



# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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## Meeting Agenda

### Committee of the Whole

*Village President Keith Pekau*

*Village Clerk John C. Mehalek*

*Trustees, Kathleen M. Fenton, James V. Dodge, Jr., Daniel T. Calandriello,*

*William R. Healy, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, and Michael R. Milani*

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Monday, January 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Village Hall

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**A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[2021-0009](#) Approval of the December 21, 2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes

*Attachments:* [Draft Minutes](#)

**D. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

1. [2020-0858](#) The Orland Park Police Department's Awards Ceremony, Badge Pinning and the Swearing in of Recently Certified Police Officers and Newly Promoted Sergeants

*Attachments:* [2020 Award Ceremony](#)

2. [2021-0015](#) Agenda Initiative - Independent Investigation of Single Family Homes Purchased and Sold by the Village

*Attachments:* [Inquiry](#)

**E. NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

DATE: January 4, 2021

## **REQUEST FOR ACTION REPORT**

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File Number: **2021-0009**  
Orig. Department: **Village Clerk**  
File Name: **Approval of the December 21, 2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of December 21, 2020.

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## Meeting Minutes

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William R. Healy, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, and Michael R. Milani*

## CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** 7 - President Pekau; Trustee Fenton; Trustee Dodge; Trustee Calandriello; Trustee Healy; Trustee Nelson Katsenes and Trustee Milani

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2020-0875 Approval of the December 7, 2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of December 7, 2020.

**A motion was made by Trustee Fenton, seconded by Trustee Calandriello, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Fenton, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, and Trustee Milani

**Nay:** 0

## ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

### 2020-0843 Village Entity Donations Via Water Bill

The Village's water bills are issued to a total of 22,000 residents on a bimonthly basis. Since 2013, the water bills have featured a donation box for residents to consider contributing to a local Village entity. Most recently, the dog park, Open Lands and PADS have been featured.

As a means of creating revenue support for other Village entities, staff seeks to add additional beneficiaries on a rotating basis.

Potential Village entities include the: Arts Commission, Veterans Commission, Stellwagen Farm, History Museum, Nature Center, Open Lands and Special Recreation.

A message box would contain a message prompting residents to consider contributing to one or more of the included entities. Each bill cycle would contain up to four recipients allowing each of the seven identified entities three opportunities per year.

Director of Recreation and Parks Ray Piattoni presented the item. (refer to audio)

Trustee Fenton asked a questions. (refer to audio)

Director Piattoni responded to Trustee Fenton's question. (refer to audio)

Trustee Dodge asked questions and made comments and Director Piattoni responded to Trustee Dodge's questions and comments. (refer to audio)

Trustee Milani made a comment. (refer to audio)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve an increased number of Village entities on each water bill for residents to consider supporting through a financial donation, rotating entities every-other billing cycle.

**A motion was made by Trustee Milani, seconded by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Fenton, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, and Trustee Milani

**Nay:** 0

#### **2020-0877 Resolution Regarding the Village of Orland Park Adopt-A-Park Program**

Several years ago, the Village of Orland Park created an Adopt-A-Park program that was offered, although not strongly pursued. A review of Village records does not locate any formal approval for such a program. The Village owns and maintains 72 parks and a formal Adopt-A-Park program would provide volunteer opportunities for local citizens to participate in the care and maintenance of the Village's parks. At the same time, this program would enhance the maintenance level of these parks at no cost to the Village through stewardship by the community; and would improve and beautify the parks for all users. Adopters would be asked to periodically pick up litter, remove weeds, report vandalism, and keep an eye on the park; reporting any other issues to the Public Works Department for follow-up.

Village Public Works staff in the Natural Resources and Facilities Division would process applications, provide initial orientation to volunteers, collect volunteer sign in sheets and inspection reports, and conduct any follow-up coordination activities with volunteers. Adopters would be asked to track their participations hours and submit periodic reports of their activity. Volunteers would be required to sign a waiver form for their work on site.

Volunteers and/or their organizations would be recognized with a sign, located near the main park sign, signifying their service to the community. A sample application form, sign-in sheet, and the proposed signs are attached to the Committee Packet for informational purposes.

Assistant Village Manager Greg Summers presented the item. (refer to audio)

Trustee Dodge made a comment and asked a question. (refer to audio)

Mayor Pekau made a comment. (refer to audio)

Assistant Village Manager Summers responded to Trustee Dodge's question and made a comment. (refer to audio)

Trustee Dodge made a comment. (refer to audio)

Village Manager George Koczwara made a comment. (refer to audio)

Trustee Dodge made a comment and asked a question. (refer to audio)

Village Manager Koczwara responded to Trustee Dodge's question. (refer to audio)

Mayor Pekau made a comment. (refer to audio)

I move to recommend to the approval of the Resolution entitled: Resolution Regarding the Village of Orland Park Adopt-A-Park Program to the Village Board of Trustees.

**A motion was made by Trustee Milani, seconded by Trustee Calandriello, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Fenton, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, and Trustee Milani

**Nay:** 0

#### **2020-0881 Updated LOMR Flood Maps by FEMA**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently updated hydrologic models for the Spring Creek watershed and released proposed Letters of Map Revisions (LOMR's) to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) for public review and comment. FEMA completed and adopted the maps for other watersheds in the Village on November 1, 2019. The adopted and proposed maps show the floodway and flood plains for the State of Illinois, specifically including the Village of Orland Park. The last complete map update was released on August 19, 2008. Previously adopted maps were based on old rainfall data (Bulletin 70). The new rainfall data (Bulletin 75) was adopted in 2020 and shows a 14% increase in rainfall. The proposed LOMRs will be used to update the FIRMs

The purpose of this report and presentation to the Committee of the Whole (CoW) is to share high level details of the LOMR/FIRM and its potential impact on future projects.

The updated FIRM maps show significant increase in floodway, but the overall floodplains remain largely the same with minor exceptions in some areas. As mentioned above, the 2019 and 2020 LOMRs are based old rain fall data (Bulletin 70). Therefore, it is expected that the future developments, roadways projects, and

properties in the Village may have less buildable area and higher costs associated with addressing stormwater and flooding issues. Staff further recommends that the Village factor flood plain and floodway issues into account when considering future requests for annexation.

The Village already has significant proactive strategies in place to protect against flooding, as well as safeguards in place to protect developments from flooding. These safeguards include a 50 foot buffer between flood plains and development boundaries, lower water release rates from our stormwater basins as compared to MWRD release rates, and restrictions which are more protective than surrounding communities.

The FIRM map attached to the Committee packet for the Spring Creek watershed is shown as an example. The dashed blue line around the white hatched areas shows the current floodway and the yellow solid line shows the updated floodway. The other lines show 100 and 500 year flood plains for both existing and updated conditions.

Director of Programs and Engineering Services Khurshid Hoda presented the item. (refer to audio)

Mayor Pekau asked a question. (refer to audio)

Director Hoda responded to Mayor Pekau's question. (refer to audio)

Trustee Dodge made a comment and asked a question. (refer to audio)

Director Hoda responded to Trustee Dodge's question. (refer to audio)

This report and presentation is provided for informational purposes, no action or motion is needed.

**This item was for discussion only. NO ACTION was required.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT: 6:18 P.M.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Fenton, seconded by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Fenton, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Calandriello, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, and Trustee Milani

**Nay:** 0

**2021-0006 Audio Recording for the December 20, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**NO ACTION**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**John C. Mehalek, Village Clerk**

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DATE: January 4, 2021

## **REQUEST FOR ACTION REPORT**

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File Number:	<b>2020-0858</b>
Orig. Department:	<b>Police Department</b>
File Name:	<b>The Orland Park Police Department's Awards Ceremony, Badge Pinning and the Swearing in of Recently Certified Police Officers and Newly Promoted Sergeants</b>

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In the first ever held ceremony at a Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, Mayor Pekau and Chief Joseph Mitchell will honor members of the Orland Park Police Department and community members for their heroic and selfless actions that took place from October of 2019 through October of 2020.

Recently promoted Deputy Chief Eric Rossi and Commander Kenneth Rosinski will have their badges pinned on them by their wives (Laura and Jennifer).

Additionally, Dave O'Connor, the Chairman of the Board of Fire and Police Commission will swear in newly promoted Sergeants John Swendsen and Scott Shuster along with two new officers, Ryan Barth and Tyler Lindgren.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

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MAYOR  
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# 2020 Orland Park Police Department Awards Ceremony

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Keith Pekau

Chief Joseph Mitchell

Dave O'Connor, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission

## **SWEARING IN PRESENTATION**

Presenter: Dave O'Connor, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission

**Sergeant John Swendsen      Sergeant Scott Shuster**

**Officer Ryan Barth      Officer Tyler Lindgren**

## **PINNING CEREMONY**

Presenter: Chief Joseph Mitchell

**Deputy Chief Eric Rossi and family**

**Commander Ken Rosinski and family**

## **ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS**

AAIM Representative: Ms. Tami O'Brien

This award is presented on behalf of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists in recognition of their outstanding efforts in the area of DUI enforcement. The recipients of the award are:

**Officer Nickolas Eyer**

**Officer Dennis Leuver**

**Officer Tyler Lorek**

**Officer Timothy O'Connell**

**Officer Nathan O'Connor**

**Officer Chris Pratl**

**EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**



The Exceptional Service Award is presented to officers and employees of the Department for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to themselves, the Department or to the police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.

**Officer Tyler Lorek**

**Officer Gordon Przislicki**

**Orland Hills Officer Josh Patton Investigator Scott Prieto**

**CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD**

The Civilian Service Award is presented for personal assistance by a civilian in apprehending a criminal, or in extending one-self beyond one's own safety to provide prompt action to aid people who are in danger or are victims of a criminal act.

**Joseph Donley**

**DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER SERVICE**



The Distinguished Volunteer Service Award is presented to officers and employees for their voluntary assistance with departmental projects, programs or assignments to the benefit of the Village without compensation.

**Dogstyle Inc/GAK9**

**Jeff Hakanson**

**David Paulus**

**LIFE SAVING**



The Life Saving Medal is awarded for an act performed by officers or employees of the Department who's prompt and alert actions resulted in the saving of a human life.

**Officer Chris Pratl Officer Tyler Lorek**

**Officer Carla Wilson Officer Kerry Kelly-Valan**

**Officer Dave Hansen**

**OFFICER and CIVILIAN of the YEAR**



The Officer and Civilian Employee of the Year Award are presented to those who exemplify the highest degree of dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

**Officer of the Year—Jaclyn Priede**

**Civilian of the Year—Michael Flannery**

## **REQUEST FOR ACTION REPORT**

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File Number:	<b>2021-0015</b>
Orig. Department:	<b>Officials</b>
File Name:	<b>Agenda Initiative - Independent Investigation of Single Family Homes Purchased and Sold by the Village</b>

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Per the Village Code, any individual Trustee can request that an initiative be placed on the Committee of the Whole agenda by instructing the Village Manager, either verbally or in writing, before noon on the Friday preceding the meeting, to place an item on the Committee of the Whole agenda. Village/Legal staff time is restricted until after at least three Trustees vote to move the 'Agenda Initiative' forward.

Agenda Initiatives include (1) the expenditure of money; (2) modifications to the Village Code; (3) formation/modification of Village policies; (4) the introduction of an ordinance or resolution; (5) the formation/modification of committees; (6) budget changes and/or (7) the appropriation of Village/Legal staff time.

#### Proposed Initiative

Trustee Milani has requested an independent investigation of single family homes purchased and sold by the Village.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Potential Village and Legal staff time

### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Discussion Only

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## George Koczvara

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**From:** Michael Milani  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** George Koczvara  
**Subject:** Initiative Inquiry

George -

I hope you had a great holiday, got to relax, and enjoy yourselves a bit.

I have an inquiry that I would like to make regarding the property purchases and sales. I was taking a look through some of the requests from Cindy, and at first I was not sure what the information was about, and then I started looking into it a bit more. I would like to see an independent investigation into the singly family homes that were purchased by the village and sold, as well as the homes that we have purchased and may still own. I would like to know why we purchased these homes and what had to be done in order to sell them. What was the rationale behind these purchases? To me, some of these transactions seem a bit fishy and unusual to me. I find it interesting that we can purchase a home in 2005 for almost \$90k more than we sold it for in 2008, and from what I understand, there were no improvements on this particular property that was supposedly uninhabitable. Just does not seem right to me. Thank you in advance, and if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out.

Thanks,

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