

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 20, 2017**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope (6PM), Patel

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager, Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager; Peter Friedman, Village Attorney; Heather McFarland, Management Analyst; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Police Chief Robert LaMantia; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Doug Hammel, Community Development Manager.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meetings were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Patel moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Spino seconded the motion. Trustee Hlepas Nickell requested a correction.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote as corrected

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning the Human Relations Commission's Diversity Flag Program

This item was presented by Police Chief LaMantia using PowerPoint.

Flag Program History

*August 2005

- First Flag Display

*August 22, 2014 – Human Relations Commission Discussion

- 175 people attended
- HRC recommended approving the display of the Palestinian flag and agreed to review the flag policy

*April 7, 2015 – Village Board Meeting

- Flag policy submitted to the Village Board
- Policy intended to provide objective guidance
- The matter was referred back to the HRC

*August 2015

- The flag program was placed on hold due to the scheduled replacement of street lights along Lincoln Avenue

*September 2015 – December 2016

- New programs to recognize Lincolnwood’s diversity
Diversity Dance, Clerics Group, Iron Chef “Style Cook-off

*December 12, 2016

- The HRC voted to recommend continuation of the Flag Program

Draft Flag Policy Recommended in 2015

*Only a Lincolnwood resident or business owner may submit an application for a flag to be displayed

*Flag must either be the official flag recognized as a Member or Non-Member State of the United Nations, or must have been grandfathered in

*Formal application process to include \$50 donation, if approved

*Formal appeal process

Photos or advertising from the following events were displayed:

Flag program, Memorial Day Parade, Independence Day Concert in the Park, Diversity Dance, Library Ethnic Fest, Niles Township Food Drive, Iron Chef-Style Cook-Off, Coffee with the Clergy, Clergy Group, Reintroduction of the Neighborhood Watch Program

Staff is seeking direction on the future of the Flag Program.

The following speakers spoke in favor of continuing the Flag Program:

Dale Wickum, Marcella Ramahi, Judy Abelson, Charles Halevi

Discussion ensued. Trustees expressed their opinions regarding the program.

President Bass read the following statement:

The diversity in our Village is a source of great pride for our community. Our village is home to people that come from all over the globe; men women and children of different races, ethnicities, nationalities and religions. We are home to churches, synagogues, and hopefully, by the end of the year, a new mosque and learning center for our Islamic community. While the Diversity Flag Program was successful in expressing pride in our village's diversity, at times, it also brought about unnecessary contention between residents of different backgrounds and nationalities. It is for this reason that I propose ending this program. We don't need to look to flags of foreign and sometimes competing countries to show our diversity. One only has to look at the diverse student bodies in our schools, on our village boards, in our police and fire departments, and in our stores and businesses to see the harmonious and beautiful coexistence of the diverse population in our village. The American flag, our country's symbol of liberty for all, alone will stand for this diverse community.

President Bass called for a consensus regarding continuation of the Flag Program:

Trustee Cope – No

Trustee Patel – Table

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi – Yes

Trustee Sugarman – No

Trustee Hlepas Nickell – No

Trustee Spino – No vote due to lack of information

President Bass stated that the consensus was to not have a flag display this year.

2. Discussion Regarding Televising Additional Boards and Commission Meetings

Due to time constraints, this item will be presented at a future Committee of the Whole

3. Discussion Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Village Code Relating to Commercial Vehicles

This item was presented by Chief LaMantia using PowerPoint.

Background

October 24, 2013 – Traffic Commission recommendation to the Village Board to amend the Village Code regarding commercial vehicles

*2013

- One Traffic Commission meeting
- One Village Board meeting

*2014

- One Traffic Commission meeting
- Three Village Board meetings

- Two Committee on Ordinances Rules and Building meetings
- One Committee of the Whole discussion

*2015

- Four Committee of the Whole discussions
- One Plan Commission meeting

*2016

- Two Committee of the Whole discussions
- One Committee on Ordinances, Rules, and Buildings meeting

*February 21, 2017 – Village Board directed staff to hold a series of workshops with a group of the public who represent both sides of the issue

Workshops

*Workshop Group

- 10 Members of the public
- 1 Village Trustee
- 3 Staff Members

*March 22, 2017 – Overview of commercial vehicle regulations and reached consensus on six items for consideration

*April 3, 2017 – Continued discussion and reached consensus on the remaining ten items

Commercial Vehicle Definition

*Any vehicle used, in whole or in part, for activities related to the conduct of a business

*Does not include passenger vehicles used for commuting between a driver's or a passenger's residence and place of employment if the passenger vehicles are not used for any other activity related to the conduct of a business

*Includes: taxicabs and limousines, panel vans, trucks and other vehicles used in connection with construction, landscaping, and similar work, tow trucks, vehicles used to make deliveries, and vehicles used to advertise a business or product, and vehicles used for ride-sharing services

Discussion ensued with some input from the audience. Attorney Friedman provided clarification.

Items were presented by Chief LaMantia. And consensus was reached on the following.

- *Advertising on Motor Vehicles
- *Commercial Vehicles
- *Construction Equipment (bobcats, etc)
- *Covered Vehicles
- *"D" Plates
- *Handicapped Vehicles

- *Recreational Vehicles (boats, snowmobiles, campers, wave runners, golf carts and mobile homes)
- *Rooftop Advertising
- *Taxicabs with A-Frame Signs
- *Temporary Storage Containers
- *Trailers Prohibited Unless for Permitted Construction
- *Vehicles Parked on Pervious Areas
- *Vehicles with Snow Plows (Up to two snowplows, one unconnected)

The items approved will come to the July Village Board meeting.

The remainder of the items will be brought to the August Committee of the Whole meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:40 P.M. Trustee Cope moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Patel.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk