

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:15P.M., Tuesday, December 19, 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 Ikezoe-Halevi, Hlepas Nickell, Patel, Spino,(Cope 6:25, Sugarman 6:40)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager, Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Heather McFarland, Management Analyst; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Ben Harris, Accountant; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Bruce Rottner, Police Chief; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning the Potential Vacation of the Alley Behind 6424 Drake Avenue

The item was presented by Mr. McNellis using PowerPoint.

Residents (neighbors) of the area are in the audience.

The petitioner has requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding the vacation.

Attorney Steven Bauer, representing the petitioner joined in the discussion. He questioned the village's appraisal.

Attorney Elrod noted that in 1955 an Ordinance was adopted to vacate this alley. This Ordinance was never registered with Cook County. If nothing is done that Ordinance will remain on the books.

Attorney Elrod stated that to repeal the Ordinance would require "Aye" votes from five trustees, the mayor may not vote.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi noted that we should repeal the existing Ordinance first.

Trustee Spino agrees that the original vacation should be repealed and then going forward with the vacation. She is interested to hear what the residents have to say.

Trustee Patel does not have issue with the alley vacation. He attended the Traffic Commission where alley access concerns were raised.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell is in favor of the repeal. She would like to hear more information regarding what the Traffic Commission discussed as well as what the public has to say. She asked if the Village maintains the alley with snow removal. She disagrees with the petitioners comments regarding the appraisal. She thinks the comparable properties are good.

Manager Wiberg confirmed that snow removal is performed by Public Works.

Trustee Cope asked Attorney Elrod if a conclusion has been made regarding the original vacation.

Attorney Elrod stated that there is an Ordinance that was adopted but it is not clear if it is effective. It was never recorded; the right-of-way has been used publicly and taxes have not been paid on the area. His opinion is that the Village has the right to appeal it.

Trustee Cope would like to hear more from the public on how the alley is used.

The following residents (neighbors) addressed the Board, expressing concerns with the plans for the property:

Gregory Frey, Steven Frey, Atour Gyourgis, Nina Gyourgis, Barry Wicker

In summary, the residents expressed concerns regarding access to the alley, maintaining two access points and traffic impacts.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if the petitioner will be required to pay the costs for consultants such as the need for a traffic study.

It was confirmed that the petitioner will be required to pay those costs.

Board consensus was to obtain more information.

2. Discussion Concerning Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments

Due to time constraints this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Discussion Concerning a Potential Village Board Workshop to Develop General Protocols

The item was presented by Mr. Wiberg.

A Board Member has requested scheduling a work shop.

These have been held in the past. Holland and Knight has presented. Mr. Elrod stated that this would be possible again.

Mr. Wiberg is able to find facilitators.

Consensus was Yes.

4. Discussion Concerning the Potential Scheduling of a Boards/Commission Member Dinner

The item was presented by Mr. Wiberg.

These dinners have been scheduled in the past. They were very well received.

Some discussion ensued regarding the activities involved in these dinners.

The cost in the past had been \$6,000 and when the recession came in it was decided to eliminate them. Trustee Hlepas Nickell suggested that sponsors could be found.

Consensus was to investigate and perhaps less money could be spent.

5. Discussion of Potential Budget Workshop Dates

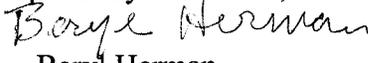
The item was presented by Mr. Wiberg.

Mr. Wiberg offered the option of February 13 or 15.

The majority of the Board expressed the opinion that February 13 would be the best. At this time that date is tentatively scheduled.

Adjournment

At 7:25 PM Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Cope. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk