

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2014**

A Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the Lemont Village Hall Board Room at 418 Main Street, Lemont, Illinois.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Reaves called the meeting to order at 9:27 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Trustees Debby Blatzer, Paul Chialdikas, Cliff Miklos and Ron Stapleton were present. Rick Sniegowski and Jeanette Virgilio were absent.

Also present were Village staff members George Schafer, Charity Jones, Mark LaChappell, Linda Molitor, Chris Smith and Village Attorney Jeff Stein and Andrew Pain.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Brand Strategy Presentation and Discussion

Phase 1 of the brand strategy was presented in draft by Laura Pelen. Input was received through one-on-one interviews with around 40 people and over 400 people participated in the survey. From there, a selected group developed the draft brand strategy. This group, which consists of Village employees, representatives of taxing bodies, and business representatives, worked to provide a common language for the brand strategy. The draft brand strategy will be provided to the Village Board and Ms. Pelen asked for feedback within two weeks. Phase 1 will be finalized thereafter, and in the next few months, Phase 2 will begin.

B. Lemont Community Television Administration and Funding

Discussion took place on the current status of volunteers, equipment and funding. The equipment is outdated, the volunteers are dwindling and there is a need for funding to upgrade the equipment.

Volunteers that assist with the production of sporting events for Channel 6 were present. They have looked into new equipment and talked of the options and advantages of this equipment. It was asked that they provide a list of the equipment needed and the cost. As far as volunteers, the hope is that some type of media organization can be formed through the high school for the students to become active in volunteering for Channel 6. In addition, we could publicly ask for volunteers. The details of the equipment, funding and volunteers will be worked out with input from the current volunteers and staff and be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Joint Agreement Between IDOT and the Village of Lemont IL-171 Over Long Run Creek

IDOT's proposed improvements at IL-171 over Long Run Creek (Target/Kohl's area) include upgrading the Village owned traffic signals at the Long Run Market Place Mall entrance. The Village entered into agreement with IDOT in 1999 when it was being built. IDOT is asking the Village to enter in an agreement for the upgrades with \$149,500 being the Village's cost share. The Mayor inquired if the Village could apply for federal funding for its share of the project. Staff would be looking into this request. Either this agreement or a revised agreement with a new cost share responsibility would be presented to the Village Board at a future Board Meeting.

D. Banking Services RFP

An RFP was issued for banking services. Upon completion of the selection process, staff recommends to go with First Midwest Bank.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 PM.