

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 6, 2020**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 6, 2020 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 Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustee Cope, Trustee Sargon, Trustee Nickell, Trustee Halevi, Trustee Patel, and Trustee Klatzco

ABSENT: None

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; Jim Amelio, Village Engineer; Daniel Dem, Village Engineer.

1. Follow-up Discussion and Direction Regarding Private Drainage Issues

- An overview on storm water drainage on private property was provided by Andrew Letson, Director of Public Works. Mr. Letson noted that in regards to private drainage the following issues were important for the conversation:
 - That with more intense drainage – it will become run-off and impact the Village’s overall system
 - This will create overflow that is getting blocked and has nowhere to go. Either the street or a sewer then into a resident’s backyard.

In these instances, water cannot find its way to the sewer and then leads to ponding on the private property of residents and that the goal of this meeting is to present methods to create an overland flow route to prevent ponding for residents while not negatively impacting the Village’s system.

- Mr. Letson added that in some cases the sewer is too small in the homes and the sump pump can’t keep up.
 - As of January 1st, Illinois rainfall average has gone up from, 7.6 in to 8.6 in
- Mr. Letson stated that the existing drainage issues lead to:
 - Standing water in the alley
 - Downspouts are not big enough
- It was stated that Street Storage has problems that are completely different:

- Overland flow route gets blocked
- Inside pipes can be very expensive
- The water is conveyed to the North Shore channel
- Mr. Letson provided a summary of drainage concerns for Alleys:
 - 47 backyard complaints, 20 alley complaints- less than 40% of Lincolnwood has an alley
 - Residents were worried that water was going to go into their garage.
 - Some residents have serious ponding in their backyard.
 - A resolution that was proposed was that the alley can be higher than the driveway
 - Engineers are going through the plans and price of lowering the alley, 4200 lineal feet of alleys
- It was added that per the Village Code, it will need to be restricted. But it won't alleviate the issue.
- Staff relayed that residents have the following concerns:
 - That the water would go into their garage
 - Water is blocked with landscape
 - Downspouts are in the wrong direction
 - Common theme the water is trapped
- Mr. Letson provided an overview of the Next steps
 - Regarding the alleys \$4.7 million village wide expense to regrade all the alleys
 - Trustees Patel and Klatzco asked what happens in areas with severe flooding with alleys?
 - Mr. Letson stated that if a depression was made it would not create a significant difference in regards to flooding concerns
 - Trustee Cope voiced concerns as to why the water is getting into the residence backyards – some put “French drains” into their backyards.
 - Staff noted that most of the alleys are higher than the backyard Mayor Bass said that sand would help more for the soil but right now we have clay in Lincolnwood.
- A discussion was held on the next steps for the process.
 - Mayor Bass large quantities of top soil was taken away per the World's Fair and the first thing that was found was clay and that is the reason that the water is not going anywhere
 - Mayor Bass voiced concerns that the Village does not have excess funding to pay for all the repairs and that a new funding source may be needed to finance this project.
- Trustee Patel asked a question about SSA (special service area) would be a better option.
 - It was noted by staff that there are some concerns with using SSAs for this purpose but that it could be reviewed as part of this process.

- Trustee Klatzco asked about overtime with new construction and said that Residents could hire a private contractor. If a depression was created, it would only be on one end and not the other.
- Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if the permit fee was calculated. Staff noted that the permit fees were not calculated but that it would be and shared with the Village Board.
- Trustee Cope asked if you pitch the ground the water will pond on stone instead of dirt. There are people who have bad flooding. They installed French Drains. What would be different?
 - Mr. Letson said that the alley is higher than the backyards and ponding in the alley would not alleviate flooding.
- Village Manager Gaura summarized the discussion and stated that if you go the SSA route Private funding or Public funding you would see it on another line on the tax bill.
- Daniel Dem presented options related to addressing private drainage issues for residential properties using PowerPoint:
 - First Option: Use of grading
 - Second Option: Use of a French Drain or Drywell
 - Third Option: Use of a private sewer that includes a pop-up drain that connects the back yard to the sewer system
 - Fourth Option: Use of a private sewer with a sump pump to overcome grading issues that prevent the private drain from flowing into the public system.
- Once we know there will be ponding. Trustee Patel asked wherever the water is coming out, it will be going in the street, gravity will put it there.
- In the winter it will turn to ice. Neighbors have asked him that question. It was asked if the Village want to provide funding assistance to residents looking to develop private drainage for their own property?
 - Mr. Letson said that a program could be provided with a \$2,000 rebate. The Village has received over 90 complaints about private flooding issues in the last two years and many residents noted that the cost for addressing private drainage issues was not worth their money.– rebate – Some residence will get the whole \$2k however some will get less per the work that is needed to be done. In the last 2 years there were 90 complaints. Some find it not worth it.
- Trustee Cope discussed an alley program and mentioned that it is not one house it is the whole area and that if an SSA is established and the majority says no that it opens the door with issues amongst the neighbors.
- Village Manager added that an may SSA be beneficial and repaid through the tax bill within a 20 year time period born by the taxpayer.
- Trustee Klatzco stated that he does not think this will be a good way of having other people pay for others water issue. Through an SSA
- Trustee Patel tried to explained the virtue of an SSA. Trustee Patel also explained why the SSA program increases the value of your home.
- Trustee Hlepas Nickell mentioned another village had the SSA program and failed.

Mayor Bass wanted to hear from the public about all of this.

- Jane Ihouse stated that Skokie is worse than Lincolnwood. Her parents got overhead sewers. Ms. Ihouse added that private homeowners should pay for the costs and that the Village should not spend millions to address these concerns.
- John Flirty said that he lived here for 31 years. He stated that he had overhead sewers put in, he still ponds and once the addition was replaced the sump pump 3 times in 20 years. N He would like to be helped out.
- Cheryl – lives on Kilpatrick and stated that the backyard becomes the everglades with the Roof is pitched where the water goes into window-weeks and that regrading would help.
- Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked about the rain barrel program and if it still exists. Staff noted that they would be performing research on this topic and would be providing that information to the Village Board.
- Roosevelt Jenven – Lives behind the Cemetery and does get a pond in the backyard along with his neighbor.
- Trustee Sargon asked if everyone can apply for the rebate?
 - Mr. Letson stated that all residents could apply for the rebate.
- John Dubois – behind his house they installed a French Drain now there is no outlet for the water to go due to the increase of rainfall we are getting now. Now it is worse than before. 6800 Kostner The village came and removed the water however now it ponds more than ever.
- Deborah Macrin -

The Village Board directed staff to peruse more information related to a Private Drainage Assistance Program. The Consensus of the Village Board was to not peruse an alley improvement program.

2. Follow-Up Discussion and Direction Regarding Street Storage-Stage II

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, using PowerPoint.

- Mr. Letson provided an overview of this process and the lessons learned from the pilot area that could then be applied to State II of the street storage program. Mr. Letson added that:
 - Street storage helps with restricting and through the use of underground restrictors that allow for better controlled flow of water
 - The underground restrictors are less likely to get clogged as compared to the above ground restrictors
 - Mr. Letson added that the vortex system presented to the Village Board is more expensive but requires less manpower which evens out the cost for this program.
 - An overview of Phase I and Phase II of the stormwater plan was provided to the Village Board. Mr. Letson provided a priority list for Phase II:
 - Priority 1 containment and berm and restrictions
 - Priority 2 North shore outfall
 - Priority 3 Storm sewer and ComEd central detention basin
 - Priority 4 Storm sewer and former up row detention
 - Priority 6 Jarvis Ave storm sewer

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of the Village Board that staff look into a public funding, policy and other limits, legal issues, and permit fees.

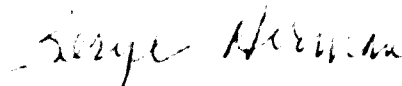
Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 8:25 P.M. Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole and move to Close Session regarding, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.
The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Beryl Herman
Village Clerk**