

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Lemont Village Board was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., President Brian Reaves presiding.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer, Chialdikas; present.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 28, 2013 Village Board Meeting

B. Approval of Disbursements

Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer, Chialdikas; 6 ayes. Motion passed.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Public Hearing – Lemont Sports Complex – Public Hearing** was opened upon motion of Sniegowski, seconded by Stapleton at 7:07 p.m. VV 6 ayes. Motion passed.

The Mayor spoke and introduced Dan Martin who did the study. Fred Barofsky, Indoor Sports Management Corporation spoke about the financial assumptions. Jeff Stein, Village Attorney, spoke about MWRD getting IEPA approval and the 39 year \$5,000 per year lease. Bob Vale spoke about restructuring the bonds and explained the difference between alternative and general obligation bonds.

B. Audience Participation – Public Hearing Comments:

1. Mary Pollard – Thanked the Board for moving forward. Currently the Indian's pay \$30K a year to the Quarry Fieldhouse.
2. Bill Douglass – Lemont Lacrosse Organization. The Lacrosse League will come to Lemont if there's room here. Sees it as an opportunity for downtown economic development.
3. Lisa Bitsky – Questions if we will have enough teams coming in to support it. Feels it is too big and too expensive. Questioned where the revenue money comes from if we do not have enough revenue to support it.
4. Rick Lighthart – Feels the project is great, but the principle is wrong. He would like a referendum on this issue.
5. Tim Stieber – Thinks it's a great idea. Questioned the revenue stream and has a hard time believing the numbers. Thinks it's half the revenue stream.
6. James Ladas – Feels the Village has gone behind the residents' backs. Concerned about alternative sources of revenue stream. If it doesn't make it, will we see cuts in other services? Said he will have a meeting at his home on Wednesday at 7p.m. at 90 Timberline Dr.
7. Bob Wingo – Cited the inefficiency of Toyota Park in Bridgeview as an example of tax payers being saddled with higher taxes after it fails. What is the difference between this and Bridgeview?
8. Demetrios Dalmarez – Spoke on behalf of the Lemont Raiders, a #2 team in the nation. They can't wait for the completion of this project. They have 40 teams, 400 kids in the club and

will commit to bringing them to the Lemont Sports Complex. They pay approximately \$160,000 a year for fields.

9. Mike Gardner – Has two kids very involved in traveling sports. Would like to support this community. It's more than just a sports complex. It would get other people out of the house to see or participate in an event.
10. John Piazza – Encouraged residents to do their research before making a decision. A private sector could not afford such a project.
11. Jarrod Hanson – In support of the project. Hopes it will become a reality.
12. Ken Emerson – Stated that when businesses benefit, so do the residents. Lived in Orland for five years and their taxes continued to go down because businesses came into town. Lets not wait, the time is now.
13. Judy Techman – Bothers me that it is a “fast track.” Wants to see more time. Sounds wonderful, but thinks the residence should vote on it.
14. David Marseille – Has questions about the numbers given and number of people attending each week. Run the numbers at different scenario, talk to another consultant and are disaster scenarios in there?
15. Harvey Schlacter – Wants it to be successful, but feels residents weren't made aware of the project soon enough and we need more knowledge.
16. Ken Chlebick – Questioned what part IDOT will play, consideration of egress, parking and traffic lights. What kind of study has taken place on traffic in peak hours?
17. Dorothy Retzke – Stated in McCook there are 175 teams with 15 players on a team. They have 8,400 people there just on the weekends.
18. Maureen Mottl – Mentioned a study saying the number of players will decline. Feels more time is needed for cost review.

Motion by Miklos, seconded by Sniegowski to close said Public Hearing at 9:16 p.m. VV 6 ayes. Motion passed.

V. CLERK'S REPORT

A. Correspondence

B. Ordinances

1. **Ordinance O-11-13** Ordinance Amending Title 17 of the Lemont Municipal Code, The Lemont Unified Development Ordinance of 2008 (UDO Amendments). Motion by Stapleton, seconded by Miklos, to adopt said ordinance. Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer, Chialdikas; 6 ayes. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance O-12-13** Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Lemont, Illinois Municipal Code Relating to no Parking Areas. Motion by Chialdikas, seconded by Stapleton, to adopt said ordinance. Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer, Chialdikas; 6 ayes. Motion passed.

VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

VII. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

IX. STAFF REPORTS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Fiala property on New Avenue in Will County wants zoning to store containers. Our position is that we don't want unsightly units being stored. Zero lot frontage and no berm would not be acceptable.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There being no further business, a motion was made by Blatzer, seconded by Stapleton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Voice vote: 6 ayes.