

Committee of the Whole
September 17, 2012
7:00 p.m.

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village Board was held on Monday September 17, 2012 in the Lemont Police Department Training Room at 14600 127th St. in Lemont, Illinois. The meeting was followed by a Joint Meeting with the Village Board and Planning & Zoning Commission to further discuss Electronic Message Centers and Sign Illumination

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, Jeanette Virgilio, Debbie Blatzer 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

Presentation of FY 2012 Audit

FY 2012 is the 2nd year Baker Tilly has been the Village's auditor and representatives from Baker Tilly were in attendance to give the audit presentation. This audit there were no material weaknesses found from the auditing firm. The minimal comments the firm had last fiscal year were either already addressed or will be addressed with the new software implementation. There was little discussion on the topic; the Village would once again apply for the audit award through GFOA. Discussion closed.

Discussion of Police Pension Actuarial

The Police Pension actuarial report was included for the Board's review. The Village is required to do its own actuarial report of the Police Pension Fund. The fund is approximately 70% funded, which is fairly high compared to other communities. At this time, there was no need to have the actuarial come out and present. If there were any questions, these could be addressed at a future Board Meeting.

Discussion of Covington Knolls Unit 1 – A Final Plat

Terry Woolums, on behalf of Farmingdale Development Company, doing business as Gallagher and Henry, has requested a final plat of subdivision approval for 12 lots along Overton Drive in Covington

Knolls. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval. There was minimal discussion on the topic; the item would be on the next Village Board Agenda.

Discussion of Electronic Message Centers and Sign Illumination

Mayor Reaves closed the regular Committee of the Whole Meeting and welcomed the Planning & Zoning Commission to the meeting to further discuss electronic message signs and signs with internal illumination. Mr. Brown gave a brief presentation of the sign issues in the past with respect to electronic message centers. The Planning & Zoning Commission recently held a public hearing on the topic and did not have enough direction to give a proper recommendation, so hence a joint meeting with the Village Board was needed. After a meeting the previous month, it was decided that Electronic message centers would be allowed with specific conditions: the EMC's would be part of a monument sign in which it is secondary to the primary sign, The Village would require a minimum separation between signs, there should be limitations on how fast the sign can move and that EMCs should be allowed in certain business districts. The movement discussion point gained approval at the message not changing in less than 7 seconds, most agreed. There was also a recommendation from the meeting that the electronic portion should be no bigger than 33% of the total sign. For location, the recommendation from the Committee is that they should be allowed in B3 zoned properties that is adjacent to an arterial roadway. Another recommendation is that they must be at least 250 feet from a residential lot. Another discussion point was the distance between LED signs. The recommendation from the committee would be that no sign shall be within 400 feet of another sign. It is currently 500 feet in the code. A last discussion point was the colors allowed in an electronic sign. It was decided that 2 colors would be allowed. The code revisions would be back in front of the Village Board for approval in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No Audience Participation

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reaves adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM