

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 2, 2013**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:31 P.M., Tuesday, April 2, 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 Deputy Village Clerk Douglas Petroschius the following were:

PRESENT: President Turry, Trustees Patel, Heidtke, Leftakes, Elster, Swanson, Sprogis-Marohn (6:50 P.M.)

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; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Melissa Steirer, Management Analyst; Ashley Engelmann, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Reese Gratch, Park and Recreation Board Chair; Robert LaMantia, Chief of Police; Donald Gelfund, Traffic Commission Chair; Andrea Litzhoff, Community Development Intern.

Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the March 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole Water Fund Workshop and the March 19, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Leftakes moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote, 5-0. The minutes were approved.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning the Keeping of Hens

This item was presented by Mr. Meyer with the use of a PowerPoint presentation. The Village Code currently prohibits the keeping of hens and other farm animals. On March 25, 2013 the Village received a letter from Doina Veliciu of 6841 North Kenneth Avenue requesting the Village exempt her property from the keeping-of-hens prohibition because she currently keeps two hens as pets on her property. Mr. Meyer presented data showing that of the surrounding communities only the City of Evanston and the City of Chicago allow for the keeping of hens. Mr. Wiberg indicated that if the Village Board desires to allow Ms. Veliciu to keep her hens that the Village Board could adopt an Ordinance waiving enforcement of the Village prohibition. Discussion ensued. President Turry indicated to Ms. Veliciu that the consensus among the Village Board was to not restrict enforcement of the prohibition to Ms. Veliciu. President Turry informed Ms. Veliciu that if the Village receives any complaints about her hens that it will enforce the prohibition. Ms. Veliciu understood this and thanked the Village Board for their consideration of her request.

2. Discussion Concerning the Posting of Health Inspection Information for Food Establishments

This item was presented by Ms. Litzhoff with use of a PowerPoint presentation. The Village conducts semiannual health inspections of 73 food establishments. While most food establishments receive a passing grade, 10 establishments in 2010 and 2011 received grades that failed, thus requiring them to correct the errors and undergo a re-inspection. In a few cases the Village has had to shut down food establishments for very low

grades and other infractions. The results of these inspections are kept on file but are not made public except by Freedom of Information Act request. Some communities have found that food establishment grades improve if the inspection results are posted publicly. Staff inquired to the Village Board if publicly posting health inspection information on the Village website or on premise is desired. Discussion ensued. The Village Board directed staff to inquire further with the Village of Palatine's Chamber of Commerce regarding the impact that such practices have had on the restaurant community. The Village Board then referred this matter to the Economic Development Commission for their input.

3. Biennial Status Report from the Traffic Commission

This item was presented by Commissioner Gelfund with use of a PowerPoint presentation. Commissioner Gelfund reported on the Commission's progress for the previous two years and identified the Commission's objectives for the coming year. President Turry thanked Commissioner Gelfund for the report.

Adjournment

At 7:29 P.M. Trustee Elster moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole. Trustee Heidtke seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas Petroschius
Deputy Village Clerk