

# **Village of Romeoville**

*1050 W Romeo Rd*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

**5:18 PM**

**Village Hall Board Room  
1050 W. Romeo Rd.**

### **Village Board - Workshop Meeting**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER-Roll Call

Trustee Palmiter, Trustee Griffin and Trustee Clancy attended remotely.

**Present** 7 - Trustee Jose Chavez, Trustee Dave Richards, Trustee Brian A. Clancy Sr., Mayor John Noak, Trustee Lourdes Aguirre, Trustee Linda Palmiter, and Trustee Ken Griffin

## 2. POSTING OF COLORS-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Noak recognized Chief Turvey for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Village of Romeoville. It is amazing to speak of anyone in any industry with a 40 year career let alone law enforcement. The Village appreciates everything Chief Turvey has done for this community.

Chief Turvey thanked the Mayor and Village Board. He thanked his family for all of their support as well as the all of the Department Heads and staff past and present. Steve Gulden has given him a lot of support over the years. He started here in 1980 and we have continued to progress through the years into a very good department. He is proud and honored to have been the Chief.

Steve Gulden stated that it has been an honor to work with Chief Turvey over the years. He leaves a legacy of honesty, integrity and good morals. You cannot ask anything more of a police officer than those qualities. They have had some good debates over the years.

Trustee Richards stated that it has been an honor to work with Chief Turvey and he thanked him for everything he did for this community.

Trustee Chavez stated that cops are a unique breed. Chief is a special guy. Thanks for running one of the top notch departments. He wished him the best. Many thanks to him.

Trustee Aguirre thanked Chief Turvey for all of his years of service. Enjoy retirement.

### [ORD20-1636](#) **An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Contract with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet Trust (135th Street Vacant Land—West of Cemetery)**

Mrs. Caldwell presented the first two items together. The first item approves a contract to purchase approximately 30 acres from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet. The property is located at the western side of the vacant tract that is to the west of the existing Resurrection Cemetery. The purchase price is \$2,700,000 and the property is intended to be developed for park and recreational purposes. As part of the purchase

transaction, the Village and the Diocese will also be entering into a lease agreement by which the Village will rent an additional parcel of approximately 30 acres from the Diocese. The lease parcel is located immediately to the east of the purchased property and west of the cemetery site. The lease is for a 25 year term with the potential for year to year renewals thereafter.

Mayor Noak stated that this is one of the last sites that we recognized as a future park site years ago. This is a nice addition. It allows us to do something unique such as the dog park. He commends the Diocese, this will be a good partnership. We have a lot of dog lovers so this will be a great thing for our residents.

**RES20-2913 A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Lease with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet Trust (135th Street Vacant Land)**

See above.

**RES20-2918 A Resolution Creating and Authorizing the Village of Romeoville Small Business Community Grant Program**

Mr. Gulden reported that this creates a Small Business Community Grant program as a means as assisting the small business community in Romeoville during the COVID-19 emergency. The Village is authorizing the provision of \$500.00 grants to small businesses within Romeoville. The total of all grants to be awarded under the program shall not exceed \$10,000. In addition, the Village will waive up to \$1,000 in permit/application fees for grant recipients seeking to expand an outdoor seating area. Eligible small businesses must be a retail/commercial establishment, have less than \$500,000 in sales for the 2018 tax year, have a valid Romeoville business license, be current on payment of all local taxes, be an independent or franchisee owned store and remain open for business through December 31, 2020. Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2020 through July 10, 2020. Grants will be disbursed on August 7, 2020 up to the \$10,000 program limit.

Mayor Noak stated that we are trying to do everything we can to help our businesses out. It is good that the Governor has allowed outdoor dining to begin. Every little bit helps. We are committed to our residents and businesses to help them out where we can.

**RES20-2919 A Resolution Approving an Addendum to a Fireworks Contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc.**

Mrs. Caldwell reported that the Village has previously entered into a contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc for the provision of fireworks displays during 2018, 2019 and 2020. Recently, due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, the Memorial Day and Ribfest displays have been

cancelled. The proposed addendum would replace those displays with three coordinated displays to take place within the Village on July 3, 2020 from sites within Discovery Park, Lukancic School and Volunteer Park. The intent is to allow residents throughout the Village to view holiday fireworks displays from their homes, no matter where they reside within the Village, thereby promoting and preserving social distancing while still allowing residents to enjoy a traditional Independence Day celebration.

Mayor Noak commended the staff for taking up the challenge of offering creative programming. Being able to have multiple shows will allow residents to still enjoy this holiday.

Mrs. Caldwell stated that all of the parking lots will be closed for safety reasons. We are asking residents to stay home.

Trustee Chavez stated that this is a great idea.

Mayor Noak added that we will be continue to be innovative during these times. We will be offering a Route 66 Drive in Theater. More details will be rolled out soon.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Trustee Chavez, seconded by Trustee Palmiter, that this Meeting be Adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Trustee Chavez, Trustee Richards, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Palmiter, and Trustee Griffin

**Non-voting:** 1 - Mayor Noak