

VILLAGE OF ITASCA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2016 – Immediately Following Village Board Meeting

- Call to Order:** Mayor Jeff Pruyn called the meeting to order at 7:43PM.
- Roll Call:** Present: Trustees – Marty Hower, Jeff Aiani, Ellen Leahy, Lucy Santorsola, Mike Latoria, Frank Madaras; Village Clerk – Melody Craven.
- Also present: Village Administrator – Evan Teich; Village Attorney – Chuck Hervas; Chief of Police – Robert O’Connor; Community Development Director – Nancy Hill; Finance Director – Julie Ciesla; Village Engineering Consultant – Aaron Fundich; Community Development Intern – Chris Strom.
- Absent: Director of Public Works – Ross Hitchcock
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.
- Audience Participation:** None.
- President’s Comments:** Mayor Pruyn had no report.
- Community Development Committee:** Trustee Latoria presented discussion and possible action concerning granting variances for 300 S. Walnut (Bhagat) as recommended by the Plan Commission. The petitioner, Mr. Bhagat, was present. Hearing no objections, Trustee Latoria made a motion to recommend approval; Trustee Madaras seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
Trustee Latoria, Chairperson
(300 S. Walnut – Variances)
- Administration Committee:** Trustee Santorsola had no report.
Trustee Santorsola, Chairperson
- Environment Committee:** Trustee Leahy had no report.
Trustee Leahy, Chairperson
- Finance Committee:** Trustee Hower had no report.
Trustee Hower, Chairperson
- Public Safety Committee:** Trustee Madaras presented discussion and possible action on prohibiting on-street parking on the east side of the 100 Block of North Walnut Street. Chris Strom, Community Development Intern, suggested eliminating three existing parking stalls on the east side of Walnut Street in front of 127 N. Walnut Street due to the proximity of vehicles parked in these spaces and fire trucks and other large vehicles driving north on Walnut Street. Hearing no further objections, Trustee Madaras recommended the elimination of the three (3) parking spaces in front of 127 S. Walnut Street. Trustee Leahy seconded the

motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Works/Infrastructure
Committee:**

Trustee Aiani, Chairperson
(Presentation of Elgin O'Hare
Update)

(Final Bid Cost Participation for
Illinois Tollway)

Trustee Aiani reported that the presentation on updates with the Elgin O'Hare expressway project will be postponed until the next Board meeting on June 21st, 2016.

Trustee Aiani also reported that due to last-minute Tollway decisions, Scott Marquardt from HR Green would not be able to present on the Final Bid Cost Participation for Illinois Tollway. This agenda item would also be tabled.

Department Heads:

Chief of Police Robert O'Connor reported that officers had to attend twelve (12) hours of education. The Police Department had at least fifteen cars at the safety seat check-in. Chief O'Connor reached out to Illinois State Police regarding motorcycle accidents; as a result, State Police will put some extra patrols out in the area. Chief O'Connor reported on a situation with an autistic boy near Itasca Country Club.

Community Development Director Nancy Hill reported on her trip to a retail convention in Las Vegas. Overall, she felt the event was worthwhile and provided a summary. Ms. Hill also summarized the history of Mr. Bhagat of 300 S. Walnut and the Plan Commission to date. The Bhagat's are still in substantial compliance, but they made additional changes. Ms. Hill informed the Board that staff encourages every applicant to ask for any variances they might want all at once. Finally, Ms. Hill reported of the upcoming groundbreaking for American Academy of Pediatrics and stated the Village was close to resolving any outstanding issues.

Ms. Hill praised Vince Cirone, a full-time plumbing inspector, who has gone above and beyond in the last week.

Village Engineer Aaron Fundich reported that he had found out today that Arlington Heights Road would be closed between 6:00AM to 6:00PM between Thorndale and Ketter Drive and would be losing an eastbound lane for storage of large beams. Nicole Way would be rerouted.

Additionally, Mr. Fundich reported concerns from Clover Ridge Homeowners Association regarding a contractor dispute over a fence between a sidewalk and a pond. Discussion ensued over how expenses are billed for staff's and engineers' time. The Clover Ridge Homeowners Association agreed to maintain the fence.

In regards to the preliminary FEMA floodplain maps, Mr. Fundich explained there was a gap in funding from FEMA for the revisions; therefore, the next preliminary maps are to be presented in April 2017.

Public Works Director Ross Hitchcock was absent.

Finance Director Julie Ciesla reported that Itasca Bank & Trust has installed the software for remote deposits and she will begin to train staff immediately. Additionally, Ms. Ciesla reported that since the departure of the HR coordinator, she has been working with Public Works and have hired five seasonal workers. She reported Administration is still in the midst of union negotiations. Discussion ensued over the distribution of funds from the State in regards to the Police Pension Board. She added that there has been significant effort in recruitment for the new HR position.

Ms. Ciesla presented the Finance Director's Report for February 2016 and summarized the details of the report.

Village Administrator Evan Teich thanks Julie, Pam, Lamar, and Shirley for their help on making the health insurance open enrollment a success. Mr. Teich reported on three projects the Village currently is pursuing funding for: Bloomingdale Road, Arlington Heights Road between Thorndale and Ketter, and a future exit at Devon Avenue and Park Boulevard. Additionally, Mr. Teich reported that this past week there were 170 volunteers from Nielsen Corporation working at the Spring Brook Nature Center, and thanked Fred Maier for coordinating. Mayor Pruyn suggested that the small boardwalk needs maintenance. Mr. Teich and Mayor Pruyn attended the DARE program along with Chief O'Connor which was well-received by public and parents. Mr. Teich thanked the Police Department and Officer Jim Duda who does a great job with the children.

Village Clerk Melody Craven reported that Deputy Village Clerk Jake Lawrence was married on Friday, June 3rd and is currently on his honeymoon, but will return June 17th.

Village Attorney Chuck Hervas reported that Mr. Hancock and his attorney filed a petition to go to the Supreme Court; if the Supreme Court does not take the PSEBA case, it will be over.

Adjournment:

Trustee Madaras made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:22PM; Trustee Leahy seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by: Melody J. Craven, Village Clerk