture.

Trustee Andresen had the following report:
- She thanked the Rotary Club which put on the Polar Express movie event which had a great turnout.

Trustee O’Sullivan had no report this evening.

Trustee Malone had the following report:
- He said he attended the Jelkes Creek Fox River Watershed Coalition meeting yesterday and said they wanted to thank the Village for being a top participant along with the Village of Algonquin and they hope to work with us on future projects.

Trustee Garcia had the following report:
- He wished Happy New Year to all those in the Village.
- He attended the swearing in of a new officer and got to say good-bye to one of the oldest officers who is retiring.

President Skillman had the following report:
- He thanked the Board and staff for everything. He wished a Happy New Year to everyone. He said 2020 will be bigger and better.

CLOSED SESSION –

Trustee Garcia motioned to adjourn to Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Andresen, to discuss Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act - Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Vote on Motion:
6 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Vela, and Skillman)
0 – nay
1 – absent (Frost)

Motion passed.
The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:27 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

XIV. Action Item Following Closed Session

Motion to approve Item A by Trustee O’Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Malone.

A. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Former Manager, Authorizing Payment Thereof, not to Exceed $220,000

Vote on Motion:
   6 – ayes (Garcia, Malone, O’Sullivan, Andresen, Vela, and Skillman)
   0 – nay
   1 – absent (Frost)

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT
As there was no further business, Trustee Garcia motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Andresen. Voice vote was unanimous, all six members present voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Mastera

Kelly Mastera, Village Clerk