

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 18, 2020**

**Call to Order**

Village President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:21 P.M., Wednesday, March 18, 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, Cope, Klatzco, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel, Sargon (Via Phone)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Fire Department Management Analyst; Doug Hammel, Development Manager, Steve McNellis, Community Development Director, Jay Parrott, Police Chief, Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director, Andrew Letson, Public Works Director.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January 6, 2020, Committee of the Whole Workshop, January 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, January 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole CIP Workshop, February 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and the March 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon stated she had a correction on the minutes of March 3, 2020. Trustee Sargon read the changes into the record.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020 with the changes that were read into the record and to also approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole Workshop, the January 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, the January 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole CIP Workshop and the February 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

With a voice vote the minutes passed with amendments.

**Regular Business**

**1. Discussion Regarding Emergency Water Interconnection with the Village of Skokie**

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

Mr. Letson stated that staff is looking for direction from the Village Board regarding an interconnection for water with the Village of Skokie as part of the water transmission main project. Mr. Letson explained to the Village Board where the current water connection is with the City of Chicago and where the back-up connection is located, also with the City of Chicago. Mr. Letson also stated that the Village has an emergency connection with the Village of Skokie near Jarvis and Cicero Avenues. Mr. Letson stated that the Village entered into a short term contract with the City of Chicago while the transmission main with Evanston was constructed and that part of the agreement was that upon completion of the water main with Evanston, Lincolnwood disconnected from water with Chicago. Mr. Letson stated that once disconnected with from Chicago the Village would only be left with one back-up connection. Mr. Letson stated an option is to have an alternate back-up with the Village of Skokie in one of two locations along Hamlin Avenue. Mr. Letson stated staff has reached out to Skokie to discuss the idea and they are agreeable to the additional back-up connection. Mr. Letson stated the reason staff is before the Village Board at this time is because the contractor is currently at the two proposed locations working on the installation of the water main and it would be cost effective to do the connection at this time rather than at a later date.

Mr. Letson went over the process with the Village Board that would occur such as the amount of water pressure as a back-up as well as a few other items as well.

Mr. Letson went over the financial impact on the Village if going with the Skokie back-up emergency connection.

Mr. Letson stated that if the Village Board were to concur with the construction the next step for staff would be to finalize the location. Mr. Letson stated that the staff would work with Skokie to amend the 2008 intergovernmental agreement to identify the second interconnection.

Mr. Letson stated that staff is requesting the Village Board to authorize the construction of the back-up interconnection at one of the proposed locations.

Trustee Klatzco asked about the pounds of pressure and how District 1860 might impact the connection. Mr. Letson stated that should have no impact on that project.

President Bass clarified that this would be in addition to the connection we already have. Mr. Letson concurred.

Trustee Cope stated that we would have two back-up connections with Skokie and would be disconnecting with Chicago. Mr. Letson stated that Chicago might make it a requirement to disconnect once the agreement is no longer in use.

Mr. Letson stated staff would have to come back before the Village Board with an amended intergovernmental agreement but not for additional funds as the project is currently below the estimated cost.

President Bass asked staff whether through their evaluation they felt this was a good deal. Mr. Letson stated yes, it will be most cost effective to perform this work while we currently have the street open.

Trustee Cope stated you don't know that Chicago would not give a more favorable position with regard to removal of the interconnection. Mr. Letson stated based on past conversation with Chicago they would want us to purchase a substantial amount of water on a regular basis.

Trustee Cope asked Mr. Elrod if this item would need to come back before the Village Board to allocate the agreement. Mr. Elrod stated that staff is seeking a consensus from the Village Board at this time to move forward with negotiating an agreement. The expenditure will be approved on a future warrant list. Staff is just seeking direction this evening and would come back at a later date with a proposed amended intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Skokie.

President Bass asked the Board if they were in favor of moving forward to which the Village Board concurred.

**Public Forum**

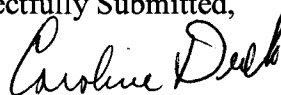
None

**Adjournment**

At 7:40 P.M. Trustee Cope moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Dick  
Deputy Village Clerk