



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



**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

Regular meeting was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Mayor Matthews requested Clerk Linan to call roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Mayor	Sally Marrufo	Trustee
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Maryclare Touhy	Attorney	Nick Goncher	Bldg. Director
John Ross	Trustee	William Joyce	Police Chief
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee	Mark Martin	DPW Director
Eris Stanton	Trustee	Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief
Rose Ann Diederich	Trustee		

Trustee Tracy Bosco, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Acting Deputy Chief Bianco, and Administrator Nora Gomez were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Matthews presented the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting for April 3, 2023. Trustee Marrufo motioned to approve the Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes of April 3, 2023, seconded by Trustee Ross. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Terry Fiorenzo, Sally Marrufo, John Ross & Rose Ann Diederich.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Eric Stanton.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

**APPOINTMENT - MEMBER OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** Mayor Matthews introduced Michael Andrade and summarized his work experience. Clerk Linan swore in Michael Andrade to the Planning and Zoning Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 17, 2023:** Mayor Matthews presented the bill list of April 17, 2023. Trustee Diederich motioned to approve the bill list of April 17, 2023, seconded by Trustee Marrufo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, John Ross & Rose Ann Diederich.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

**TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Trustee Marrufo reminded everyone that Operation Pride will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> where residents can put out additional garbage except for excessive construction material and auto parts over 50 lbs. or auto tires on the regular scheduled garbage pick-up.

Director Goncher stated that in the first quarter of 2023, his department issued 67 building permits.

Fire Chief Vlietstra summarized the ambulance accident last Tuesday on Rt#30 transporting a patient. Chief Vlietstra stated that the ambulance was struck by a distracted driver and that our driver was injured. Chief Vlietstra stated that the ambulance will be out for a few months, but the AFG grant from Park Forest has a reserve ambulance for us to use.

Chief Vlietstra summarized the new cadet program in partnership with Bloom High School and Prairie State College and that he is hoping to recruit new firefighters from this program.

Police Chief Joyce stated that approximately a year ago Senator Joyce assisted the department with a grant award of \$25,000.00 to use for body cameras. Chief Joyce stated that his department is training the full-time officers and hoping to be implementing the cameras by June 1, 2023.

Director Martin stated that since January 1<sup>st</sup> his department has had 5 water main breaks, 2 valve replacements, 1 valve repair, 1 service line replacement, 1 service line repair, 1 sanitary sewer repair, 2 storm sewer repairs, 2 sanitary camera inspections, 3 fire hydrant replacements, 14 sanitary and storm jetting, and 1 guardrail replacement.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 2023-ORD-14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 18-729 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITED SALES OF CIGARETTES:** Mayor Matthews presented the resolution.

Trustee Marrufo motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, John Ross & Rose Ann Diederich.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

**RESOLUTION 2023-R-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A TERMS SHEET AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2730 CHICAGO ROAD:**

Mayor Matthews presented the resolution and explained that the Cook County Landbank owns this property which we are acquiring for parking lot for 2728 Chicago Road. Trustee Ross motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Fiorenzo. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, John Ross & Rose Ann Diederich.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

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### **RESOLUTION 2023-R-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A PROPOSAL FROM DESIDERIO LANDSCAPING:**

Mayor Matthews presented the resolution and explained that this proposal is for the planting of the flowers throughout the village. Trustee Marrufo motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee Stanton. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Terry Fiorenzo, Eric Stanton, Sally Marrufo, John Ross & Rose Ann Diederich.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tracy Bosco.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSE:** Mr. Christopher Pascarella of Pascarella's Sandwich Shop located 2728 Chicago Road explained his business and the type of food he will be serving. Discussion ensued regarding the hour of operation. Mayor Matthews explained that once he passed the fire and building inspections, a license could be issued. Trustee Ross stated that Mr. Pascarella has done a wonderful job rehabbing this building.

### **DISCUSSION - RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES**

- 1. MR. ALFRED HADDAD OF PERROS BROTHERS LOCATED AT 2603 CHICAGO ROAD:** Mr. Alfred Haddad was present and reviewed the pictures of his property and problems with business and outside appearance. Discussion ensued regarding the visual violation found on the property. Mr. Haddad stated that he will get all the violations fixed in 30 days from today.
- 2. MR. ROBERT HADDAD OF 18 & 30 EAST SAUK TRAIL, NO BUSINESS:** Mr. Robert Haddad was present and reviewed the pictures of his property and all the violations that are present. Mayor Matthews stated that there was no business license issued to this property. Discussion ensued regarding the violations and the resolution to vehicle and truck storage on the property. Mr. Haddad stated that owners of the truck trailers were notified to remove them from the property. Mayor Matthews stated that Mr. Haddad has 30 days to eliminate the violations.
- 3. MR. ALMAD OLAIMI OF SAHARA TIRE SHOP LOCATED AT 65 E SAUK TRAIL:** Mr. Almas Olaimi was present and reviewed the pictures of his property and all the problems with his business and the appearance of his property. Mr. Olaimi stated that he is having the parking lot repaired and all the tires cleaned up and abandoned vehicles removed from property. Mayor Matthews stated that he has 30 days to fix all the violations on his property.
- 4. MR. JONATHON BARR OF JMB AUTOMOTIVE LLC LOCATED AT 82 EAST SAUK TRAIL:** Mr. Jonathon Barr reviewed the pictures of the property with all the violations. Discussion ensued regarding the parking of the cars in the front, the vehicles being stored on the side of the property, and the fire hazard that exists trying to get to the building. Mayor Matthews explained that they have 30 days to fix all the violations on the property.
- 5. MR. SALVADOR GOMEZ OF R & E PALLETS LOCATED AT 3001 EAST END AVE:** Mr. Salvador Gomez was present and reviewed the pictures of his property and seen all the violations stacking pallets too high and too close to East End Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding the violations and Mr. Gomez stated that he would move the pallets to a facility in Indiana. Mayor Matthews stated that he has 30 days to remove all violations on the property.
- 6. MR. GARRETT EATINGER OF ACME AUTO ELECTRIC LOCATED AT 2638 CHICAGO ROAD:** Mr. Garrett Eatinger was present, and Mayor Matthews asked Trustee Marrufo to explain. Trustee Marrufo explained that the items put out on the sidewalk blocks the walkway and looks tacky. Discussion ensued regarding the looks and other ways the

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merchandise could be presented outside. Mr. EATINGER explained that this was the first time hearing of this and that he would organize it better and set it back further in the parking lot not to block the sidewalk.

7. **MR. GERARDO VILEGAS DELGASGO OF FAST TIRES & BRAKES LOCATED AT 2901 JACKSON AVE:** Mr. Gerardo Vilegas was not present.
8. **MR. CORTAN SERGIU OF HOT WHEELS TRUCK REPAIR LOCATED AT 82 E SAUK TRAIL:** Mr. Cortan and landlord Pat Esposito were present and reviewed the pictures of the property and discussed all the violations found. Mr. Cortan stated that the trailers and vehicles that he repairs and that he does not store them. Mayor Matthews stated that he has 30 days to remove all violations.
9. **MR. MAGED MOHAMMED ASKAR OF SCH FOOD & GAS INC. LOCATED AT 2802 CHICAGO ROAD:** Mr. Mohammed Askar sent a manager representative who viewed the pictures of the garbage all over the property. Discussion ensued regarding selling of cigarettes without the tax stamp on them. Mayor Matthew explained that a resolution was adopted tonight that will revoke a license if a business is caught selling these cigarettes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Matthews mentioned that the Cook County Assessor's Office announced that the homeowner and Senior Exemptions will renew automatically, and that Senior Citizens can apply for a Senior Freeze Exemption.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stanton 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 9:05 p.m.

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Catherine Linan, Village Clerk

Dated

