

**MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Lemont Village Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., presided by Mayor Brian Reaves.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of August 26, 2013 Village Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of August 19, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

B. Approval of Disbursements

C. Resolution R-43-13 Appointing Eileen M. Donahue Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).

Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer; 5 ayes. Motion Passed. Chialdikas absent.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Proclamation "It Can Wait" Pledge

Motion made by Miklos, seconded by Blatzer to approve said proclamation. VV 5 ayes.
Chialdikas absent.

V. CLERK'S REPORT

A. Ordinances

1. **Ordinance O-37-13 Approving Sublease Agreement with Canal Corridor Association.**
Motion by Miklos, seconded by Blatzer, to adopt said ordinance. Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer; 5 ayes. Motion Passed. Chialdikas absent.

B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution R-44-13 Approving Agreement for Participation for Traffic Signal Upgrades Project.** Motion by Blatzer, seconded by Miklos, to adopt said resolution. Roll Call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio, Blatzer; 5 ayes. Motion Passed. Chialdikas absent.

VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

VII. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

George Schafer – Metra tickets will be on sale here at the Village Hall on Saturday, October 12th.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Shaughnessy reported that they are in possession of a lost cockatoo.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Charity Jones – The owner of the building across from St. Al's needs to know what zoning district he can sell the property as. She addressed the definitions for contractor businesses. We will pass an amendment to differentiate between contractor businesses more clearly explaining each and which kind can go in certain zoning areas.

XII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – FIRST STREET

Residents attended the meeting to state their opinions and concerns on the opening of the gate to connect First Street with Covington Knolls' Berkley Street. A summary of the comments follow:

- A resident at 1127 Berkley Street asked about making parking on one side only since people park on both sides and this will cause congestion.
- A Norwalk resident asked about how the benefit to the Village outweighs the incoming traffic on First Street.
- A Norwalk resident asked why there were no traffic studies done first.
- A resident asked about the line of sight on Covington Knolls roads.
- A resident at 1217 Chatham Drive asked if the Village was going to take responsibility when a child gets hurt.
- A resident at 1127 Norwalk St. doesn't see the need for connectivity and fears speeders.
- A resident at 1124 Berkley Lane spoke of the lack of a traffic study.
- A resident asked the Board to reconsider the traffic issues.
- A resident at 1127 Berkley St. said we need a study on First Street, not Fourth Street.
- A resident at 551 First Street feels we have enough connectivity already in the Village without this connection. He agrees First Street needs repair.
- A resident of 641 First Street of 58 years said people don't stop at stop signs now and feels there definitely will be safety issues.
- A resident of 540 First Street of 9 years is happy the street is being redone, but doesn't understand how it can hold all the Covington Knolls traffic.
- A resident at 1128 Berkley St. feels there will be too many accidents.
- A resident at 619 First Street doesn't feel the process by the Village has been fair and demanded the Village not proceed with this project.
- A First Street resident spoke about the unsafe sidewalk plan and the fact that drivers won't slow down regardless of signs.
- A First Street resident said it's hard enough now to see cars when pulling out of her driveway and was concerned about not being able to see cars when she is backing out with the street being a through street.

Mayor Reaves addressed questions from the group and the reason the gate at First Street is being removed. The Mayor stated that connectivity is necessary for the Village. Discussions of opening First Street have taken place over the past several years. Funds are available at this time, and therefore, the Village is proceeding with the project. Safety traffic issues will be addressed through adding additional stop signs and safety enforcement.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Blatzer, seconded by Stapleton, to move into Executive Session(s) for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation & Personnel. Roll call: Miklos, Sniegowski, Stapleton, Virgilio and Blatzer; 5 ayes.

Motion Passed. Chialdikas absent.

XIV. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Blatzer, seconded by Sniegowski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Voice vote: 5 ayes. Motion passed.