



Village of Itasca  
Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021  
Immediately Following the Village Board of Trustees Meeting  
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pruyn called to order the Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Dino Gavanese, Trustee Ellen Leahy, Trustee Kathy Linsner, Trustee Frank Madaras, Trustee Patrick Powers.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Aiani.

Others Present: Director of Police Bob O'Connor, Village Planner Mo Khan, Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Deputy Clerk Deanne Curelo, Village Attorney Chuck Hervas, Village Clerk Jody Conidi.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.

**3. Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

**4. Meeting Minutes**

**a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2021**

Trustee Powers moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Trustee Leahy seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Gavanese, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – Trustee Aiani.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Trustee Aiani arrived at 7:56 p.m.

**5. President's Comments**

Itasca Lions Club President Chris Kunze appeared before the Village Board to request \$35,000.00 for a \$29,000.00 shortfall from the ItascaFest Summer Concert Series 2021 and \$6,000.00 for community funding requests.

**6. Community Development Committee Report**

Chair: Trustee Gavanese, Co-Chair: Trustee Leahy

**a. Itasca Country Club Fence – 400 East Orchard Street**

Residents voiced concern over the Itasca Country Club fence including the installation process of the fence, whether the fence met code, and which staff

were involved with installation decisions; and requested the fence be moved to the opposite side of the posts.

Trustee Gavanis reported on the history of the fence; addressed previous concerns about the location of the fence, trespassing, tree branch trimming, fence maximum height, inspection and depth of post holes, the North Street gate, and the installation of the fence; and recommended the Village Board review the fence code, institute maintenance on all fences, and call for a short-term moratorium on fence permits.

**7. Capital and Infrastructure Committee Report**

Chair: Trustee Aiani, Co-Chair: Trustee Madaras

**a. 2021 Annual Street Maintenance Program – Payment 1**

Trustee Aiani moved to recommend approval of Payment 1 for the 2021 to Brothers Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$431,367.25 for the 2021 Annual Street Maintenance Program. Trustee Powers seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanis, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Trustee Aiani moved for a Closed Session following Old Business pursuant to the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act under Exemption 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to consider:

(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body;

(21) discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.

Trustee Linsner seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanis, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**8. Finance and Operations Committee Report**

Chair: Trustee Powers, Co-Chair: Trustee Linsner

Trustee Powers had no report.

**9. Intergovernmental Committee Report**

Chair: Trustee Leahy, Co-Chair: Trustee Aiani

Trustee Leahy had no report.

**10. Department Head Reports**

**Police Department**

Director of Police O'Connor reported a speed trailer was placed on Walnut Street north of Center Street due to raised sight issues at that intersection and the results were 53,401 vehicles over the first 20-day period averaged 21 miles per hour and 44,238 vehicles over a second 17-day period averaged 22 miles per hour; a small fire broke out at Gym Stars after hot ash from roof repairs fell onto gym mats; police officers will be at schools over the next few weeks as the new school year starts; and while responding to a violent domestic call a police officer detected the alleged perpetrator was armed with a loaded handgun, unarmed the perpetrator, and got assistance for the victim.

**Public Works Department**

No Public Works Department Report.

**Administrative Services Department**

No Administrative Services Department Report.

**Community Development Department**

Village Planner Mo Khan reported attending Meet Northwest Hotel Summit 2021, and Bluestone Single Tenant Properties (BSTP) Midwest, LLC is presenting a restaurant for Bridge Point Itasca at the Plan Commission Meeting for August 18, 2021 and the restaurant will be presented to the Village Board in September 2021.

**Village Attorney**

Village Attorney Hervas had no report.

**Village Clerk**

Village Clerk Conidi had no report.

**11. Village Administrator Report**

Village Administrator Ergo reported MC Squared Energy Services mailed notices to residents about the Village's current Electric Aggregation Program; and staff are contacting residents who accumulated utility bills during the mandated shutoff stoppage to setup 12- and 24-month repayment plans.

Trustee Gavanis moved for a Community Development Committee Workshop on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for an update on the Downtown Renovation Plan. Trustee Leahy seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanis, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**12. Old Business**

No Old Business.

**13. New Business**

Trustee Leahy reported owners should be required to maintain fences and wanting to eliminate chain link fences.

Trustee Aiani reported a motion will be made at the next Village Board Meeting to schedule rotating Committee Workshops on the second Tuesday of each month and a Capital and Infrastructure Committee Workshop on the fourth Tuesdays.

Village Administrator Ergo reported a damaged section of the Itasca Country Club fence was inspected by a Village inspector and the Country Club has plans to repair the fence.

The Village Board consented staff obtain a cost for moving the Itasca Country Club fence to the other side of the fence posts.

Mayor Pruyn called for a recess at 9:41 p.m.

**14. Closed Session**

Mayor Pruyn called to order the Closed Session at 9:44 p.m.

Mayor Pruyn adjourned the Closed Session at 10:48 p.m.

Mayor Pruyn reconvened the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

**15. Adjournment**

Trustee Gavanes moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:49 p.m.

Trustee Madaras seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanes, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Submitted this 17th day of August 2021.

  
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Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk