

Committee of the Whole
August 15, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Village of Lemont Committee of the Whole was held on Monday August 15, 2011 in the Board Room of the Village Hall at 418 Main Street in Lemont, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Trustees Paul Chialdikas, Ron Stapleton, Rick Sniegowski, Debbie Blatzer and Jeanette Virgilio. Trustee Miklos was absent

Also present were Village staff members Ben Wehmeier, Charity Jones, Ed Buettner, Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, George Schafer and Village Attorneys Dan Blondin and Jeffery Stein.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Keepataw festival

A brief presentation was made to the Village Board regarding the Keepataw Days festival to occur over Labor Day weekend. The presentation was made by the Keepataw Days Festival Committee. The festival will remain the same from prior years for the most part. Public Works will be asked to assist in shutting down the Metra Lot for the event, and the Police Department has been asked to provide police protection, especially in the drinking areas. The Keepataw Days festival committee will be reimbursing the Village the personnel costs associated with the event. There was little discussion on the topic. The Keepataw Day festival is scheduled to take place August 31st through September 5th.

Country Lane Variation

Ms. Jones gave a brief presentation on the variation request. The subject property owner has requested a variation to the Village's rear yard setback requirement; the property is located in Covington Knolls at 1229 Country Lane. The request is for the replacement of a deck with a sunroom. There are some unique circumstances with the property, as the existing deck is within the setback but needs to be replaced anyway. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the variation. There was a minor concern on drainage, but the Village Engineer approved the plan. The Board did not have a major issue with the request; it would be up for formal approval at a meeting in the near future.

Pool Variation – Walter Street

The owner of the subject property at 1026 Walter Street is requesting a variation to allow for construction of a swimming pool in the side yard. The P&Z recommends approval of the request. There was a letter from a nearby resident opposing the request. There were some questions on landscaping, there would be landscaping along the south and east property lines to screen the pool. There was a minor concern on drainage, but the Village Engineer approved the plan. The Board did not have a major issue with the request; it would be up for formal approval at a meeting in the near future.

St. Matthew's Rezoning

Ms. Jones gave a brief presentation on the request. St Matthews Church seeks to change the zoning of its vacant property on 127th Street from residential to institutional. The site will be the future home of the new church being built. Staff recommended approval of the request; however the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 2-2, which is not a favorable recommendation. The rezoning to the institutional use would provide the church with more flexibility in the project they want to move forward with. There was little discussion on the topic. The Mayor mentioned that the Planning & Zoning Commission was confused on the purpose of the institutional use, and that's the reason they did not recommend approval. The item would be up for formal approval at a future Board Meeting.

Facade Grant Applications

Ms. Jones gave a brief presentation on the facade grant applications the Village received. The Village received grant requests for 110 Stephen Street, 114 Stephen Street, and 220 Main Street. All three grants fall within the eligibility requirements and are all below the maximum amount. The Board did not have an issue with the request. The grants would be approved at a future Village Board Meeting.

Village Financial Policies

Mr. Wehmeier went over the next financial policy the Village is reviewing, the debt management policy. The debt management policy sets forth comprehensive guidelines for the financing of capital projects and infrastructure. It is the objective of the policy that the Village obtain financing only when necessary; the process for identifying the timing and amount of debt or other financing be as efficient as possible, and the most favorable interest rate and other costs be obtained. The Board did not have an issue with the policy; it would be up for approval at a future Board meeting.

First Quarter FY 2012 Budget Review

Mr. Wehmeier went through a brief discussion on the first quarter numbers from the Fiscal year budget. Being so early in the fiscal year, how the revenues are tracking may be off due to the timing of when the Village gets its revenues. There was minor discussion on the topic. The Committee of the Whole will continue to have quarterly budget meetings going forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No Audience Participation

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reaves adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM