

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 5, 2013**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 5, 2013 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 Turry, Trustees Heidtke, Leftakes, Elster, Swanson, Patel (6:03), Sprogis-Marohn (6:05)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Timothy Clarke, Director of Community Development; Aaron Cook, Development Manager; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Manuel Castaneda, Public Works Director; Melissa Steirer, Management Analyst; Ashley Engelmann, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Police Chief, Robert LaMantia; Paul Eisterhold, Plan Commission Chair; James Kucienski, Economic Development Commission

Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the February 19, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Elster moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Leftakes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning TIF Status Report

This item was introduced by Mr. Wiberg using a PowerPoint presentation.

Taxing Bodies Proposal

*The Village will terminate the Touhy/Lawndale TIF early

- Once all current obligations under the Development Agreement with Lowes is complete
- This would result in TIF being closed in 2015 (statutory limit is 2021)

*NEID TIF:

- Once grants are received for the UP property purchase and path construction, all grant proceeds be declared surplus and distributed to the taxing bodies
- Thereafter, 50% of all annual increment be declared surplus and distributed
- The remaining 50% increment could only be used on the following:
 - ^Incentivize private investment
 - ^Used to public projects that are tied to private investment
 - ^Ported to Devon/Lincoln TIF if tied to private investment
 - ^Fund a maximum of 33% of public infrastructure project
- NEID TIF must be terminated once Bell & Howell site is redeveloped

***Devon/Lincoln TIF**

- All increment generated in the first five years not associated with a construction project will be declared surplus
- All other increment must be spent as follows
 - ^30% annually be surplus
 - ^70% of remaining increment restricted as follows:
 - +utilized to incentivize private investment
 - +for public projects tied to private investment
 - +up to 33% can be used for public projects
- No porting of funds from Devon/Lincoln TIF to other TIFs

Discussion ensued for the purpose of clarification of proposals. Mr. Wiberg, Mr. Merkel and Mr. Clarke provided additional information and clarification. It was noted that the Board did not have enough time to reach decisions on these items.

Potential Village Response

***Touhy/ Lawndale TIF:**

- Agree to terminate TIF once obligation to Lowes is complete

***NEID TIF:**

- Declare grant revenue as surplus and distribute to taxing bodies over a four year period
- Thereafter, declare 10% of increment generated annually as surplus

***Devon/Lincoln TIF:**

- Consider reducing the infrastructure budget by \$2.5 million
- Declare 10% of increment annually as surplus

Additional information will be needed. Joint Review Board will meet, tomorrow, March 6.

2. Discussion Concerning Potential Usage of TIF Funds at the Purple Hotel Site

Mr. Clarke introduced this item using a PowerPoint presentation.

Trustee Patel requested that this information be presented at tonight's Committee of the Whole. He stated that in his opinion, discussion on this issue was appropriate at this time.

TIF Financing, Three Basic Funding Methods

***Pay As You Go**

- TIF Incremental revenue on-hand prior to use/project commitment
- Variation: Agree w/developer to use/reimburse future increment if/when increment is received

Benefit: No funding risk by Village

Weakness: Improvement projects can not be implemented prior to increment received or alternatively requires total risk/financing upfront by developer

***TIF Bond Financing**

- Village Issues Bonds for TIF Improvement Costs Backed only by TIF Revenue

Benefit: Improvement Project can be implemented prior to TIF increment received and Village Financial Risk limited to TIF Revenue

Weakness: TIF Bond interest rate typically higher than G.O. Bond and TIF bond default potentially would affect Village Bond Rating.

G.O. Bond Financing

*Village Issues General Obligation Bonds for TIF Improvement Costs, Bonds backed by full faith and credit of Village

Benefit: Improvement project can be implemented prior to TIF increment received and Village obtains lower bond interest rate than TIF Bond.

Weakness: All Village revenue sources pledged to pay bond back. Village assumes financial risk if TIF increment revenue is insufficient to pay bond.

Additional discussion ensued with clarification provided by Mr. Merkel.

Mr. Wiberg and Mr. Clarke presented information regarding the TIF in Park Ridge. It was decided that it is too early for a consensus, thus there is no recommendation at this time.

3. Discussion Concerning the Village's Rodent Control Policy

This item was introduced by Mrs. Engelmann with use of a PowerPoint presentation.

Background

*\$8,000 is budgeted annually for the purpose of Animal Control

- Contract to trap skunks, opossums and/or raccoons
- Inspections of the front yard, back yard and under porches
- Contactor will never enter the home or enter the roof
- Animals inside the home are the responsibility of the homeowner

Fees for Service

* \$75.00 set-up fee

* \$55/target animal caught (an animal requested for the service covered under the contract)

* \$45/non-target animal caught (an animal other than what was requested for the service that is covered under the contract)

Policy Direction

*2011-2012 Budget Workshop staff requested direction from the Village Board regarding animal control

- Funds are exhausted for the program half way into the fiscal year
- The same property owners call multiple times throughout the year

*The following options were presented to the Village Board

- A. Increase the animal control budget to \$10,000 and limit the usage per caller to two in a fiscal year
- B. Discontinue the program

*The Board directed staff to move forward with Option A

Current Program

*Property owners are limited to two calls, funds available on a first come first serve basis

*Approximately 20 more property owners were provided with animal control services than last fiscal year

- 57 property owners were provide animal control services – Total of 64 service requests
- The cost to provide the service to the 57 properties break down to \$175/property owner – Funds for the program were exhausted in September 2012 for the current fiscal year

Number of Calls Received

*Spring – approximately 2 calls a day

*Fall – approximately 1 call a day

*Winter – approximately 2-3 calls a week

- Not all calls are eligible or service

 ^ The animal may not be covered

 ^The location of the animal may be outside of the scope of services

The staff is seeking policy direction regarding continuing to provide animal control services

5 Year Overview of Animal Control Costs

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
2012-2013	\$10,000	\$10,920	-\$920
2011-2012	\$8,000	\$9,190	-\$1,190
2010-2011	\$8,000	\$9,660	-\$1,660
2009-2010	\$8,000	\$6,405	\$1,595
2008-2009	\$11,000	\$3,945	\$7,055

An Overview of neighboring communities was presented.

Village Board Direction

*Staff is seeking direction regarding the animal control program

- Option A: Status Quo
- Option B: Discontinue program and provide residents with information on wildlife nuisance mitigation
- Option C: Increase budget for FY13/14 to \$20,000

Discussion ensued regarding the program and options.

Consensus was to go with a 50/50 program

Adjournment

At 7:30 P.M. Trustee Leftakes moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole. Trustee Patel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk