

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 21, 2020**

Call to Order

Village President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 21, 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, Trustees Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Klatzco, Patel, Cope (6:29)

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; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Jim Amelio, Village Engineer; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon stated that she had requested that the Village Clerk make some changes to the minutes and the requested revisions were emailed to the Clerk. Trustee Sargon asked for the changes to be made prior to the Village Board approving the minutes and asked that they be tabled to a later meeting.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated in regards to the minutes and the "Will be distributed at a later date", she asked that they be distributed in a timely manner before the meeting for the Village Board to have a chance to review the minutes prior to the Village Board meeting.

President Bass stated the three sets of minutes will be available at a later date.

Regular Business

1. North Shore Outfall Sewer and Water Transmission Main Project Updates

The North Shore Outfall Sewer project was introduced by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director. Mr. Letson introduced Kevin Wilson, Assistant Department Head Construction Engineering Department with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (CBBEL) and Vincent

Wroblewski III, Senior Construction Engineer also with CBBEL. Mr. Wilson presented first regarding the North Shore Outfall Sewer Project.

Mr. Wilson using a PowerPoint presentation gave an overview of the project starting with bid opening process, the awarding of the contract, start of construction and expected completion date of the project.

Mr. Wilson explained the route that the project is going down North Drake Avenue on the east side of Lincolnwood to Centennial Park into the sanitation canal. President Bass interrupted to compliment the contractor on this project.

Mr. Wilson went over some of the major issues they are encountering, one of which is rocks/cobbles getting stuck in the auger. When this occurs they must stop the project and use a jackhammer to break down the rocks or cobbles that interrupted the process. Mr. Wilson spoke of the saturated topsoil under the pavement causing problems with the progress of the project as well as the delay of permit of the permit through IDOT has delayed the project by three months.

Mr. Wilson went over the items that have not had to be used for the project and the cost saved by those items not being used. Mr. Wilson stated that currently it looks like the project will come in under budget.

President Bass asked they Board if they had any questions. They did not.

The Water Main Transmission Project was presented by Mr. Wroblewski. Mr. Wroblewski explained the scope of the project for connecting to Evanston as the new water supplier for the Village. Mr. Wroblewski went over the bid opening process, when the contract was awarded, start of construction and the estimated completion date.

Mr. Wroblewski stated that the work began at the Lincolnwood Reservoir, down North East Prairie Road over to North Hamlin Avenue to Oakton Street in Skokie. Mr. Wroblewski stated to date they have installed 3,750' with 11,150' of the 20" transmission main. Regarding the 8" main to date 2,300' has been installed with 1,700' remaining to be installed.

Mr. Wroblewski showed photos of the project including the auger pit set-up.

Mr. Wroblewski stated that manhole and sewer repairs had to be done along the way.

Mr. Wroblewski explained that on North East Prairie Road they encountered a gas main which caused a delay in the project causing a deviation from installing in the right-of-way.

Mr. Wroblewski noted for the Village Board some of the savings that have occurred during the project.

Mr. Wroblewski went over the deductions of savings thus far during the project. Currently the overall deduction is at \$150,000. Mr. Wroblewski stated that currently, if things go according to plan, the project should come in under budget.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked about the sleeve on the piping and the purpose. Mr. Wroblewski explained that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that anytime a water and sewer line are near each other they must have the sleeve as a precautionary measure.

Trustee Klatzco asked about Evanston working on their side of the project. Jim Amelio of CBBEL stated they are nearing the end of their side at Oakaton Street and McCormick Boulevard. Mr. Amelio stated that Evanston is waiting for a gas meter vault to be relocated. Mr. Amelio stated the Evanston completion date is slated for the end of February.

Mr. Wroblewski stated they are averaging 150 feet a day, with good weather they should finish within another 55 days.

Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager, stated staff wanted to report to the Village Board where the two projects are currently at. Ms. Gaura thanked Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wroblewski for their presentation and their time.

2. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Sludge Line Project

This item was presented by Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director, using PowerPoint. Mr. Badran stated that a representative from MWRD was supposed to be present to answer questions.

Mr. Badran stated IDOT is requiring MWRD to get approval from the Village to do the sludge line project due to the closing of certain intersections and blocking of driveways. Mr. Badran stated MWRD formally informed the Village in February of 2018 of the pending project.

Mr. Badran stated the purpose is to run a line from the Skokie MWRD facility, down McCormick Boulevard and from there down West Devon Avenue to Cicero Avenue where it will head south in an effort to join it with the MWRD facility in Stickney, IL.

Mr. Badran stated the reason this is being brought before the Village Board is to obtain direction for staff in crafting the letter from the Village to MWRD regarding the project. Mr. Badran stated there will be a number of intersections that will be closed during the project. President Bass stated the MWRD project will delay the streetscape project on West Devon Avenue.

Mr. Badran stated that MWRD has received approval from nine of the 15 properties in Lincolnwood that will be affected by the closures during the construction process. Mr. Badran stated that to his knowledge the closures would be anywhere from two to four weeks in duration as the project continues down West Devon Avenue.

Trustee Cope asked why are they are moving the sludge line and not just improving the Skokie plant. Mr. Badran state that Skokie didn't want the improvement because it would be more odorous than what is currently there.

Mr. Badran reiterated that IDOT is requiring MWRD to get approval from the Village due to the rolling closures and that no more than two intersections would be closed at a time. Trustee Patel asked if the Village could require that North Hamlin Avenue and North Ridgeway Avenue not be closed at the same time. Mr. Badran stated they will make that requirement of the project.

Mr. Badran explained the biggest inconvenience will be when they get to North Cicero Avenue at West Devon Avenue as northbound Cicero Avenue will be closed at West Devon Avenue. Trustee Patel stated his concern is that people will cut down North Longmeadow Avenue to West Pratt Avenue or to North Keating Avenue to get around the closure of Northbound Cicero Avenue that would be closed. Trustee Patel spoke further about options with traffic control that he would like to see in place.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that it is important to get this information out to the schools including Queen of all Saints sooner rather than later.

Mr. Badran stated the start date of the project is estimated to be spring of 2021.

Mr. Badran stated that staff is seeking direction from the Village Board as to whether or not to issue the letter to MWRD agreeing with their plans. Mr. Badran stated that staff can include in the letter the concerns that the Village Board expressed. Trustee Sargon asked about including in the letter requiring that MWRD be responsible for any damages caused to Village property.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that since we have some time, to talk the project over more with the engineers, and take more time to go over some of the safeguards and concerns.

Mr. Badran stated he is looking for Village Board direction and concerns to place in the letter. President Bass stated the safeguards should be listed in the letter.

Trustee Cope stated the letter should go before the Village Attorney before it is sent.

Mr. Badran stated that IDOT wants MWRD to have Village Ok regarding closures of intersections.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell suggested reaching out to colleagues in other communities to get feedback as to how they handle big projects such as this.

President Bass asked if there were any other questions.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she would want residents in that area that would be affected to be notified as soon as possible due to the inconvenience. President Bass stated that there seems to be Board consensus.

President Bass asked if everyone echoed Trustees Sargon and Copes comments relating to the safeguards suggested. The Village Board concurred.

Public Forum

Resident Nayyer Habeebuddin came forward to speak. Mr. Habeebuddin stated that he lives on Kilpatrick Avenue and is seeking a timeline on the MWRD project as it will greatly affect him. Mr. Habeebuddin asked that MWRD contact Google regarding the detour routes to alert drivers.

Adjournment to Closed Session

At 7:10 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Property Per Section 2(c)(5) and Closed Session Minutes Per Section 2(c)(21),seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustee Klatzco, Sargon, Hlepas Nickell, Patel, Cope, Ikezoe-Halevi

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Reconvention

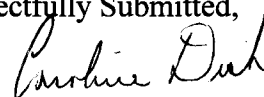
At 7:34 P.M. Mayor Bass reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:34 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Cope.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Dick
Deputy Village Clerk