

VILLAGE BOARD

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Lemont Village Hall - 418 Main St. - Lemont, IL 60439

I. Call to Order

Mayor Egofske called the COW Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were Trustees, Blatzer, Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Stapleton and Sniegowski. Also present were George Schafer, Jason Berry, Marc Maton, Ralph Pukula, Chris Smith, and Andrew Paine.

III. Discussion Items

A. Government Insurance Network (GIN) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Proposed Bylaws Discussion

Mr. Schafer briefly discussed the status of the new health insurance cooperative being formed with the Village and six other area municipalities. The first step in setting up the cooperative was for the Village Board to approve an intergovernmental agreement binding the group together as an official entity. When formed, the group will approve more restrictive bylaws of how the group will operate. The new pool will provide health, dental, vision and life insurance for employees of Lemont, Romeoville, New Lenox, Elmhurst, Frankfort, Westmont and Shorewood. The pool may grow over time but the group will start with the founding 7 members. After brief discussion and support, staff will present the item for official approval at the next Village Board meeting. Meeting this timetable will ensure the group can begin its plan year July 1st.

B. 4th Street Connection Discussion

The connection of 4th Street at Keogh Street has been discussed for several years since the development of Covington Knolls. The issue has been raised several times again recently from residents in the area. Mr. Schafer went through the various discussion points regarding the topic. From a legal standpoint, the Village Attorney has given an opinion that the street can be opened legally. From an operational standpoint, police, fire and public works would prefer the opening for operational necessity. From a safety standpoint though, there are questions as to the secondary effects of the opening on the safety of vehicles turning onto McCarthy Road. There was a study completed in 2009 that evaluated the traffic impact of a connection that made recommendations of improvements on 4th and McCarthy Road before any connection should be made. Staff is recommending that the study be updated to reflect changing conditions, then bring back to the Village Board Committee of the Whole once the updated analysis is complete. The board was amenable to investing in the update of the study and will address the issue once the study is complete.

C. UDO Deviations in PUDs Discussion

Staff presented all PUD and Subdivision variations granted from 2015-17, organized by

development and type. Discussion was held regarding side yard setbacks, lot width, open space, ROW width, pavement and parkway width. Discussion finished with a summary of median variations granted and potential regulations for a new residential zoning district.

IV. **Unfinished Business** – None

V. **New Business**

A. Quarry Queen

A resident of town wants to implement a tractor and carriage operation to give tours of the downtown and quarry area. There are some discussion points in the coming months including allowing BYOB alcohol on the tours. Staff will be meeting over the coming weeks to finalize details, but the board is amenable to trying the tours out.

VI. **Audience Participation** - None

VII. **Executive Session**

- Setting Price for Real Estate 5 ILCS 2(c)6
- Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 2(c)11

VIII. **Adjourned at 8:28pm**