

Village Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016 –7:46 p.m.
Lemont Village Hall - 418 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439

I. Call to Order

Mayor Reaves called the COW Meeting to Order at 7:46 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were Trustees, Blatzer, Chialdikas, Miklos, Stapleton, Sniegowski and Virgilio. Also present, George Schafer, Charity Jones, Mark LaChappell, Marc Maton, Linda Molitor, Ralph Pukula and Chris Smith.

III. Discussion Items

A. Financial Trends and Preliminary FY 16-17 Budget

Finance Director, Chris Smith, presented the Financial Outlook overall for 2016. The lack of an approved budget from the state continues to be an uncertainty of revenue for local government. March 14 & 28 are public hearings for the FY17 annual budget.

The Proposed Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed to identify capital projects and forecast anticipated spending related to the capital projects. Projects include:

- Annual Water Main Replacement Program to replace deteriorated water mains.
- MFT Resurfacing Program to resurface streets.
- Alley Paving.
- IMTT Culvert Replacement of existing culverts with larger, high capacity culverts, at the IMTT discharge, from the I&M Canal to the CS&S Canal.
- Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Television for cleaning and televising of existing sanitary sewers and combined sewers to maintain sewers in good, clean condition and to comply with recommended long term control plan.
- Czacki Street Retaining Wall Replacement.
- Bridge Repair to maintain bridge infrastructure in proper condition in 2017 & 2018
- I&M Canal – to complete the canal landscaping by installing new stairs and landscaping on south side of canal. The north side was installed in 2011. Steps in 2017 and landscaping in 2019.
- I&M Canal Improvements – improvements from the Stephen Street Bridge to the Ed Bossert Bridge.
- Main Street Bike Path – To link to the Centennial Trail – 5 year plan.
- McCarthy Road Bike Path – From Illinois to Walker to provide safe accommodations for bicyclists – three year plan.
- Sidewalk Repair – program runs spring and fall to repair or replace sidewalks in various locations.
- Removal of infested and dead trees – EAB is a five year project to remove infested trees and then to replacement - 5 Year project.

- Downtown Gateway – To beautify the intersection of Illinois and State Street as recommended by the Active Transportation Plan.
- Stephen Street Water Main Replacement – improve fire protection and replace deteriorated water mains slated for 2019.
- Front Street Cantina Interpretive Plaza – redesign/repurpose existing plaza to make it a more attractive outdoor space slated for 2018.
- Stephen Street Brick Paver Replacement – replace brick at Illinois St. to River St.
- IL Rt. 83 and Main Street Pathways by IDOT – construction by IDOT of multi-use bike paths at this intersection to provide safe off street passage for pedestrians and cyclists-2018.
- Bell Road Water Main Extension – to provide sanitary sewer and water main extensions to service parcels along Bell Road.
- Gateway Signs – Plan to install new signs at key entrances to the Village – 4 year project to begin in 2018.
- Stephen Street Beautification – extending streetscape improvements to north end of Stephen Street and create an overlook at the intersection with the Sanitary & Ship Canal slated for 2019.

IV. New Business

- A. High School Officer Detail and District 113A potential School Resource Officer - The committee briefly discussed re-evaluating the terms of our agreements with the high school for detail rate. Also discussed was a preliminary request from District 113A for a school resource officer. The Board needed more information on the requests and it will be discussed in February with the Committee of the Whole.
- B. Keepataw Parade – There has been preliminary discussion on moving the Heritage Fest to September and combining with the Keepataw Parade. For the Village, doing both on the Saturday before Labor Day would be ideal. Staff will continue to reach out to Keepataw volunteers regarding the potential events. The Board was receptive of Saturday being the day.
- C. Housing Development at 131 Street and Parker Road - The proposal was going to be on the PZC agenda for this month, however, there are two jurisdictional wet lands on the property in which no input from the Corp has been received yet. The wetlands will have significant impact on the layout and number of lots, as well as location of detention. Staff is directing the developer to receive input from the Corp before the project moves forward. The Board was receptive to this guidance from staff.
- D. Audit RFP – The Village’s existing vendor was the lowest with regard to hourly rate, and the Village has been satisfied with the existing vendor. It is staff’s recommendation to move forward with an engagement contract with Baker Tilly. The Board was receptive to this recommendation.

V. **Audience Participation - None**

VI. **Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**