

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.

A Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, October 21, 2013 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present were Village staff members George Schafer, Charity Jones, Mark LaChappell, Ralph Pukula, Chris Smith, Kevin Shaughnessy, and Village Attorney represented by Jeff Alperin.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Municipal Compliance Report for the Police Pension Fund

Ed Mansell of the Police Pension Board presented the Police Pension actuarial report. The Village is required to do its own actuarial report of the Police Pension Fund.

B. 2013 Property Tax Levy Estimates

Finance Director Chris Smith discussed the tax levy for the Village. It was noted that the greatest amount of increase is in the corporate area. The largest increase affecting the corporate area is the Police Pension Fund with the second largest being IMRF. Although the Village is not obligated to hold a public hearing because the property tax levy increase is estimated to be less than 5%, for transparency purposes, a public hearing will be held at the November 25 Village Board Meeting. The tax levy ordinance will be adopted at the December 9 Village Board Meeting and will be filed thereafter.

C. FY 14 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Chris Smith went over the six month budget review. The proposed second budget amendment changes include an increase in retail sales tax, grant revenues and franchise fees. The expenditures that increased are due to reorganizations, awarded contracts and emergency repairs. There was minimal discussion on the budget. The second budget amendment will be presented at the October 28, 2013 Village Board Meeting.

D. Amendment to Title 1 of the Municipal Code – NSF Checks

Finance Director Chris Smith reported that currently we charge a \$15 fee for a check returned for non-sufficient funds to the Village. Situations have occurred where the payment due from the fee and NSF check was paid with another check that came back, again, as non-sufficient funds. The proposed changes were discussed. It is proposed to increase the fee of an NSF check from \$15 to \$25. The NSF must be replaced with cash, cashier's check, credit card or a money order. The person submitting two NSF's in one year will be on a cash status for three months. There were no issues with the request. The item will be presented at the October 28th Village Board Meeting for adoption.

E. Glens of Connemara Improvements

Glens of Connemara Improvements were previously discussed at the August 19, 2013 COW Meeting. Recommendation was made to have the streets paved now to avoid more costly repairs later. However, there have been some delays with the developer and they want to wait for the spring, with warmer weather. Discussion of the proposed plan for the bike path took place

regarding the material and intended usage. Ralph Pukula noted that the sanitary sewers will be cleaned and televised and will have recorded drawings at the end of the year.

F. Sports Complex Project

Mayor Reaves began the discussion on the status of the sports complex and moving forward. After enough signatures were collect from citizens stopping the building of the sports complex, during the course of the rest of the year, four people came to us looking into providing private financing. Due to the fact that the land could never be owned (it would be a lease through MWRD), when it got to the legal department and board, it went no further. At this time, if a private party does not financially support the project, as a board, we need to have complete agreement and decide if we are moving forward with the plan of putting it on a referendum in the spring. We continue to be contacted by several individuals and businesses of interest in involvement if built and we still have various sports teams asking when it coming. They are still looking for scheduling time, as the other facilities are too small. Discussion took place and there was a request to look at the numbers again. A referendum for the sports complex is dependent upon other avenues of investment prior to the referendum deadline of December 19th.

G. Discussion of Boot/Tow Ordinance

This item was pulled from the agenda.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Walker/McCarthy Road Update

We have been informed by IDOT that this project will not be done this year due to a few issues. Weekly updates have been requested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.