

VILLAGE OF ITASCA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2016 – Immediately Following Village Board Meeting

- Call to Order:** Mayor Jeff Pruyn called the meeting to order at 7:49PM.
- 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; Public Works Director – Ross Hitchcock; Community Development Director – Nancy Hill; Finance Director – Julie Ciesla; Village Engineering Consultant – Aaron Fundich.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.
- Audience Participation:** None.
- President’s Comments:** Mayor Pruyn presented discussion and possible action concerning Relief from Building Code for 400 E. Walnut Street (Itasca Country Club). Itasca Country Club petitioners were present in the audience: Phil Benson, Director of Golf, and Eric Swets, Itasca Country Club engineering consultant. Trustee Leahy asked for the need of combustible materials. Mr. Swets explained the need for such materials, primarily concerning price and complexity. Discussion ensued on the safety hazards of combustible materials.
- There was Board consensus to table the item for the next meeting in order for the petitioner to seek staff input.
- Community Development Committee:** Trustee Latoria had no report.
Trustee Latoria, Chairperson
- 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 was absent.
Trustee Madaras, Chairperson

Public Works/Infrastructure Committee:

Trustee Aiani, Chairperson
(Elgin O'Hare Update
Presentation by Robinson
Engineering)

Trustee Aiani presented an Elgin O'Hare update from Robinson Engineering. Al Stefan, Village engineering consultant, provided a thorough presentation of the Elgin O'Hare Tollway project's status. Mr. Stefan provided an update on new ramps, the status of construction sites, and what Robinson Engineering is doing to monitor and assess progress.

(IDOT Grass-Cutting and
Property Maintenance along I-
290 Agreement)

Trustee Aiani Presented an update on the agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation relating to grass-cutting and property maintenance adjacent to the sound walls along I-290. Scott Marquardt of HR Green provided the Board with the background, history, and recommended action concerning IDOT's opinion of an IGA related to grass-cutting and property maintenance of a particular piece of land. The Village has been looking into alternatives and costs if the disagreement continues. The Tollway has agreed to mow the piece of land in question once they have relinquished it to IDOT. The Board expressed concern over the level of quality involved with IDOT property maintenance. This issue will continue over the next month and Mr. Marquardt will maintain communication with IDOT.

(Final Bid Cost Participation for
Illinois Tollway Contract 1-13-
4629)

Trustee Aiani presented discussion and possible action concerning a Final Bid Cost Participation for Illinois Tollway Contract I-13-4629, Illinois Route 390 from Park Boulevard to Arlington Heights Road. Mr. Marquardt outlined the issue to the Board, but the Board expressed concerns over the future of ComEd's project and aesthetics.

(Illinois Route 390 Overall
Access Control Fencing)

Trustee Aiani presented discussion and possible action concerning Illinois Route 390 Overall Access Control Fencing Exhibit Request for Direction regarding Future Fencing Enhancements. Mr. Marquardt stated that based on the mood of the Village Board over previous agenda items, this item should be tabled until the other issues are resolved.

Department Heads:

Chief of Police Robert O'Connor reported the Highland Games experienced no criminal activity, but Scottish Society intern did damage a squad car with a golf cart. DuPage County reached out to the Police Department regarding concerns about an incoming powerful storm. In addition, Chief O'Connor reported that crime this year has gone down 14% with severe crime drastically decreasing.

Scott Marquardt reported the Tollway is working with the Fire Protection District as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning financial and reimbursement terms.

Al Stefan reported the Tollway will place water monitoring stations at construction sites impacted by flooding. Robinson Engineering will update the Board of this issue going forward.

Public Works Director Ross Hitchcock reported he will be participating in a conversation with DuPage County is over the

Nordic Hills issue. Mr. Hitchcock will issue an update at the next Board meeting.

Finance Director Julie Ciesla reported the health insurance items are going smoothly. There was an informational meeting with staff and plan participants regarding Express Scripts. Ms. Ciesla reported on the new remote deposit technology and its implementation. She added the next meeting will be the public hearing for the appropriation ordinance. Finally, Ms. Ciesla reported that on July 1st there will be a new water bill, an 8 ½ x11 paper with more space for information.

Village Administrator Evan Teich reported the Mayor and he attended a DMMC meeting with ComEd regarding the electric power pole project. They showed them a systems map related to why the Itasca location is important to them. Mr. Teich reported it does not seem like ComEd is ready to file any time soon. He also reported that the Village surpassed their 100th Freedom of Information Act request for the year.

Village Clerk Melody Craven had no report.

Village Attorney Chuck Hervas reported an update on the Irving Park Road case and the orthodontist. Mr. Hervas explained the orthodontist filed an amended complaint and the Village will be moving for summary judgment in due time.

Executive Session:

Trustee Madaras made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of personnel matters and probable and imminent litigation at 9:29PM; Trustee Santorsola seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Reconvene:

Village Board reconvened at 10:13PM.

Adjournment:

Trustee Santorsola made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:14PM; Trustee Leahy seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by: Melody J. Craven, Village Clerk