



Supervisor Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge: The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Clerk Levy called the roll (*A quorum was present*).

Supervisor Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti	Present
Clerk Charles Levy	Present
Trustee Donald Gelfund	Present
Trustee Mark Collins	Present
Trustee Peggy Tolleson	Present
Trustee Kitty Kendrick	Present

Assessor Scott Bagnall	Present
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Staff Members:

Administrator Rick Krier	Present
Township Attorney Ross Secler	Present
Deputy Clerk Sandie Capsuto	Excused
Public Relations Director Mike Isaacs	Present

Trustee Collins **moved** and Trustee Kendrick **seconded** to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Board Meeting. **Motion passed by roll call. All Ayes.**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti reported that our second Annual Fun Run was very successful. We raised just under \$20,000.00. This will go towards the purchase of fully stocked backpacks for families who are financially struggling. She thanked all of the staff and board members for volunteering at the Fun Run, and gave a special thank you to Jenny Steiner Araque for all of her planning and hard work with the set up and coordination of all of the events.

Supervisor Kahn Ognisanti also thanked the Trustees of our township for volunteering their time and for getting the word out for all of the people who participated.

She reported that District #219 is considering renewing our Inter Governmental Agreement. We've had the IGA with District #219 for two years. School District #73.5 is also giving consideration to form an IGA with us. These funds have gone to help families avoid eviction and allow their children to continue their education in Skokie. They will make their decisions in June of this year.

Niles Township joins the United States to celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month. Niles Township embraces our vast ethnic and cultural diversity. There are more than ninety languages spoken in the home of our residents and nearly 50% of households are people who have moved here from another country. This fosters better understanding and communication as well as allows for cross cultural dialogue.

Last weekend, Skokie hosted their Annual Celebrations of Cultures.

Supervisor Kahn Ognisanti read a Proclamation stating that Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage in the U. S. was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992. We recognize that Asians and Pacific Islanders have lived, worked, and contributed to the United States' economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions. Many Asian and Pacific Islanders have been discriminated against, especially targeting its Muslim, South Asian, and Southeast Asian members during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Please see the Proclamation in its entirety attached to this packet.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Clerk Levy: Clerk Levy also acknowledged the great job Jenny Steiner Araque put into making the Fun Run the success that it was; he recommended that people not knowing that this was a preregistered event be allowed to register on the day of the event.

The next Executive TOCC meeting will take place in August in Oakbrook, IL.

Assessor Scott Bagnall: Assessor Bagnall stated that his office is still kept very busy with helping people file for exemptions and Certificates of Errors.

Trustee Tolleson: No report, other than to reiterate all of the accolades that Jenny Steiner Araque deserves for her outstanding planning and coordination of the Fun Run.

Trustee Gelfund: Trustee Gelfund thanked those from our staff who attended the State of the Village of Lincolnwood last Thursday. The Chamber of Commerce hosted the luncheon. Mayor Patel spoke about the financially solid state of Lincolnwood. The new development called 1860 (located where the purple hotel used to be) is well underway.

The occupancy will include several restaurants and a hotel.

He attended the swearing in ceremony for the Lincolnwood Library Board, which had been a contested election.

This coming Saturday, May 27th, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Ishtar's Circle will be meeting again in the Lee Tamraz Room. He encourages anyone willing to donate toiletries and/or cash to participate in the event. He is hopeful that Ishtar's Circle will continue this event next year and beyond.

Trustee Kendrick: Trustee Kendrick reported that the LA Fitness Center in Morton Grove is now open for business.

Trustee Collins: No Report, however offered praise to Jenny Steiner Araque for her hard earned efforts in making the Fun Run so successful.

Supervisor Kahn Ognisanti mentioned that Niles Township will have a table at Skokie's Juneteenth Celebration which will take place at St. Peter's United Church of Christ from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She will be there from 1:00 to 3:00 and is asking board members to let Jenny Steiner Araque know what shifts they will be available to man the table.

STAFF REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR: Administrator Krier acknowledged the great job that Trustee Collins did manning the microphone during the Fun Run and thanked Mike Isaacs for taking all of the pictures.

He reported that on Tuesday, there will be a training on the use of Narcan at the Respite Center, should any of us encounter a person on the premises who may be having a medical crisis due to an overdose of drugs.

He addressed the concern for all of the FOIA requests that are coming in, and reminded everyone that their cell phones should be turned off during meetings, as these can also be requested for FOIAs. He acknowledged how useful it has been to have our Attorney Ross Secler on board to help us navigate some of the more complex FOIAs we've received.

He distributed the last of the nineteen service provider agreements. We only have \$108,000.00 left for these distributions, while the requests total \$185,000.00. We'll need to continue to meet with the board members to find ways to reduce funding for some of these service providers.

LEGAL ADVISOR: Attorney Ross Secler reported that he is working along with our township on the resolution establishing a Decennial Committee for Niles Township.

He complimented the township on running a very successful and enjoyable day for the Fun Run.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Mike Isaacs reported that he took some great pictures during the Fun Run and will continue to post them. The Township Tale of the Week is focused on the funding for our Back to School backpacks.

BILLS PAYABLE: Trustee Collins **moved** and Trustee Kendrick **seconded to approve the distribution of funds from May 5, 2023 through May 18, 2023 as presented:** Total Town Fund: \$396,103.76; Total General Assistance Fund: \$14,427.20 with a total of all funds: \$410,530.96. **Motion passed by roll call. All Ayes.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Tolleson **moved** and Trustee Gelfund **seconded** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DECENNIAL COMMITTEE FOR NILES TOWNSHIP TO STUDY THE EFFICIENCY OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SERVICES AND OVERALL OPERATIONS.

Attorney Ross Secler explained that all townships are now obligated to form a Decennial Committee including members of the public to review the policies, salaries, and other township business. The first meeting will take place this June 12th, 2023. The committee will meet at least three times during an 18 month period. Supervisor Kahn Ognisanti asked the board to arrive thirty minutes before the start of the regular board meeting to hold the first of these Decennial meetings. Administrator Krier pointed out that information is posted at the bottom of tonight's agenda; the first Decennial Committee Meeting will take place on June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular Board Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. The second Decennial Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 28th, 2023 and the following meeting will take place on November 27, 2023. **Motion passed by roll call. All Ayes.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Collins **moved** and Trustee Kendrick **seconded** to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Decennial Committee Meeting June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Levy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Charles Levy, Clerk