

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:02 P.M., Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

On roll call by Deputy Village Clerk Chuck Meyer the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Sargon, Hlepas Nickell, Klatzco, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel, Cope (6:10)

ABSENT: Trustee Patel left the meeting at approximately 8 P.M.

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Ben Harris, Accountant; Mike Hansen, Fire Chief; Jim Amelio, Village Engineer; Daniel Dem, Village Engineer; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 2, 2019 and the October 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2019 and October 15, 2019, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Trustee Sargon and Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked for in future minutes, when residents speak, to note whether or not they are for or against the item they are speaking on.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Regarding Truth in Taxation

This item was presented by the Robert Merkel, Finance Director, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Merkel talked about the current financial policy related to the tax levy and how the tax levy is put together. Mr. Merkel also spoke of the pension plan and how the tax levy affects the plan.

Mr. Merkel stated we are spending more on the police pension fund than we are taking in through the tax levy.

Trustee Patel asked about the possibility of video gaming as a way of obtaining funds. Trustee Patel asked about possibly having this as a discussion in an upcoming Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Merkel thanked the Village Board for their time.

2. Discussion Regarding Fire Service Call Analysis and Fire Station 45 Initiation

This item was presented by Mike Hansen, Fire Chief and Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Meyer spoke of the history of how Fire Station 45 came about. Mr. Meyer explained where the data was derived from and how the data was used in order to verify the volume of calls that might be dealt with in order to figure out if further staff was needed.

A breakdown of the calls was provided by Mr. Meyer, with the majority of the calls being EMC calls. Mr. Meyer explained they used five years worth of data.

Mr. Meyer also explained how having an ambulance located at The Carrington would cut down on the response time to calls.

Chief Hansen explained the location of the bay and where staff would be located at The Carrington. Chief Hansen stated that staff would be on shift seven days a week from 7 pm. to 6:30 a.m., and that Station 45 would handle most of the calls on the east side of town.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if the fire truck was going to respond to calls with the EMS. Chief Hansen stated they will be looking at the type of calls to determine if the fire truck should accompany the ambulance.

Chief Hansen stated if ambulance 15 is busy on a call, ambulance 45 will respond.

Chief Hansen stated they were looking for Village Board direction regarding moving forward with opening Fire Station 45.

President Bass asked the Village Board if they were in agreement to move into The Carrington space. The Village Board unanimously approved the opening of Station 45.

3. Discussion Regarding Street Storage-Stage II

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director and Jeff Julkowski of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. (CBBEL), using PowerPoint.

Mr. Julkowski gave an overview of the project with history, pilot area update, Stage II street storage analysis and the next steps. Mr. Julkowski used a diagram to show what currently happens with a heavy rain as we have a combined sewer system in the Village.

Mr. Julkowski spoke regarding street storage and how the process works by using restrictors and berms in an effort to alleviate basement flooding.

Trustee Cope spoke of the current restrictors which pond the waters in the street and he would prefer we just use those because the cost is less expensive.

There was discussion regarding underground restrictors versus above ground restrictors.

Trustee Cope stated if we had more berms in use with the restrictors would it not be the same process as being proposed. Mr. Julkowski said in theory yes.

Mr. Letson stated that street storage alone is not going to get the Village to where it needs to be regarding flooding and sewer back-ups.

There was further discussion regarding street storage.

President Bass asked former resident Kathy O'Brien to speak on the issue. Ms. O'Brien was on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Ms. O'Brien stated the Village Board needs to look at it more broadly. Ms. O'Brien stated the alleys are higher than the yard so that when it rains the water from the alleys flood the yards.

There was further discussion regarding the alleys and grading.

David Janossy, resident stated that his rear yard floods and that the Village needs to do something more than street storage as impermeable surface continues to grow. Mr. Janossy stated he would like to move the water from his rear yard into the street.

Ms. Gaura stated the sewers are at capacity. Trustee Patel stated sewers are combined with water and sewage and feels what is being proposed by the Village Engineer is the best option.

There was further discussion.

Mr. Letson stated that his take-away of the comments is that this needs to be discussed further and can do so at the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) workshop in January.

The Board agreed to discuss further at the CIP Workshop in January.

4. Discussion Regarding Private Drainage Issues

This item was presented by Jim Amelia and Daniel Dem of CBBEL and Andrew Letson, Public Works director, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Letson spoke regarding the purpose of the presentation; existing drainage issues, site inspection process, potential drainage solutions, estimated project costs, and funding assistance options.

Mr. Amelia stated that yard flooding is prevalent throughout the Village and not just one particular area and spoke of some of the drainage issues that residents are experiencing.

Mr. Dem presented some potential drainage solutions and the cost of the different options to the Village Board.

Mr. Letson stated that currently the Village has two funding systems, the sewer line repair rebate program and private flood control rebate program. Mr. Letson suggested to the Board that they might consider a program to assist homeowners with their flooding issues with funding of 50% or the project not to exceed \$2,000. Mr. Letson asked the Village Board if they might like to pursue a private drainage assistance program.

President Bass stated that Ms. O'Brien is suggesting more creativity.

Ms. O'Brien suggested not ruling out changing the code with better grading to help with the issue of flooding.

Trustee Sargon stated that it is a case by case program and would like to take a look at starting a program because there might be some residents to benefit from it.

Michael Hersh, resident, stated he installed a back-up system and drain tile system. His concern is will this truly fix the problem by pushing more water into the system.

Tim Goll, resident, stated that he feels the report underestimates the problem. Mr. Goll feels the Village has created a lot of the problems, partly with the alleys being higher than the yards.

President Bass asked the resident, Mr. Goll, to give staff his contact information so they can follow-up with him to take a look at Mr. Goll's property issues.

Trustee Sargon stated that not all yards have alleys, such as hers, where something else needs to be done.

Rita Bresler, resident, stated what is being proposed is a bandaid for something that requires a much bigger solution, that the Village needs a larger sewer system. Ms. Bresler stated it is the water you can't see that is coming up through the tennis courts and up through the ground.

Hambo Hadziahmetovic, resident, also spoke of flooding on his property.

Ron Grossman, resident, stated he had serious flooding at his property. Mr. Grossman stated the French drain is a good idea but not enough people have them. Collaboration with neighbors to fix the issue, rain barrels would also be helpful. Mr. Grossman stated he is at the lower end of the alley.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she agrees with the residents and that it should be a process of elimination.

President Bass thanked the residents for coming out and speaking.

Ms. Gaura stated staff's recommendation is to bring back both this item and the Street Storage-Stage II at the CIP workshop in January for further discussion. The Village Board agreed.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 8:20 P.M. Trustee Cope moved to adjourn Committee of the, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Dick".

Caroline Dick
Deputy Village Clerk