VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 15, 2017

Call to Order

President Bass called the regular meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 15, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Pledge to the Flag

The Corporate Authorities and all persons in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:
PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel
ABSENT: Trustee Cope

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Ashley Engelmann, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Management Analyst; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Steve McNellis, Director of Community Development; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Doug Hammel, Community Development Manager.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 18, 2017 Village Board meeting were distributed and examined in advance. Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

The minutes were approved by Voice Vote.

Warrant Approval

President Bass presented the warrants for approval in the amount of $1,402,398.55. Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the results were:
AYES: Trustees Patel, Ikezoe-Halevi, Hlepas Nickell, Spino, Sugarman
NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Village President's Report

1. Appointment of Amina Elmahdy to the Human Relations Commission
Appointment of Rivak Albazi to the Economic Development Commission
Appointment of Maria Leberis to the Park and Recreation Board

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Patel.
The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

2. American Heart Association – Art Miller, an RN and a paramedic, is the Resuscitation Director of Midwest Affiliates for the American Heart Association and Mission Lifeline activities. Art will be presenting the Lincolnwood Fire Department with the 2017 award that recognizes excellence in patient care of suspected STEMI, Stroke and Cardiac Arrest patients. Only 21 or 2% of Illinois Fire Departments met the criteria for such an award. Chief Hansen accepted the award.

3. As families begin to prepare for the coming school year, I am happy to reflect on another wonderful summer season in Lincolnwood. Our pool, parks and trails were populated by residents of all ages. Although the weather was a challenge, Lincolnwood Fest was a huge success as was the summer series of “Concerts in the Park”. A new Lincolnwood Lions Club has been formed and I wish them great success in their humanitarian efforts.

The following economic and aesthetic upgrades are in full swing:
* Stefani’s Restaurant, 6755 North Cicero, construction is underway with a target date to open by the end of 2017.
* The Carrington, 3401/3501 Northeast Parkway, construction is progressing ahead of schedule and a grand opening is being planned
* A parking lot project, the new Union Pacific Lot, in the northeast industrial district will open on September 15
* The Lincoln Avenue Median Beautification Project is nearing completion and will greatly enhance one of our major thoroughfares
* Modifications are being made to the driveways at the Lowes property, 3601 W. Touhy, and will improve traffic to the connector road
* The mayor is currently working with transit leaders including Alderwoman Laurino, Alderman Napolitano and Alderwoman Silverstein to propose the expansion of the Chicago Transit Authority’s 155 Devon Avenue bus route from Kedzie Avenue to the Edgebrook Metra Station, to provide service to underserved populations while improving connectivity to current and emerging transit generators
* The Village has been awarded a grant from the Cook County Department of Transportation in the amount of $175,000 toward preliminary engineering improvements to the intersection of Touhy and Cicero. The project will include widening both Touhy and Cicero as well as installing an additional traffic signal and ADA improvements. The improvements will help with traffic congestion on the east bound exit from northbound Eden’s Expressway.
* Safety has been a top priority and the Village has received a grant in the amount of $6,268.90 from the Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus to purchase two bicycles for patrolling the Village’s trails.
* The Village Board is exploring budgetary options to restore our Police Department lobby to 24/7 staffing: to date, an additional two hours has been added Monday – Friday. The installation of a panic button and automatic external defibrillator (AED) will be placed inside of the Police Department vestibule. The panic button will allow a person in need to lock themselves in the vestibule for safe-haven, in the event of an emergency outside of normal business hours. The Village’s match for the project is 50% of the total estimated project cost.
* Police visibility through the community has also been increased and an advisory group on public safety, comprised of people with backgrounds in security, has been assembled. It is the goal of the mayor to improve safety and to reduce crime through a variety of means. Last Thursday night we were honored to have First Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department and current chief of Northeastern Illinois University, John Escalante. He spoke on the importance of police visibility as a deterrent of crime. Many Lincolnwood Police Officers were in attendance as well as Chief LaMantia.
*The mayor has created a communications group for recommendations to update the branding and image of our Village, coordinating with School Districts 74 and 219 and the Lincolnwood Library.

The goal of this effort is to attract new families and businesses to Lincolnwood. This effort is in full throttle.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of a Resolution Consenting to the Re-Appointment of David G. Eterno and Susan Davis Brunner as Administrative Hearing Officers

2. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Village and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Police Officers to Amend their Existing Collective Bargaining Agreement

3. Approval of a Recommendation by the Park and Recreation Board to Adopt an Ordinance Waiving Enforcement of Section 10-2-36(A) of the Village Code for the Sale of Beer and Wine at the Community Center on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 6-10 P.M. for Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Trivia Night

4. Approval of a Recommendation by the Park and Recreation Board to Adopt a Resolution to Close a Portion of the Valley Line Trail on Saturday, October 7, 2017 Between the Hours of 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. for the My First Marathon Program Culmination Event

5. Approval of a Recommendation by the Traffic Commission to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7, Article 2, Section 12 of the Village Code Pertaining to Restricting Parking on the 3700 Block of Pratt Avenue from a Point 329 Feet East of the East Curb Line of Hamlin Avenue to a Point 359 Feet East of the East Curb Line of Hamlin Avenue

6. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving Enforcement of Section 14-14-10 of the Municipal Code to Allow the Illinois Department of Transportation to Perform Overnight Work on Weekdays between the Hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. for the Purpose of Resurfacing Touhy Avenue West of Cicero Avenue

7. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2017 Ford Police Utility Interceptor Vehicle from Currie Motors, 9423 W. Lincoln Hwy, Frankfort, IL in the Amount of $29,266.00

8. Approval of an Ordinance in Case #PC-09-17 and Case #PC-11-17 Regarding a Text Amendment to the M-B Retail Overlay Zone District and Map Amendment to Certain M-B Zoned Properties to Establish a Retail Overlay Zone for Specific Properties Between Devon Avenue and Lincoln Avenue

Trustee Hlepas Nickell questioned the issue of carbon monoxide with the Interceptor. Chief LaMantia responded that testers are in each car and thus the danger is eliminated.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.
Upon Roll Call the results were:
AYES: Trustees Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Spino, Cope, Patel, Sugarman
NAYS: None
The motion passed.

Regular Business
9. Consideration of an Ordinance in Case #PC-12-17 to Amend Previously-Approved
   Zoning Relief and Approve Variations from the Zoning Code to Permit a Wood Fence
   and Evergreen Trees to Satisfy the Requirements for Landscape Setback and Screening
   Between Commercial and Residential Zoning Districts at 6755 North Cicero Avenue

This item was presented by Mr. McNellis using PowerPoint.

Background
Subject Property:
*B2 General Business District
*Lot = 31,817 Square Feet
*Abuts single-family residential along east and multi-family (Townhouses) along south property line
*Zoning Relief approved at May 2, 2017 VB Meeting
*Approval required 8’ tall masonry wall to satisfy required Landscape Setback Screen

Photos and renderings were exhibited.

Requested Variations
1. Variation for 8’ Tall Wood Fence
   *Zoning Code Section 6.16(1)(f) – An eight-foot high masonry wall within a five foot landscape
   setback area may be utilized as an alternative to meeting the minimum ten-foot width requirement.
   Variation Request – An eight foot high wood fence within a five foot landscape setback area (for
   the entire eastern property line from the southeast corner of the property to a point even with the
   front façade of the house at 4741 Pratt Avenue)

   *Village typically prefers maintenance free wall
   *Petitioner note potential impacts to existing landscaping

2. Variation for Landscape Setback Width/Density:
   *Zoning Code Section 6.16(1) & 6.16(1)(a) – A minimum ten-foot landscaped setback and
   screening area...a minimum height of six feet at time of installation and may be comprised of
   berms, masonry walls, a double row of densely planted landscaping or a combination thereof
   Variation Request - A five-foot wide landscape setback area and a single row of densely planted
   landscaping for an approximate 36’ long part of the east property line

   *If 5’ wide screening area acceptable, it would be impossible to plant a double row of evergreens

Plan Commission Deliberations
*Public Hearing held on August 2, 2017
*Consideration of two Variation Requests
   •Petitioner noted discussions with four impacted properties, who were not supportive of the wall
     or found current proposal more acceptable
   •Petitioner also noted impact the approved wall foundation would have on existing vegetation
     on Resident’s property
Two off four Residents at Public Hearing affirmed their position. One other stated support via email
To address rodent concerns, Petitioner will provide separate enclosure in service yard
*Consideration of two Variation Requests:

*PC members split on the necessity for a masonry wall

*Some Commissioners concerned about long-term maintenance of a fence and inability to stop rodents from trash enclosure
*Other Commissioners would rather defer to the concept the impacted neighbors support
*Same Commissioners also noted the fence will not be seen behind existing and proposed evergreens on either side, after a few year’s growth

**PC Recommendation**
*By 4 – 3 Vote Recommends Approval of:
1. Variation to allow an 8’ tall wood fence, in place of the approved 8’ tall masonry wall
2. Variation to allow a landscaped setback and screening area 5’ wide, with a single row of 6’ tall Arborvitae trees
No conditions were requested as part of Approval

*Dissenting votes by Chairman Yohanna, Commissioners Kohn and Auerbach for concerns regarding long-term maintenance of wood fence material. Chairman Yohanna favored composite fence material and Commissioner Auerbach had concerns about rodents accessing resident properties more easily with a wood fence

An alternate proposal was presented. Revise fence material to a stone look vinyl fence.

**Requested Action**
Board Consideration of:
1. Variation – to allow an eight foot (8’) tall wood fence (or alternate) in place of an eight foot(8’) tall masonry wall as an alternative to meeting the minimum ten foot (10’) wide landscape setback and screening area between commercial and residential zoning districts (Village Code Chapter 15, Section 6.16(1)(f); and
2. Variation – to allow a landscape setback and screening area, that is 5’ in width to contain a single row of densely planted landscaping, rather than the required 10 foot (10’) wide double row for the northernmost 36’ of the east property line (Village Code Chapter 15, Section 6.16(1) &6.16(1)(a)

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:
AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel
NAYS: None

The motion passed

10. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting a Conceptual Site Plan to Facilitate Redevelopment of the Former Purple Hotel Site

This item was presented by Mr. McNellis using PowerPoint.
**Background**

*8.4 acre site of former Purple Hotel purchased by North Capital Group in 2012
*Despite Village Board support of Pre-Development Plan, North Capital Group was unable to secure tenants and financing
*Property subsequently went into foreclosure in early 2016

*Village pursued remedy of the property maintenance and code violations, including removal of building foundation, in Court and prevailed with Court’s decision to authorize foundation removal on site restoration
*January 2017, Steering Committee convened to work with Planning Consultants, the Lakota Group, to design a Conceptual Site Plan for redevelopment
*Steering Committee – Village Trustees Patel and Spino, EDC Chair Persino, PC Chair Yohanna and Village Staff
*Goals of Conceptual Plan –
  • Identify Potential Land Uses through Consultant/Village market knowledge and local area analysis
  • Consider intensity an density of uses
  • Address scale of buildings
  • Address site circulation; vehicular and pedestrian
  • Consider provision of public space

**Market Demand**

*Lakota Group confirmed viability of a mixed-use development, due to location and access to major arterial roadways (Touhy = 40,000+ cars/day), as well as housing demand
*Non-descript, low rise commercial development would represent a lost opportunity
*Existing larger commercial power centers on Touhy and relatively small size of site suggests restaurants, non-chain commercial and possibly entertainment would be most attainable

**Market Demand – Uses**

*Restaurants – table service has strong local market
*Entertainment – movie theaters, bowling alleys, hands-on activity represent a demand not met in the area
*Residential – (likely millennials or empty nesters) – lack of supply is a missed opportunity
*Hotel Uses – desirable due to unmet demand in area, close proximity to O’Hare, Chicago Loop and visits to area residents
*Banquet space – numerous social and religious events in the area make banquet space sought-after

**Design Plan**

*Lakota Group and Steering Committee tasked with preparing a Preferred Conceptual Site Plan
*Plan proposals result of Steering Committee and Lakota collaboration, not related to any past or current developers or plans
*Two alternatives prepared: 9.59 acre base site and 10.65 acre expanded site

Renderings of proposed area were exhibited as well as photos of possible concepts.

The following areas were addressed:
  • Building height as a focal point
  • “Traffic Generator” Buildings
*Integrated Central Parking Structure
*Substantial Hotel an Banquet Facility
*Signalized Access on Touhy Avenue
*Community Open Space

*Next Steps

*Remove the existing parking lot asphalt and building foundations, in order to prepare the site for Redevelopment

Attorney Elrod stated that Court Order allows the Village to go on to property. Foundation structure is not in compliance. Does the Board wish for Staff to go ahead and do work to remove the foundation? Consensus was “Yes”.

Mr. Wiberg stated that Staff will look into removal.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Hlepas Nickell, Spino, Sugarman, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel
NAYS: None

The motion passed

11. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Purchase of an Ambulance to Fire Service, Inc. of St. John, Indiana in the Amount of $243,620 and Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Contract

This item was presented by Fire Chief Hansen using PowerPoint.

Replacement Ambulance

*Oldest Ambulance in Fleet (2004)
*41,154 Miles
*6,201 Engine Hours
*In-House Remount of 1994 Ambulance Box on 2004 New Chassis
*Potential Large Expense for Repairs

Replacement Ambulance

*Included in the Approved FY 2017-2018 Budget
*Staff Developed Request for Proposal
*Proposal Sent to Six Ambulance Manufacturers
*Three Vendors Returned Five Bids
*Bids were Reviewed and Compared

Bids were Reviewed, Following were Bid Comparisons:
*2016 Road Rescue from FSII (Demo Unit)
  # Bid was $222,010 butt didn’t include $41,499.80 in additional safety equipment ($263,509.80)
  # 2016 chassis
*2017 McCoy Miller from Alexis ($236,670.00)
Alexis Demo Unit had significant workmanship issues including incomplete welds and misaligned exterior doors
*120-150 days build time
*2017 Wheeled Coach from FSI ($243,620.00)
*Met or exceeded build specifications
*45-65 days of build time
*Exact duplicate of existing ambulance cabinetry

Recommendation
Based on Fire Service Specification that Met or Exceeded our Bid specifications, Staff is Recommending the Purchase of the 2017 Ambulance from Fire Service Incorporated, in the amount of $244,620.00

Recommended Motion
Move to Approve the Resolution Awarding the Purchase of an Ambulance from Fire Service, Inc, in the Amount of $243,620 and Authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Contract

Attorney Elrod stated that a revised Resolution is available for approval.

Trustee Patel moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:
AYES: Trustees Patel, Ikezoe-Halevi, Hlepas Nickell, Spino, Sugarman
NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Manager’s Report
None

Board and Commissions Report
None

Village Clerk’s Report
None

Trustees Reports
None

Public Forum
Resident Rebecca Lafer, 3700 West Northshore addressed the Board regarding a change in the Village’s tree removal and replacement program. She also presented a letter clarifying her points.

Adjournment To Closed Session
At 8:55P.M. Mayor Bass requested a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing purchase or lease of real property per Section 2(c)(5) and employment matters per Section 2 (c)(1).
Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to adjourn to Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Spino.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:
AYES: Trustees Sugarman, Spino, Hlepas Nickell, Ikezoe-Halevi, Patel
NAYS: None

The motion passed.

Reconvention

At 10:46 P.M. President Bass reconvened the Village Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:47 P.M. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sugarman.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk