

Tiffany A. Henyard......Mayor
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## **TRUSTEES**

Andrew Holmes Tammie Brown Stanley Brown Brittney Norwood Kiana L. Belcher Jason House

# REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Village Hall 14122 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Monday, July 1, 2024 6:30pm

## **MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Called to order at 6:51 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes & Belcher. Mayor Henyard, Village Administrator Keith Freeman, Village Attorney Eric Stach. Department Heads: Terry Young (Police) Fire Chief McCain, Juanita Darden, Kim Alston and William Moore. A quorum was established.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Henyard
- 3. PRAYER William Moore
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT General See Media Center
- 5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

**Trustee Norwood** – My job as a Trustee is to work for the residents. It's my job to make sure that the residents' concerns are added to the agenda for discussion. A problem for a resident is a problem for all of us. Thank you to the residents for all of your support. June 11, 2024 6-8:30 pm we will discuss taxes with the attorney and the Thornton Township Assessor.

**Trustee Belcher** – We co-hosted a community garage sale Saturday with Dolton Park District. We are looking forward to doing another one is Saturday.

**Trustee T. Brown** – Every second Saturday is Tea w/ the Trustees. June 20, 2024 is the MS Walk hosted by Former Trustee Edward Steave.

**Trustee House** – We do hear your concerns about OMA violations. The meeting where restrictions occurred, metal detectors, limited seating, etc. The Board decided that it was improper and we adjourned that meeting accordingly. Following that meeting we made 2 attempts, one in April and one in May through our attorneys to the Attorney General's office and had not gotten an immediate response. June 10, 2024 the Attorney General's office responded stating that further investigation was required and is seeking a response from the administration. June 28: 2024 a second request was issued due to no response from the administration, stating if they do not receive a response then they have no choice to but to deem it as an OMA violation. June 14, 2024, we received correspondence from the Attorney General's office and quote "Therefore the Public Access Bureau concludes the Board did not violate OMA by voting to appoint Ms. Lightfoot as Special Investigator April 8, 2024. This letter serves to close the file."



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Letter from Mayor Lightfoot read into record by Trustee House.

**Trustee S. Brown** – We need to elevate ourselves board and Mayor. We must give the residents more than what they ask for. The taxes went up all over the Southland area. Seniors that are no longer able to cut your own grass please reach out to Thornton Township for assistance.

- 6. MAYOR'S REPORT Acknowledgement of recent programs at Greenwood Falls. Addresses the residents regarding their behavior in the media. Media is reporting fake news. Report regarding property taxes and whose raising taxes. Fourth of July will be on July 3rd starting at Village Hall at 12 pm.
- 7. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT -

No report. Minutes that were submitted for approval were not added to the agenda.

8. VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT -

Overall revenue has increased by \$119,000 from the prior year. Cook County property bills have been released and are due August 1, 2024. The second installment of property taxes should be received in July 2024.

- 9. ENFINEER'S REPORT Absent
- 10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS See Department Heads

Police – Deputy Chief Lacey
Fire – Chief McCain
Public Works – Stacey Carrel
Water – Juanita Darden
Housing/ Building Permits – William Moore
Code Enforcement – Kim Alston

## 11. CORPORATE BILLS

A. Electronic Warrant Lists

Motion by Trustee S. Brown. Second by Trustee Holmes.

Superseding Motion to pay the bills removing the following item by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Belcher. Nays (1) Trustee Holmes. Motion passed.

- 3-C-INS, LLC \$2887.06
- B. AP Warrant Lists

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Superseding Motion by Trustee House to remove following items. Second by Trustee Norwood. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House, and Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Motion passed.

Del Galdo Law Group	\$109,500.07
Enterprise	\$66,347.70
<b>Existing Concrete</b>	\$14,123.03
Five Star	\$122,325.00
John's Pro Tree Services	\$155,000.00
KNM Ventures	\$183,950.00
Lopez Lawn Maintenance	\$10,050.00
Mosca Designs	\$65,700.00
Raul & Sons	\$181,950.00
Whiteco Pool Solutions	\$34,788.58
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TOTAL: \$943,734.35

#### 12. OLD BUSINESS - None

#### 13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Terminate Contract of Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd as Legislative Counsel – **Mayor Henyard** 

Motion Tabled.

## 14. OVERRIDE OF MAYORAL VETO ISSUED ON JUNE 3, 2024

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Norwood. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Belcher. Nays (1) Trustee Holmes. Motion passed.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT -

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm by Mayor Henyard.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes and Belcher. Motion passed.



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APPROVED, by the Board of Trustees this day, 8th of August, 2024.

Ayes Present: (4) Belcher, T.BROWN, HOUSE, NORMODD Ayes: ABSENT (2) 3. BROWN, A. Holmes Nays:

Village Clerk, ALISON KEY