

**Village Board**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2015**  
**Lemont Village Hall - 418 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Reaves called the COW Meeting to Order at 7:50 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Discussion Items**

**A. Range Fee Increase**

Due to the current and future increase in maintenance cost of the range area, the Police Department would like to increase the amount they charge for daily usages to outside entities and police departments. In addition, the PD would like to build up some berms around the area. The current fee is \$50/day. The discussion of using the fee increase to improve other items on the grounds took place with an outcome of recommending the increase be \$100/day to help cover the improvements and the increase in maintenance fees.

**B. Vacation Time Sell Back Program**

The Village would like to offer a voluntary program for employees who have five or six weeks of vacation to sell back one or two weeks to the Village for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. A minimum bank of four weeks would have to be maintained for the year. Most employees find it difficult to use their vacation time during the year along with Personal Days and holidays. Requiring the employees to use all of their time also leaves the departments short staffed at times. Employees wanting to take part in this voluntary program will be required to sign an agreement in which they commit to give up vacation for compensation.

**C. Quarryman Challenge**

The Village would like to look into options of a third party organizing the Quarryman Challenge. The Village feels that we will still need to assist the third party in some capacity the first year. Discussion took place on how to best make this transition covering the details and funds. The Village will move forward with approaching a potential third party to discuss involvement.

**D. Heritage Commission**

The Heritage Commission is a group of volunteers that occasionally meet to discuss, recommend and implement improvements to the Heritage Quarry Recreational Area. This group works with Village staff and the Trustee Liaison, but is currently not designated as a formal committee. Discussion took place for the desired direction for

this committee.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Liquor License Request**

A request was made to the Village for a upscale video gaming venue at Rosewood Plaza. The Liquor Commissioner with concurrence from the Village Board previously elected to not issue any further liquor licenses for gaming venues at this time. The Village receives a few requests for gaming venues each month.

##### **B. Walus Annexation**

Part of a lot in this annexation agreement was sold without the owner telling the purchaser. The new owners are going to amend the annexation accordingly working with staff.

##### **C. Bike Path**

Discussion took place about adding a separate designated bike path route up Stephen Street hill to McCarthy which will eliminate parking on one side of the street. This is a 45 degree incline up the hill and is deemed to be dangerous for the bike rider. Other streets were discussed, but it was determined that McCarthy is the best option for this route.

##### **D. Rt. 83 & Main**

Potential site businesses that could be acceptable to the area were discussed. Staff asked if a grocery and an assistant living building would be acceptable. The Board was open to these types of venues.

##### **E. New Avenue**

A request was made for a potential business that would like to utilize a parcel of property on New Avenue for a truck fueling location. Discussion took place on the amount of trucks that would add to the area. It was suggested to the requester to do a traffic study due to the amount of traffic and trucks on New Avenue and safety when exiting and entering the area.

##### **F. JJC Scholarship**

Mayor Forzley initially started the JJC Mayor's Scholarship Fund offered at the Lemont High School. JJC has decided to not refer to it as the "Mayors" scholarship fund any longer. Therefore, Mayor Reaves will support the fund through Mayor's Drive.

V. Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.