

**Committee of the Whole**  
**March 19, 2012**  
7:00 p.m.

A Meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday March 19, 2012 in the Board Room of the Village Hall at 418 Main Street in Lemont, Illinois.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion of Timberline Knolls PUD & Annexation/Rezoning

Owner of Timberline Knolls has requested a PUD for approximately 40 acres of property at 40 Timberline Drive; and annexation and rezoning to R-4 Single family for two pieces of property that are not currently within the Village and the addition onto one of their structures. The PZC and staff have recommended approval with conditions. The annexation agreement on the property expired causing the petitioners to come in for a PUD approval before they could apply for their building permits for the additions. There were a few other issues that were discussed at public hearing including landscaping needed for the facility, horse therapy on the site as well as the possibility of a horse barn on the property. After discussion, the petitioners stated that they would come back in front of board if they wanted to have the horse barn. In addition, the alleviate traffic concerns; it would be put into the agreement that a traffic study would be conducted if the facility changed their services in the future. Staff and legal would be meeting with the petitioner in the near future to tie up loose ends on the proposal. The item would be presented to the Village Board at a later date. Discussion closed.

Presentation and Discussion by Municipal Collections of America and Discussion of IGA concerning state Comptroller to Collect Local Debts

Jeff Wood of Municipal Collections of America came in to give a brief presentation on their debt collection service. Mr. Wood discussed some of their success stories with other municipalities including using the threatening of booting vehicles with a number of parking tickets. In addition, the collection costs would be added to the debts so the Village still receives its full debt, when collected. Also, with working with other communities in a joint agreement, the number of ticket threshold for booting or suspending a license could be combined with all of the entities. In addition to the collection services, MCA could assist the Village with the new state controller program which gives allows for debts to be

recouped through the offender's state income tax return. The board supported the group and MCA would be drafting a contract to present to the Village Board at a coming meeting.

#### Presentation and Discussion of FY 12-13 Budget and Annual Fee Ordinance.

Mr. Wehmeier went through the upcoming budget and annual fee ordinance. The budget discussion went over the various funds of the Village including general, water and sewer, road improvement, MFT, TIF's and the other miscellaneous funds. There were not many major talking points. With FY 2013 being a non-vehicle sticker year, capital purchases were limited. In the future, the Village plans to get back to purchasing vehicles and other capital with the vehicle sticker funds. Some of the talking points included approximately 25,000 in marketing funds being budgeted, as well as an economic development research tool called Buxton Scout. The majority of the funding for road projects this year will be diverted to the Village's share of the major road projects on McCarthy Road, repairs to the Holmes Street wall. Resurfacing projects include Timberline from 127<sup>th</sup> to Roberta and striping on Timberline and near schools.

Mr. Wehmeier also went over the annual fee ordinance. A year ago the fees associated with various services were taken out of the municipal code and replaced by an annual fee ordinance passed by the Village Board, to reflect any changes. There were no major changes with the exception of increasing the turn on fee for water, and to flatten out the senior citizen discounted vehicle sticker fee. Currently there are two different fees for first car and second car.

#### Discussion of Façade Grant Applications

The Downtown façade grant committee recently reviewed applications for 406 Main Street and 312 Canal Street. Both applications met all requirements for the grant and the committee is recommending their awards. There was little discussion on the topic. The items would be up for formal approval at a future Board meeting.

#### Discussion on Updating Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.23 of the Lemont Municipal Code – Administrative and Processing Fee for Impounding of Vehicles

The Illinois General Assembly recently amended and added language concerning the charging of an Administrative and Processing fees for impounding of vehicles. The recommended ordinance brings the Village's code in compliance with this language. The item would be up for formal approval at a future board meeting.

#### Discussion on Updating Ordinance Prohibiting Vandalism

The Village's current vandalism ordinance does not provide for requiring offenders to pay for damages they have caused. The updated ordinance gives the Village a tool to recoup costs caused by these offenders. There was support for the ordinance; the item would be up for approval at a future board meeting.

### Discussion on ERP system

Mr. Schafer presented a brief overview of the ERP selection process. The Village was looking for a long term solution of an enterprise wide software system that would be completely integrated to support all functions of the Village. Staff reviewed demos from four software vendor firms and narrowed it down to the top 2, New World and Springbrook. The preferred vendor was higher in price and maintenance costs than the second vendor, so the Board asked questions on the differences between the two programs. The major differences included the community development and building permit functions, New World had a much more advanced system in these areas than Springbrook. In addition, New World had all of its applications in one system while Springbrook incorporated a few third party products to produce the desired results of the Village. The main price difference between the two was with implementation strategies. New World estimated approximately 900 hours versus Springbrook's approximately 450. When taking into account New World's 360 day free maintenance and Springbrook's 180 day free maintenance period, the maintenance differences were not vastly different. The Board directed staff to move forward with contract negotiations with the New World product. The item would be up for formal approval at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Village Board Meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Downtown sprinkler issues. Mr. Wehmeier brought up the sprinkler issue in the downtown in particular an answer to Mr. Vavra's concerns. After discussion, it was determined that the Village would try to create a designation for the downtown area due to its historic nature to exempt properties from some of these regulations. Staff would be working with Fire District in the near future to come up with these guidelines.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No Audience Participation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reaves adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM