

Committee of the Whole
February 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

A Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday February 18 at Village Hall at 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Reaves called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the following were present:

Trustees Paul Chialdikas, Ron Stapleton, Rick Sniegowski, Debbie Blatzer Jeanette Virgilio and Cliff Miklos.

Also present were Village staff members Ben Wehmeier, James Brown, Charity Jones, Ed Buettner, Mark LaChappell, George Schafer, Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, Ralph Pukula, and Village Attorney Jeffery Stein.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Art Logistics Class 6b Request

The owners of the property at 13001, 13021, and 13067 Main Street, have requested that the Village support their application for a class 6b property tax classification with Cook County. The subject property was purchased by Rena Land, LLC and Art Logistics submitted a site development permit for the property on March 20, 2012. This is the former Workman property and the new owners expressed that they need the incentive to make their financials work on the project. The majority of the Board was neutral on the request until they received additional information on what the project could bring to the Village in terms of tax revenue, jobs and other construction revenues. Representatives from Art Logistics were at the meeting and answered some questions on their need for the incentive. Mayor Reaves stated that the petitioners knew of the tax structure when they acquired the property and had no issue with it. However, the Mayor and the Board would wait for more information on the project before rendering a decision. Discussion closed on the topic.

Discussion of Front Street Lofts Parking Concerns

Mr. Schafer and Chief Shaughnessy spoke briefly about a request from many residents of the Front Street Lofts about acquiring additional parking in the Lemont Parking Garage. Currently each property owner receives 1 parking spot per unit, in which they pay a fee to the Village for the use of the spot. The current rate for a parking spot is \$75 per quarter for each spot. The Board was receptive to the idea of licensing annual spots at this same rate. Staff would be working in the near future to establish a program for these residents to acquire another spot. Discussion closed on the topic.

Lemont 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update - Target Industries

Mr. Brown gave a brief presentation on the update to the Comprehensive Plan's economic development element. The Target Industries Report serves to guide development, prioritize allocation of resources and give direction with incentive requests among other directions. The Mayor and Board was receptive to the information, the information presented would be included with the rest of the comprehensive plan update.

Discussion of FY 13-14 Budget - Budget Projection Overview and Economic Forecast, Capital Budget Update, Budget Guidance on Department Request

The February Committee of the Whole is typically reserved for the financial conditions overview of the Village, capital budget and introduction to the budget process. Mr. Schafer gave a brief presentation on the state and local economy and change to the new budget format, which led into the capital and operating budget discussions. The capital budget was first discussed at a December Committee of the Whole, and included new squad cards to replace the aging fleet and new dump trucks for the Public Works Department. Construction projects include the Village's contribution to the triangle project and Walker and McCarthy as well as the annual MFT program, annual sewer televising and the continuance of annual sewer separation work. The budget calendar was also presented to the Board with an approval date of April 22nd. More information would be presented at the typical March Committee of the Whole Meeting. Discussion closed on the topic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No Audience Participation

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reaves adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM