

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 1, 2015**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:17 PM, Tuesday, December 1, 2015 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 Bass, Cope, Patel, Elster, Spino, Klatzco

ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village manager; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Amanda Pazdan, Management Analyst; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Timothy Clarke, Community Development Director; Robert LaMantia, Police Chief; Aaron Cook, Community Development Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Michael Hansen, Fire Chief; Steve Mertes, TPI Building Code Consultants; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Irv Fishman, Plan Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Bass moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Spino seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0. The minutes were approved.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning Proposed Building Code Amendments

This item was presented by Mr. Clarke and was previously discussed at the November 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Clarke described the purpose of building codes and differentiated them from other codes such as zoning codes. The proposed changes are being requested by Stark Enterprises and South Bay Development who are firms that are seeking to develop multifamily residential in the Village. At the November 3 meeting staff was directed to seek comparable data from other communities' building codes. Discussion ensued. Trustee Cope stated that the Village should make an independent decision and not make decisions to move forward based on what other communities' codes are. Trustee Cope provided information from the International Masonry Institute. Trustee Cope stated that buildings with masonry make for a stronger structure. Discussion ensued regarding safety and why staff is supporting the request from the developers. Mr. Mertes provided information and requirements from the International Building Code and indicated that in order to achieve a two hour rating masonry is not required, but the Village Code does require masonry. Discussion ensued regarding fires, response times, sprinklers, and the difference between structural code requirements and exterior wall construction requirements. Mr. Fishman spoke in support of the request from the developers. President Turry asked the Trustees to state their position on the matter. Trustee Elster expressed support of the request. Trustee Spino expressed support of staff's recommendation and indicated that there are hospitals with one hour walls. Trustee Klatzco expressed support of staff's recommendation and indicated that sprinklers save lives. Trustee Cope expressed opposition to the request and indicated that he would not like it to be open-ended. Trustee Patel expressed support of staff's recommendation. Trustee Bass generally agreed with staff's recommendation. Mr. Wiberg indicated it will appear on a future Regular Meeting as an Ordinance.

2. Discussion Concerning a Request for the Village to Exercise its Home Rule Authority to Modify Cook County's Regulations Contained in its "Puppy Mill Ordinance"

This item was presented by Mr. Wiberg. Ken Bearman, owner of The Animal Store located at 4364 West Touhy Avenue, has requested that the Village consider exercising its Home Rule powers to adopt an Ordinance which would modify the requirements included in the Cook County Ordinance, commonly known as "The Puppy Mill" Ordinance. Mr. Wiberg presented the salient aspects of the Cook County Ordinance. Mr. Bearman does not sell dogs and is interested in receiving permission to sell rabbits or possibly cats. Discussion ensued. There was consensus to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance in accordance with Mr. Bearman's request. Trustee Bass requested that the Ordinance include a requirement that animals that are sold are from a humane source such as USDA approved facilities. President Turry requested a one-year look back.

Adjournment

At 7:31 PM Trustee Patel made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klatzco. The motion passed by voice vote, 6-0. The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,


Douglas Petroschius
Deputy Village Clerk