

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
AVAILABLE LIVE AT WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/
APRIL21, 2020**

Call to Order

Village President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees VIA gotomeeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Tuesday, April 21, 2020, meeting held via GOTO Meeting and available live at WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Before calling the roll the Village President read into the record the requirements for public comments because this was a virtual meeting.

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

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Sargon, Klatzco, Hlepas Nickell

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; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Jim Amelio, Village Engineer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Deputy Clerk Meyer called the roll.

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, Klatzco

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Regarding Devon Avenue Bridge Enhancement

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

Mr. Letson stated this is a follow-up to a conversation that was had with the Village Board in January both at the Committee of the Whole meeting and the CIP Workshop. Mr. Letson gave a background on the project and the changes that are being proposed regarding landscaping such as trees for a buffer. Mr. Letson stated the fencing being presented is a black coated fence.

Mr. Letson stated that IDOT would not allow signage over the travel lanes, only over the abutments.

Mr. Letson went over some of the options regarding signage and the cost for those options.

Mr. Letson stated that staff is looking for direction if they should continue to pursue architectural enhancements of the Devon Avenue bridge.

President Bass asked each Trustee individual for comments.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she was curious what other Trustees wanted.

Trustee Cope stated he had no inclination to do this project at all, especially with the financial issues at this time due to the virus.

President Bass asked Mr. Letson if there was a time limit on this project. Mr. Letson stated there is and we could miss the opportunity.

There was discussion regarding the engineering fees of \$40,000 on up.

Trustee Patel stated he is for the project and that this isn't something that comes up often. President Bass asked Trustee Patel about the engineering costs. Trustee Patel stated the cost would be spread over two fiscal years. Trustee Patel stated he thinks the project would be a great enhancement.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if this included everything. Mr. Letson stated they estimated originally on more items but after Village Board input at the meetings in January, staff paired down the project to the sign and the coated fence. Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked if there was something else we could remove from the budget as this is a rare opportunity. Mr. Letson stated the funds would come out of the transportation improvement funds the money would come out of and it is a fund that can only be used for limited projects. Mr. Letson stated for the current fiscal year we are in a good place to use those funds. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she is ok with the project.

Trustee Sargon stated she doesn't want to spend funds we don't have but because this will be from budgeted funds, she would be for it. Trustee Sargon asked if there was an option later down the line after looking at the draft signage if the Village could change their mind. Mr. Letson stated yes. Trustee Sargon stated she is in favor of going forward.

Trustee Klatzco asked how big the span was going to be for the signage. Mr. Letson stated it would be about ten feet. Trustee Klatzco as if the Village decides not to proceed with the project would Chicago still be able to install a sign on our side. Mr. Letson stated yes with an intergovernmental agreement they would be able to proceed with their signage. Trustee Klatzco asked questions about the fence and the signage. Mr. Letson stated IDOT has not given us restrictions on signage at this time. Trustee Klatzco agreed that this is a limited opportunity and in favor of the project.

President Bass asked the Village Board if they were all in agreement. Trustee Cope stated he is not in agreement.

Deputy Clerk Meyer called the roll;

Ayes: Trustees Hlepas Nickell, Patel, Klatzco, Ikezoe-Halevi, Sargon

Nays: Trustee Cope

Mr. Merkel stated the Village has plenty of funds for this project.

Public Forum

President Bass asked Deputy Clerk Meyer if there were any submittals for public forum. Mr. Meyers stated there are three emails and read the following into the record.

1. Anna Jacobson

My family moved to Lincolnwood in the past year, and my dream has been to have a few laying hens in our backyard.

I was very disappointed to learn that this is not allowed in Lincolnwood, and would strongly urge the board to reconsider this position.

The city of Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park, and other equivalent suburbs have policies that allow for at least 3 hens. I've communicated with multiple other neighbors on NextDoor who feel the same way I do.

2. Sharon Mau

It would be wonderful if the residence s of Lincolnwood could raise hens. The ability to get fresh eggs produced by your hens would be a dream come true.

Other nearby suburbs are doing it now. We can base the laws and regulations on their experiences.

3. Bianca Pop Gabo

As a Lincolnwood resident, along with many others- my family and I would much love to get the board's approval to allow raising chickens for eggs(no rooster) in our backyard, even if it would only be 3 of them!

We are in a location where there's no porch, our yard is fenced (as most of Lincolnwood) so they would not attract raccoons or other wild life. Many suburbs allow them (most have a limit

of 3-6) and we have a lot of friends who do. I would love Lincolnwood to consider this and make it legal! We are happy to follow any protocol Lincolnwood might require in order to approve this.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated the issue concerning raising chickens had come up before and she asked about the previous discussion that was had on this topic. Mr. Meyer stated that he did the presentation on this item a few years ago and would get that information for the Village Board to review at a later date.

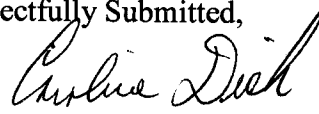
Mr. Elrod made a general observation concerning public comment at the Committee of the Whole. He stated that when you have back to back meetings, it is not necessary to have a public forum at each of the meetings. Mr. Elrod stated if it is the Village Board's desire, the public forum could be at just the the Village Board meeting. The consensus was to proceed with public forum just at the Village Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:32 P.M. Trustee Hlepas Nickell made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, Seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Dick
Deputy Village Clerk