

VILLAGE OF ITASCA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2017 – Immediately Following Village Board Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jeff Pruyn called the meeting to order at 8:32PM.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees – Marty Hower, Jeff Aiani, Frank Madaras, Mike Latoria, Ellen Leahy, Lucy Santorsola; Village Clerk – Melody Craven.

Also present: Village Administrator – Evan Teich; Director of Police – Robert O'Connor; Director of Public Works – Ross Hitchcock; Community Development Director – Nancy Hill; Finance Director – Julie Ciesla; Village Attorney – Chuck Hervas; Village Engineering Consultant – Mark Wesolowski.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.

Audience Participation: Itasca resident, Mr. Chuck Springer of 500 Walters lane, addressed the Village Board with concerns regarding the financial policies presented. He expressed the policies should set a standard for the Village's credit rating. In addition, he expressed concerns involving Village taxes and the ambiguity of the target goals regarding those taxes. Mr. Springer also expressed that the Village was not addressing whether revenues were the primary concerns or the members of the community. Finally, he noted various fallback indicators for revenue were missing from the documents.

President's Comments: Mayor Pruyn reported various informational items regarding State-level pension reforms. In addition, he noted the new legislative seasons of the Illinois Municipal League and DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, specifically in concern to thirteen proposed budget bills.

(Resolution #923-17)

Mayor Pruyn presented discussion and possible action concerning Resolution #923-17, "A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Closed Session Meetings." Hearing no objections, Trustee Madaras made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution #923-17; Trustee Santorsola seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(Executive Session)

Mayor Pruyn asked for a motion to hold an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for two subjects: imminent litigation and discussion concerning Executive Session minutes. Trustee Latoria made a motion to hold the aforementioned Executive Session; Trustee Madaras seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Community Development Committee:

Trustee Latoria, Chairperson

Trustee Latoria had no report.

Administration Committee:

Trustee Santorsola, Chairperson

Trustee Santorsola had no report.

Environment Committee:

Trustee Leahy, Chairperson
(TIF Districts)

Trustee Leahy asked for the Board's support in exploring the possibility of creating some TIF Districts. She stated that the Village Board hired BDI to attempt to develop a more vibrant downtown. She feels it's time to look at the issue again. There was Board's concurrence to direct Community Development staff to explore the possibilities.

(O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission)

Trustee Hower attended the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) meeting last week. In Cook county there have been some reassessments of properties. The ONCC inquired as to why the house values decreased and yet the real estate taxes increased.

In addition, Trustee Hower reported that the community of Wayne joined the ONCC.

(Fly Quiet Committee)

Trustee Hower further noted the Fly Quiet test, an experimental runway and flight pattern July through December 2016, has ended. They are back to the old Fly Quiet procedures. The Fly quiet Committee is meeting on February 8, 2017 to review all the information.

(Suburban O'Hare Commission)

Mayor Pruyne reported that Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC) was scheduled to meet on February 7, 2017 to go over the results of the data provided by JDA Aviation Technology Solutions' assessment of the rotation plan.

Public Safety Committee:

Trustee Madaras, Chairperson

Trustee Madaras had no report.

Public Works/Infrastructure Committee:

Trustee Aiani, Chairperson
(Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017-2021)

Trustee Aiani presented discussion and possible action concerning the Capital Improvement Plan (FY 2017-2021) Update. Discussion ensued over to include capital upgrades to the Itasca sewer system. There was concurrence from the Board to include these upgrades in the Capital Improvement Plan. Trustee Aiani made a motion to recommend approval of including these sewer upgrades to the Capital Improvement Plan (FY 2017-2021); Trustee Leahy seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(ITEP Grant)

Trustee Aiani presented Village Engineering Consultant Mark Wesolowski from Robinson Engineering to provide an Update on Village Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant along Thorndale corridor. Mr. Wesolowski informed the Board and audience the ITEP grant is moving forward according to plan and there will be meetings in the near future to update staff.

Finance Committee:
Trustee Hower, Chairperson

Trustee Hower had no report. However, Trustee Madaras recommended that once the Investment Committee is approved, that Mr. Springer be appointed as a community representative if he is interested.

Department Heads:

Director of Police Robert O'Connor reported the Auto Show is coming to Chicago February 10 – 20, 2017, and the Village's Subaru police vehicle will be on display. Mr. O'Connor further reported that in the month of February, the Itasca Police Department, Itasca Fire Protection District, FBI, State Police, DuPage County Sheriffs, Public Works will run live training exercises in Itasca's industrial parks. These will be large-scale tabletop exercises. One such exercise Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Teich attended this morning. There will be a notice going out to our residents; the large-scale exercise is scheduled for February 16, 2017.

Community Development Nancy Hill reported a Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, January 18, 2017 – there are two items on the agenda. The Historic Commission meeting scheduled for January 19, 2017 is cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Ms. Hill reported she attended a ribbon cutting for Blue Grace Logistics.

Village Engineering Consultant Mark Wesolowski reported Arlington Heights Road will be closed eastbound and westbound Thorndale on January 21, 2017 for the setting of beams. The left turn (eastbound) from Park Blvd. to Arlington Heights Road will also be closed.

Public Works Director Ross Hitchcock reported the Village experienced a little over ½" of rain on January 16, 2017; however, no flood issues were reported.

Finance Director Julie Ciesla reported she is working on drafting a Purchasing Policy as well as revisions to the other financial policies. In regards to the IEPA application, she is working with Aaron Fundich – the deadline is January 20, 2017. She reported new budget procedures through MSI are being implemented. Ms. Ciesla updated the Board on new cross-training efforts for staff, the SmartFusion Settlement Agreement will be arriving at the Board in the next two weeks, she is working with Jake Lawrence to help update the website to the Capital Improvement Plan is available to the public. In regards to water rates increases, this new information will be sent with February water bills. Rate increases effective January 1, 2017 and will be reflected in the March 1, 2017 utility bills.

Village Administrator Evan Teich reported staff is in discussion with Republic Services regarding a potential agreement. In addition, staff had discussions regarding on-call procedures for snowplowing and salting. In regards to business outreach, the Village set up a meeting with a new business in Itasca, Captive Resources.

Village Clerk Melody Craven had no report.

Village Attorney Charles Hervas had no report.

Recess: Mayor Pruyn called for a recess at 9:16 pm before going into Executive Session to discuss probable and imminent litigation and review of Executive Session Minutes.

Executive Session: Mayor Pruyn called the Executive Session to order at 9:25PM.

Reconvene: Mayor Pruyn reconvened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:02PM

Adjournment: Trustee Madaras made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:05PM; Trustee Santorsola seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by: Melody Craven, Village Clerk