

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Turry and Members of the Village Board

FROM: Timothy C. Wiberg, Village Manager

DATE: October 12, 2012

SUBJECT: **October 16 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

As a reminder, the Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting is scheduled for **5:15 p.m.** on Tuesday evening. Dinner will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Conference Room. Please find below a summary of the items on the COTW agenda:

1) **Discussion Concerning the Proposed 2012 Property Tax Levy (5:15 – 5:30 p.m.)**

The traditional start of the budgeting process is the discussion which leads to the proposed property tax levy. The 2012 tax levy, payable in 2013, is a key source of revenue as the Village considers its spending plan. Staff will discuss its proposed tax levy for the next year.

2) **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lincolnwood Centennial Park (5:30 – 6:00 p.m.)**

The Phase II improvements for Centennial Park are nearing completion. This phase consisted of a new landscaped sign area at the corner of Touhy/McCormick, a new stage/kayak launch, parking lot, Frisbee golf course and other park amenities. Half of the costs for these improvements were paid through an Open Space Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) grant through the State. A bus will be located at Village Hall to drive participants to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

3) **Status Report on the Village Board's Strategic Plan (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)**

In December the Village Board conducted a strategic planning session whereby long-term goals were established. The resulting Strategic Plan serves as the baseline which defines the general direction of the Village organization. [Attached](#) is a memorandum from the Assistant Village Manager providing a status of the pursuit of each goal. Discussion of the status of these goals began at the last COTW and staff will continue where we left off.

4) **Discussion Concerning a Proposed Retail Overlay in the MB Zoning District (7:00 – 7:30 p.m.)**

At a recent meeting, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) discussed the future of the Northeast Industrial District, located generally south of Touhy Avenue and east of Hamlin Avenue, as the new Wal-Mart store in Skokie will be opening soon on Touhy Avenue. The EDC expressed the feeling, which was clearly expressed in the Retail Feasibility report for this area prepared by Houseal Lavigne in 2010, that retail uses should be encouraged for those properties in this area which border on or near Touhy Avenue. While acknowledging the importance of continuing to support the industrial nature of this area, a retail overlay district was considered the best way to maintain the current zoning for this area, while providing for additional permitted retail uses. [Attached](#) is a memorandum from the Community Development Director concerning this issue.

If you should have any questions concerning these matters, please feel free to contact me.