

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Public Works Committee

*Trustee Greg Gron-Chairperson
Keith Giagnorio, Co- Chairperson
John Kaforski, Arthur Kuehl, David Arnold, Art Frerichs,
Ken Blakeslee, Stephen Preins,
Robert Bachner and Dan Mahal
Staff Liaison: David Dratnol*

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gron at 7:12 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

Art Kuehl arrived at 7:20 PM.

Present: Greg Gron, John Kaforski, David Arnold, Dan Mahal, Arthur Kuehl, Stephen Preins, Robert Bachner and Art Frerichs

Absent: Ken Blakeslee

4.0 Public Participation

5.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Frerichs, seconded by Bachner, to approve. The motion carried by a voice vote

6.0 Unfinished Business

7.0 New Business

100675

2011 Sewer Televising Change Order No. 1

Reflecting an increase in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the contract with United Septic.

Goldsmith: reviewed the change order with the members. Televising sewers at Lombard Commons and Rte. 53 area before construction begins in the area. Arnold: in a large capacity sewer is there a time where there will be low flow? Goldsmith: yes and the contractor is aware of these times.

It was moved by Arnold, seconded by Preins, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

100700

Main Street Lighting Phase 2 Change Order No. 1

Authorizing a decrease in the amount of \$15,472.06 to the contract with Gaffney's PMI. (DISTRICTS #1 & #4)

Gron: I love the lights. Asked Goldsmith to provide the locations where there was excess underground water.

It was moved by Mahal, seconded by Kuehl, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

100706

Alley Improvements Lombard to Elm, Final Balancing Change Order No. 1
Reflecting a decrease in the amount of \$12,629.88. (DISTRICT #4)

Goldsmith: asphalt surface will be placed in the Spring. This project has greatly improved the situation out there. The asphalt will be under a separate contract. The vacation of alleys in town is moving forward.

It was moved by Kaforski, seconded by Arnold, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

100717**Village of Lombard Downtown Revitalization Project Guidebook**

A request for a committee recommendation regarding the proposed development concept plans (Chapters 1 & 2), streetscape enhancements (Chapter 3), transportation strategies (Chapter 6), and implementation strategies (Chapter 7) as they pertain to street lighting, drainage, sewers, streets, forestry, subdivisions and flood control.

(Moved to first item under "New Business"). Chris Stilling from Community Development in attendance to present this item to the committee. Stilling: this whole process began about 2 years ago. Passed out copies of his Power Point presentation to the members present. Following the presentation Stilling asked for specific comments from the committee members.

Kaforski: was part of this opening up Park Ave. with an underpass? Stilling: it is a pedestrian underpass and will only be used for that. It is about 65% along at this time working with the railroad. Kaforski: couldn't we have just used the Village Logo as our brand? Stilling: we worked with Mary Mae from the Garden Club and came up with this. Kaforski: streetscape looks great when it is all complete. Could the Village go out to bid and get a bid for someone to complete all of the facade improvements/enhancements? Mahal: the cost to improve the facades, windows, etc. seems really low. Stilling: not unrealistic. Gron: so you would like all of the facades to be the same? Kaforski: they could have small differences and the impact if they were all done at the same time would be very dramatic. Preins: if all of these improvements were done would this make someone open a business there? Kaforski: no. The way the economy is right now there are a lot of towns that are experiencing the same thing with business. Preins: I am all for improving the infrastructure in the downtown area. Stilling: what we are trying to do is put all of the plans from the past years into one plan. Preins: when we put the brick pavers down there did that bring any businesses in? Kaforski: maybe not, but we have to start somewhere. Mahal: it is nice to have one document that is going to each committee and that we keep working on. Stilling: we are trying to get the Plan Commission to adopt this as a working plan and look at it when the Capital Improvement Plan is being discussed every year. Goldsmith: there is \$25K in the CIP for downtown maintenance. As far as the branding goes, it will give the downtown an identity. There are a lot of positive things associated with this plan. Mahal: there are some good things that have happened downtown and we do not want to lose them, i.e. Clancy's, Walgreens, etc. Frerichs: what the businesses want down there is traffic. Goldsmith: foot traffic is the key to making the downtown a success. I am an advocate for moving the Police Dept. to 101 S. Main. It would create foot traffic and there would be a need for restaurants and other businesses. Also some kind of a meeting place or a civic center. Preins: that is the best idea I have ever heard at one of these meetings. Stilling: that is why the plan states that there is a need for civic involvement downtown. Arnold: there needs to be an anchor down there. Frerichs: we need to do something now. All the businesses hear is that the Village cannot afford to help with anything. Goldsmith: at least dedicating a site to be used for a Farmer's

Market, the Arts and Craft Show, Spooktacular, etc. We need to create a gathering place; a place for civic involvement. We are getting some push back from some of the businesses who are not looking for foot traffic; they do not want the street closed and access being blocked to their businesses. Discussion ensued regarding the viaduct. Arnold: page 74 is the brown marking the bike routes? Stilling: yes. Arnold: questioned the "road diet" and could it be taken all of the way to the Prairie Path? Lombard is known for being the only town that has two 4-lanes roads to cross on the Prairie Path. Bachner: if we do any of this road dieting - we would coordinate this with Rte. 53 improvements correct? Goldsmith: yes. Staff is looking at the lighting on St. Charles Road between Martha and Grace St. Bachner: are the majority of businesses and people in town looking at this plan in a positive manner? Stilling: I would say yes, but what we are hearing from most people and most committees is that the Village needs to do something now. Goldsmith: putting something at the 101 S. Main St. property would be a catalyst to bringing people to the downtown area. It shows that the Village is making an effort. Preins: while we are talking about the downtown area, what about the horrible conditions of the UP properties; are those their's to maintain? Goldsmith: yes and we have been in contact with them and continue to be in contact with them regarding these matters. Arnold: will there be any improvements to the Train Station? Goldsmith: there were interior improvements made last year. Arnold: the station is closed and there is no where to go when the weather is bad. Stilling: the railroad is looking at starting improvements in 2012. We have reviewed and made comments regarding the underpass and the narrowing of McGuire Drive. Tunnel will be 8 feet wide with lighting in the ceiling; similar to the structure in Winfield. Mahal: asked to see photos of the Winfield structure. Goldsmith: will provide the committee with these. Kaforski: how does College Ave. differ? Goldsmith: it is rectangular in shape so it feels bigger. Frerichs: there has to be at least 6-8 cameras at the train station. Kaforski: with the technology today the station should be able to be open more and just monitored by camera.

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Second Draft: FY 2012-FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program

Goldsmith reviewed the changes made to the 1st Draft of the CIP. There continues to be a strong emphasis on storm water improvements. The changes made are in italics in the memo. Discussion ensued regarding the Village Complex Signage Improvements. No further questions or comments regarding the Facility Maintenance and Improvements. Kuehl: questioned the type of curbs that will be poured on the Maple Street project. Goldsmith will address this issue with Dave Dratnol. Frerichs: evidentially \$140K for Crack Sealing is not enough because there are so many streets that need the process. Goldsmith: no matter how much money we had we could find an area to fill. There are funding limitations. It is not that easy of a process. Frerichs: this process needs to be done during hot weather not in the fall. Discussion ensued regarding Highland Avenue south of Roosevelt Road. Goldsmith: Village is meeting with our attorney regarding this on Friday. We are continuing to do minimal maintenance on the road. Frerichs: Grace St, from the railroad tracks to the Lagoon - there are a lot of square patches due to watermain breaks. Is this a bad patch of watermain? Goldsmith: have asked Underground Utilities to come up with a comprehensive plan to address the worst areas of watermain in the town. Goldsmith: there is an error in the number for total project cost of Westmore-Meyers & Roosevelt Sidewalk Improvement is \$194K not \$197K. Bachner: what is the thickness of the tank (North Ave. Standpipe)? Goldsmith: do not have the report with me but can send you a copy. Preins: why did no one know about this problem? Goldsmith: we do not do periodic tank inspections, and I think that we need to start paying more attention to this type of situation. Arnold: is there an alternate plan for the Terrace View Pond area to remove the standing water from the sewers? Goldsmith: we really have taken the easiest approach which is the pond modifications. This is a quick easy inexpensive fix.

Goldsmith: I feel this plan really meets the Village Boards expectations especially regarding the stormwater system. Kuehl: anything regarding Finley? Goldsmith: is high on our list of areas that need to be addressed. Kaforski: would this be a good candidate for white topping? Goldsmith: we will look to see if it is a viable candidate for this process. Kudos to Dave Dratnol and Ray Schwab for the North Industrial White Topping Project.

8.0 Other Business

Arnold: regarding the new street lights on Main St. - the LED lights, which I really like by the way. The coach light is down under the canopy of the tree and the top street light is in the middle of the canopy of the tree. Gron: have been in discussion with Dave Dratnol regarding this issue and he will address this in the Spring with trimming. Arnold: the north side of Main is more of a residential area. I would like us to not put in the top lights on thorough fares that are in residential areas, Goldsmith: Main St. is an arterial street, and the lights were installed by the standards in the Street Lighting Policy. But I do not disagree with you. Kaforski: I would hope that we will not trim until the leaves are all on the trees.

9.0 Information Only

970045	Project Status Report
980212	Change Order Report
030008	Engineering Monthly Report

10.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Frerichs, seconded by Kaforski, to adjourn at 9:51 PM. The motion carried by a voice vote