

Minutes
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Village Hall – 418 Main Street
February 26, 2018
6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Lemont Village Board was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor John Egofske presiding.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL: Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski, Stapleton and Blatzer; present.

C. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, George Schafer, stated that the Cooperative Fishing Agreement resolution for the Heritage Quarry area has been pulled from the agenda. This is a free program through the state to help manage fishery and wildlife. The developer of the Forge Quarry project has asked that we have another meeting with the state to ensure there are no conflicts with the private development and the public fishing that is going to be allowed and eventually regulated by the state with the Village. We are not losing any time, and just ensuring that everything fits together with private, public and projects going on in the quarry area.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Blatzer, seconded by Kwasneski, to approve the following items on the consent agenda by omnibus vote:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 22, 2018, Village Board Meeting Minutes
2. January 25 & 26 Strategic Planning Session Minutes
3. February 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Disbursements

C. Ordinance O-10-18 Amending Lemont Municipal Code Chapter 5.04, Section 5.04.080: Alcoholic Beverages (Decreasing Number of Class A-2 Liquor Licenses and Increasing Number of Class A-3 Liquor Licenses).

D. Resolution R-02-18 Reviewing the Need for Confidentiality of Closed Session Meetings.

- E. Resolution R-03-18 Providing for the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Meetings.

Roll call: Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Blatzer; 6 ayes.
Motion passed.

E. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. A proclamation for Commander Greg Smith was motioned by Blatzer, seconded by McClafferty to approve said proclamation. VV 6 ayes. Motion passed.

- B. The Mayor mentioned a number of items including:
 - 1. Recognized the Public Works department for the great job they did with the amount of snow that we had for several days in a row. He also thanked all the neighbors that helped one another with driveway shoveling and sidewalks. He thanked the businesses for shoveling off their areas as well.
 - 2. Upcoming State of the Village will be held on March 7, 2018.
 - 3. The 2018 St. Patrick's Day Queen is Evelyn Conway and the parade is March 10 at 1:00 p.m. in downtown Lemont.
 - 4. The Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission will hold their spring recycling event on Saturday, April 14, at the Metra lot.
 - 5. Registration for the Quarryman Challenge is open. The event is on May 12 and you can register on their website at quarrychallenge.com.

- C. Audience Participation
 - 1. Jerry Johnson spoke of two issues. He said that Hughie's Irish Pub tore out the tin ceiling in the building and that they should not be allowed to do that. Second, at the last Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, you could not hear the commission or the audience speak. He asked that the speaker system be turned on during these meetings.

F. Clerk's Report

- A. Deputy Clerk Molitor mentioned that early voting for the March 20, 2018 Gubernational Primary Election is March 5-19. You can vote early at Lemont Township on Warner Avenue and go on line to CookCountyClerk.com for times and early voting locations.

- B. Resolution
 - 1. Resolution R-4-18 Approving the Capital Improvement Program for the Village of Lemont for Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion by McClafferty, seconded by Blatzer to adopt said resolution.

Village Administrator, George Schafer, stated that two public hearings will be held for the budget on March 12 and March 26. The budget will be available on line at the end of this week or early next week, and the public can make comments about the budget.

Mr. Schafer stated that a motion will need to be made to amend the resolution to reduce the FY19 from \$950,000 to \$500,000 for the road program. The exact cost will not be known until it is bid out, and \$500,000 is the funding that we have available to us now until additional resources can be identified.

Trustee Maher stated two things he would appreciate be done for the budget process in the near future and near term Committee of the Whole Meetings. He would like more planning on the elevated tank and well to make sure there is a good plan on what we are going to do; especially since we have a bond already issued on this. Also, after the budget cycle is done, he would like to start the discussion on 5th Street, and how that is going to be funded and that we have a plan before engineering for it.

Mr. Schafer stated that we can make that a strategic initiative. Also, in a future COW to have our water consultant attend for an update and possible amendment to the study.

A motion was made by Maher, seconded by McClafferty, to amend the budget to change the road program amount to \$500,000 and add \$50,000 for the well/tower project. VV 6 ayes. Motion approved.

Roll Call on the Approval of the Capital Improvement Program for the Village of Lemont for Fiscal Year 2019: Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Blatzer; 6 ayes. Motion passed.

2. Resolution R-5-18 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. Motion by Kwasneski, seconded by Blatzer, to adopt said resolution. Roll call: Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Blatzer; 6 ayes. Motion passed.
3. Resolution R-6-18 Authorizing Award of Contract for Chestnut Crossing Lift Station Generator Replacement. Motion by Stapleton, seconded by Blatzer, to adopt said resolution. Roll call: Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski,

Stapleton, Blatzer; 6 ayes. Motion passed.

G. Village Administrator Report

1. We have two public hearings for the budget; March 12 and 26 and also at our March 19 COW meeting we will be discussing the budget.
2. On March 26, we will have a public hearing on a Homer Glen Boundary agreement.
3. Regarding quiet zones, we are a few years away from improving our zones, and we are continuing to work on this project.
4. We are working with the tollway for a potential I-355 noise mitigation for sound and noise near Briarcliff. Thank you to Leader Durkin and Senator Curran on their help with this and the residents.
5. Rt. 83 & Main St. intersection will have IDOT work on it starting the end of March and potentially through November or even into next year. We will get information out on it on our website.
6. Over the last week or two with the rain, Main Street is one of our main areas that does have some flooding. IDOT will be improving from Fordham Hill Estates, east down Main. That will be happen in 2021.
7. We have been working with Ruffled Feathers Golf Club on the flooding issues there in the residential areas and encouraging them to move forward with a resolution for that problem.
8. Mentioned that the economic development updates he is sharing and many more will be shown on the Mayor's upcoming State of the Village which will be broadcast on Channel 6.
9. Fork & Spoon and Quarry Pub will be opening in the spring.
10. There is a potential grocer coming into the old Chipain's. We are hoping to make an announcement when it is finalized.
11. There is interest in the old Wendy's / Hardees building.
12. Rt. 83 & Main St., we are hopeful to bring some news over the next couple of months on that site for potential business development.
13. Wooden Paddle had contractor issues, but is opening this spring.
14. Old Amy's renovation on Stephen Street is going to be a convenience store with apartments on second and a new third floor.
15. The Budnik building has been sold. They are cleaning it out.
16. Peterson's Hardware has a potential buyer. We hope to make an announcement soon. We are looking at reconfiguring our TIF in that area.
17. Forge quarry project is moving along. They met with our Heritage Quarry Committee.
18. Thanked Commander Smith for all of his years of service.

H. **Staff Reports**

I. **Unfinished Business- None**

J. **New Business**

- A. Trustee Sniegowski said he was approached by Barb Buschman on the potential of running a referendum for supporting the Historical Society. He would like to run it by the board and see what they think about this, and wants to find out how the town really feels about supporting the Historical Society; are they willing to support the history of Lemont.

- B. In regards to the truck traffic in town, Trustee Sniegowski stated that the Village does take over jurisdictional transfer, and while the development in the trucking industry is a good thing, along with the sales taxes it brings in, it also damages the roads. He said that we need to be considering how we are going to pay for that. An option that has been talked about is a consideration for home ruled, but limit it in discussion to the benefit to the Village. We would be talking about creating taxes by the users so that the money comes back to the Village so we have the monetary policies in place to do the repairs to our roads. We have to have a plan for it, and if we do, we will be in good shape. We need new revenue sources and this would be a way to do it.

Mayor Egofski said that he heard from several residents as well about the truck traffic, and they point out that a lot of this truck traffic does not generate any sales tax, and it is basically no benefit to the Village, yet it is beating up the roads. To be home ruled, you dictate some of your own policies and rules and that could be charging for truck parking or something like that. You are home ruled automatically if you have a population of 25, 000. Otherwise, you have to have a referendum.

Mr. Schafer stated that the Will County Governmental League is doing a regional study right now that we are a part of, on which roads these trucks should be taking.

K. **Motion for Executive Session - None**

XI. **Action on Closed Session Item(s)- None**

XII. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Blatzer, seconded by Maher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. VV 6 ayes. Motion passed.