



Village of Itasca
Intergovernmental Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021
5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Video Communications

1. Call to Order

Trustee Leahy called to order the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

VIA ZOOM: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Ellen Leahy (Chair), Trustee Dino Gavanos.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Aiani (Co-Chair), Trustee Mike Latoria, Trustee Kathy Linsner, Trustee Frank Madaras.

Others Via Zoom: Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Village Clerk Jody Conidi, School District Superintendent Craig Benes, School District Board Member John Los, Park District Board President Linda Aiani, Park District Executive Director Mary Fran Leno, Fire Protection District Chief James Burke, Library Director Frank Murray.

2. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation.

3. Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2020

Trustee Leahy moved to approve the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020. Park District Board President Aiani abstained. Trustee Gavanos seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Village of Itasca Update

Village Mayor Pruyn thanked Park District Executive Director Leno, Library Director Murray, Fire District Chief Burke, and School District Superintendent Benes for participating in the Virtual Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

Village Administrator Ergo reported:

- Public Works is experiencing staff changes related to retirements, promotions, and new hires with Director Ross Hitchcock retiring February 1, 2021, Brian Yarbough promoted to General Services Superintendent, Kevin Farley promoted to Forester, and Mike Subers being promoted to Director
- Police Department staff changes are the retirement of Deputy Chief Barry Kauther and promotion of Sergeant Tim Mace to Deputy Chief and Detective Daniel Kaltenbach to Sergeant
- With the assistance of DuPage County Board Member Ashley Selmon, the Village and Library received the maximum PPE reimbursement of \$550,000.00 under the Cares Act
- The Itasca Country Club proposal for rezoning for a data center was pulled by the petitioner and is no longer before the Village; the current zoning of R-1 would allow the property to be a residential development
- Stan's Donuts is negotiating with the property owner at 102 East Irving Park Road and will be resulting approval for a drive-thru

- A Steering Committee for the Downtown Plan has been created and separate focus groups with taxing bodies will be planned
- A federal mandate to line lead pipes is expected in the next 5-7 years and the Village is seeking a grant in the amount of \$6 million to fully fund completing the three-year project before the mandate
- The Itasca Bucks Programs has generated \$100,000.00 in reimbursements to restaurants and breweries and over \$400,000.00 in total sales
- The Village Board is starting a full review of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with the prioritization of projects such as burying power lines, land acquisition, curb and gutter for areas without any, and storm water projects

5. Itasca Park District Update

Park District Executive Director Leno reported:

- Increasing offerings if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted on Friday, January 15, 2021
- The Itasca Holiday Drive-Thru Tree Lighting Celebration was a success and 20 boxes of toys were collected
- Creating an e-learning program for school teacher children
- The Itasca Waterpark bathhouse is gone, decking is being finished, and an opening is planned for the weekend of June 12, 2021
- Working with Springbrook Nature Center to complete new interior exhibits with a completion date of mid-May 2021
- Trustee Aiani's video of the Springbrook Nature Center and a giant snowball was posted on social media
- Snow shoes rentals are available at Springbrook Nature Center
- An ice rink is open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Itasca Softball Complex

6. Itasca Community Library Update

Library Director Murray reported:

- Planning to open meeting rooms if the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted on Friday, January 15, 2021
- Digital resources including streaming music and movies are popular
- Virtual youth programming had 1,000 registrations in December
- Take-and-make crafts were distributed to 150 children in December
- The license plate renewal service is averaging two renewals per day
- Receiving \$13,000.00 from DuPage County for the Cares Act
- Receiving grants of \$500.00 for PPE and \$1,300.00 to expand the WiFi

7. Itasca School District 10 Update

School District Superintendent Benes reported:

- The COVID-19 rate is 1% in the school buildings
- One in four students are participating in in-class learning
- There has been only one case of COVID-19 following the holiday break
- Staff are reworking the gifted program
- Summer school may be offered for the first time due to extra funding
- Haymarket contacted the school district to inquire about school district concerns and the School District responded concerns will be communication through the Plan Commission's public hearing

8. Itasca Fire Protection District Update

Fire District Chief Burke reported:

- Haymarket approached the Fire District for a meeting; the board felt the approach should have been at the beginning of the process and wanted to respect the process and maintain communication through Plan Commission for transparency
- Responders are dealing with COVID-19 patients daily now and there have been 900 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 21 COVID-19 deaths as of yesterday
- Experiencing a few staff cases of COVID-19 but none traced to responses
- Seeking federal and local reimbursement funds for COVID-19 expenses
- The office has been on lock down since March 2020 to keep office staff protected from the public and exposed responders
- Deputy Chief John Radzinski retired October 1, 2020 and is now working for Metra and one of the three fire lieutenants will be promoted into the position
- The interim Deputy Chief is Patrick Johl from Wood Dale Fire Protection District
- Chief Burke plans to retire in 2022
- Santa's Itasca Fire Truck Tour on Saturday, December 20, 2020 was well received
- Will be hiring to replace some vacancies and upcoming retirements

Village Administrator Ergo reported having conversations with DuPage County Health Department to learn about plans for vaccinating beyond first responders. Fire Chief Burke reported Northwest Community Hospital contacted the Fire District about performing vaccinations for police department and dispatch center staff for the next level of vaccinations, and the majority of Fire District responders have taken the vaccination. Superintendent Benes reported staff are getting ready for when vaccinations are ready to be administered to 1Bs.

Village Administrator Ergo reported current Illinois legislation if passed may cause public projects to be more expensive.

Park District Executive Director Leno recommended inviting newly elected District 45 State Representative Seth Lewis to a future meeting.

Park District Board President Aiani reported Haymarket contacted the Walk-in Ministry last summer and in October 2020.

9. Closed Session


No Closed Session.

The next Intergovernmental Meeting is tentatively Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Trustee Gavanis moved to adjourn the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting at 5:53 p.m. Park District Board President Aiani seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted this 11th day of January 2021:



Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk

