

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 2, 2010

7:30 PM

Village Hall Board Room

Village Board of Trustees

Village President: William J. Mueller

Village Clerk: Brigitte O'Brien

*Trustees: Greg Gron, District One; Keith Giagnorio, District Two;
Zachary Wilson, District Three; Dana Moreau, District Four;
Laura Fitzpatrick, District Five; and Bill Ware, District Six*

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard was called to order by Village President William J. Mueller at 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 2, 2010 in the Board Room at the Lombard Village Hall. Cub Scout Pack 204, Den 1 Presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mueller spoke of Montini Catholic High School Varsity Football Team winning the State Championship.

President Mueller noted that Butterfield School was building an addition and it would be dedicated in 2011.

II. Roll Call

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Present: Village President William J. Mueller, Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien, Trustee Greg Gron, Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Trustee Zachary Wilson, Trustee Dana Moreau, Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick and Trustee Bill Ware

Staff Present:

Village Manager David Hulseberg

Director of Finance Tim Sexton

Director of Community Development Bill Heniff

Director of Public Works Carl Goldsmith

Chief of Police Ray Byrne

Fire Chief Mike Torrence

Executive Coordinator Carol Bauer

III. Public Hearings

None

President Mueller indicated he had requests from residents who wanted to speak regarding the item on the agenda relative to allowing chickens in the Village limits. He stated he will allow the residents to speak when the item comes up on the agenda for discussion.

IV. Public Participation

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Proclamation - National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien read the proclamation for National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Village President Mueller noted the proclamation was requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation and it will be forwarded to them.

Chief Byrne thanked the Village Board for the proclamation and noted that the Police Department steps up patrols regarding enforcement of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. He wished residents a safe and happy holiday season.

President Mueller asked Clerk O'Brien to read a proclamation recognizing Montini Catholic High School Football Varsity team on winning the State Championship. This will be presented to them tomorrow at their Pep Rally.

V. Approval of Minutes

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It was moved by Trustee Ware, seconded by Trustee Giagnorio, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gron, Giagnorio, Wilson, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Ware

VI. Committee Reports

Community Relations Committee - Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Chairperson

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Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Chairperson of the Community Relations Committee, reported the committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10.

Economic/Community Development Committee - Trustee Bill Ware, Chairperson

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Trustee Bill Ware, Chairperson of the Economic & Community Development Committee, reported the committee had met. The committee discussed the final draft of the Downtown Retail Grant Program Amendment. Staff will make property owners aware of the changes. The committee also discussed the Village of Lombard Economic Development Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5.

Environmental Concerns Committee - Trustee Dana Moreau, Chairperson

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Trustee Dana Moreau, Chairperson of the Environmental Concerns Committee, reported the committee had met. The committee discussed the housing of chickens within the Village limits and indicated the item was on the agenda tonight. She noted a press release had gone out stating representatives from the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will be at the Village Hall on December 9 beginning at 6:30 pm. They will review residents various utility bills and offer suggestions to them on how to cut costs. She talked about line items on bills that residents may be paying for that they do not need to pay for. She suggested residents call CUB at 1-800-669-5556 extension 127 to schedule an appointment. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25.

Finance Committee - Trustee Zachary Wilson, Chairperson

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Trustee Zach Wilson, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported the committee held a special meeting to discuss the tax levy. He spoke of ten taxing bodies and trying to get together in the future to discuss the tax levy and see how much each taxing body is looking at raising their portion. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18.

Public Works Committee - Trustee Greg Gron, Chairperson

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Trustee Greg Gron, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, reported the committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14.

Transportation & Safety Committee - Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson

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Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson of the Transportation and Safety Committee, reported the committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3.

Board of Local Improvements - Trustee Greg Gron, President

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Trustee Greg Gron, President of the Board of Local Improvements, reported the board had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9.

Community Promotion & Tourism - President William J. Mueller, Chairperson

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President William Mueller, Chairperson of the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee, reported the committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20.

Lombard Historical Commission - Clerk Brigitte O'Brien

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Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien, member of the Historical Commission, reported the commission had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18.

VII. Village Manager/Village Board Comments

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Village Manager David Hulseberg reported that he had been in Springfield earlier in the week regarding pension reform. He spent Monday and Tuesday there speaking to legislators and giving testimony. He stated Bill 3538 was approved on Tuesday by the House and the Senate and they were just waiting for the Governor to sign the bill. He stated that the bill did not provide all of the relief needed, but felt it was a step in the right direction. He stated this will be in effect as of January 1, 2011 and will affect employees beginning on that date. He spoke of the following changes:

Minimum retirement age changed from 50 to 55;

Minimum of ten years of service;

2.5% per year of service so the minimum could be 25%;

Maximum 75% of salary;

Lose 6% per year (1/2% per month) if retire before age 55;

Pension based on the highest consecutive 8-year stretch of the final 10 years of salary;

Maximum pensionable salary of \$106,800, annually adjusted by the lesser of 3% or 1/2 of CPI-u, compounded.

He stated municipalities must fund 90% of the pension fund by 2041. He advised a committee will study options to see about merging all pension funds.

He hoped the Governor would sign the bill and it would then become a law.

President Mueller reminded residents of the arrival of Santa and the tree lighting scheduled for Saturday at 5:30 pm. He spoke of the cooperative efforts of the Village and Lombard Town Centre and events happening in the afternoon. He urged residents to enjoy downtown Lombard that day and to visit all of the locations that have events planned including Lilacia Park that will be beautifully lit, the Library, the Museum, and the Maple Street Chapel. He spoke of how beautiful Lilacia Park is during the time of year. He spoke of the Christmas train for the kids. He reminded residents when they were done downtown to shop at Yorktown and they would be open until 10 pm. He

*spoke of how he and Eileen attend this every year and how nice an event it is.
Trustee Ware indicated the Park District had some new decorations
Trustee Giagnorio indicated the train was called the Gold Medal Express.*

VIII. Consent Agenda

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Payroll/Accounts Payable

- A. [100649](#) **Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending November 19, 2010 in the amount of \$377,445.54.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- B. [100654](#) **Approval of Village Payroll**
For the period ending November 20, 2010 in the amount of \$859,539.43.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- C. [100655](#) **Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending November 26, 2010 in the amount of \$720,816.79.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

- D. [100646](#) **Sale of Surplus Equipment**
Declaring five Village-owned vehicles as surplus equipment and authorizing their sale at the Tri-State Automobile Auction of Chicago. Staff is requesting a waiver of first reading.
- This Matter was waived of first reading and passed on second reading with suspension of the rules on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6553
- E. [100647](#) **Sale of Surplus Equipment**
Declaring one Village-owned ambulance as surplus equipment and authorizing its sale. Staff is requesting a waiver of first reading.
- This Matter was waived of first reading and passed on second reading with suspension of the rules on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6554

*F. Tax Levy Ordinance (Moved to IX-A)

Other Ordinances on First Reading

- G. [100648](#) **Ordinance Amending Village Code**
Amending Chapters 39 & 40 of the Village Code creating the Department of Public Works and the Department of Community Development.
- This Matter was passed on first reading on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6559
- H. [100653](#) **Amending Title 9 - Emergency Medical Services Fees**
Amending the Lombard Village Code with regard to the fees charged for EMS services for residents within the Glenbard Fire Protection District.
- This Matter was passed on first reading on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6560
- *I. On-line Disposal of Seized and Recovered Property (Moved to VIII-L1)

Ordinances on Second Reading

- J. [100596](#) **ZBA 10-12: 544 S. Highland Ave**
Requests that the Village grant a variation from Section 155.212 of the Lombard Zoning Ordinance to allow an unenclosed roofed-over front porch to be set back to twenty-two and a half (22.5) feet where twenty-five (25) feet is required in the R2 Single-Family Residence District. (DISTRICT #5)
- This Matter was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6556
- K. [100618](#) **Garbage Collection and Disposal Test Amendments**
Staff recommendation to amend the Village Code to reflect the definitions and fee rates in the Solid Waste contract that was approved on August 19, 2010. The amendments would also set a 30-day time limit for dumpsters kept on properties unless regularly serviced or associated with building permits.
- This Matter was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda.**
- Enactment No:** Ordinance 6557

Resolutions

- L. [100657](#) **St. Charles Road Road LAPP Resident Engineering Amendment No. 1**

Authorizing an increase in the amount of \$35,026.95 to the contract with V3 Companies of Illinois. (DISTRICTS #1 & #4)

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 52-11

*L1. [100656](#)

On-line Disposal of Seized and Recovered Property

Resolution authorizing the signature of the Village President on two agreement with PropertyRoom.com for the disposal of seized and recovered property.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 53-11

Other Matters

M. [100651](#)

2011 Insurance Program

Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the 2011 Insurance Renewal.

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Giagnorio, seconded by Trustee Fitzpatrick, to approve the Consent Agenda. This approval includes suspension of the rules, waive first reading and pass on second reading, waive competitive bidding and award contracts, approve and adopt resolutions as needed for the preceding items as read by the Clerk on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gron, Giagnorio, Wilson, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Ware

IX. Items for Separate Action

*A. [100652](#)

Tax Levy Ordinance

Providing for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2011 for the Village of Lombard.

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Village Manager David Hulseberg requested Director of Finance Tim Sexton give an overview of the Finance Committee's recommendations. Director Sexton gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the tax levy. He stated there is a website where residents can enter their address and see where their tax dollars go. He noted the vast majority of tax dollars go to education and schools. He stated that under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act (Tax Caps) the Village is allowed to increase its tax levy by the increase in CPI, plus a factor for new growth. The CPI change allowed under this year's tax levy is 2.7%. He noted that staff has recommended that the levy be increased by the full CPI allowed of 2.7%. The Finance

Committee has recommended that the levy be increased by only half of the CPI or 1.35%.

Director Sexton referred to a chart that compares the proposed increases at 2.7% and at 1.35%. He stated the difference was \$106,000. He referred to the scenarios in the future and the shortfalls that would occur. He noted that even with the full 2.7% increase, the Village will not be able to fund all of the special levies by 2018. He indicated that funds will have to come from the general revenues and that will eat into the monies that are used to pay for other things. He referred to a chart that compared a tax bill for a home valued at \$300,000 with the 2.7% increase, the 1.35% increase and with no increase. He stated the difference is very small, but the impact to the Village is significant.

Director Sexton stated that as the special levies are no longer able to be funded through the property tax levy, these costs must be paid for through other existing revenues, thereby reducing the funds available to pay for current service levels. He noted that currently the Village has 4 frozen police officer positions. In addition 3 other police officer positions have recently opened up, 2 due to retirements and 1 due to discharge. There are also 3 other fulltime positions frozen and 4 part-time positions frozen in the Village. There are currently 3 pending police/fire disability applications. If line-of-duty disabilities are awarded, the Village will be responsible for providing PSEBA benefits (free health insurance) for these employees and their dependents for the rest of their lives at a current cost of approximately \$60,000 per year. This is in addition to the 5 existing PSEBA beneficiaries.

Trustee Wilson moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee and increase the tax levy by 1.35%.

Trustee Gron questioned if the \$60,000 was a total for the three positions or each.

Director Sexton indicated for all three. He noted that over a lifetime this equates to \$800,000 to \$1 million.

Manager Hulseberg stated this depends on the age of the person when they leave and it is not as significant if the employee is 55 compared to if the employee is 25. He spoke of the possibility of the Village paying these costs for 50 to 60 years if the person is very young when he or she leaves. He noted that the Village needs to have pensions 90% funded by 2041 and as of 2015 the local funds would be swept for the first crack to pension funding. He spoke of following the actuarial recommendations, but that the Village is not able to keep up.

Trustee Ware questioned the actuarial recommendations and if the Village looked at this annually. He spoke of pension reform and the pension bill that was awaiting the Governor's signature. He asked if the difference in the two increases for a homeowner was a total of \$6.00. He noted that he understood the Finance Committee's recommendation and commended them for their thoughtfulness.

Trustee Giagnorio questioned the consequences if the Village adopted the 1.35% increase compared to the 2.7% increase. He spoke of the \$106,000 year after year being gone forever and how it compounds each year into the future. He asked about the 2.7% increase and cutting costs. He did not feel playing with the tax levy was a good idea.

Trustee Moreau questioned the reasoning of the Finance Committee.

Trustee Wilson noted that the Finance Committee feels the Village is spending too much money and wanted to see staff decrease spending. He spoke of the Police Department still doing a great job with less people. He did not feel the Village was losing the \$106,000 forever and indicated the Village has the opportunity to increase taxes each year. He stated that he felt the Village should take spending seriously and that the Board should look at cutting spending and felt more can be cut. He spoke of the \$106,000 and that that amount was less than the deputy chief made. He felt the Village should look at not increasing taxes. He talked about the Village being one taxing body out of ten and that the Village should take the lead by not increasing taxes. He stated he did not want to increase taxes at all, but the Finance Committee recommended 1.35% and he will concur with that. He stated a yes vote was a vote to increase taxes.

Trustee Moreau indicated the Village had obligations. She stated that \$12 does not sound like a lot, but it can be to residents. She talked about a decrease in fees such as vehicle stickers. She felt no one likes the sticker fee and that this may be something that can be cut.

Trustee Wilson noted that he had spoken to Trustee Moreau and Ware about this and how the Village would proceed.

It was moved by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Moreau, that this matter be passed on first reading concur with recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve a 1.35% increase in the Village Tax Levy. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Wilson

Nay: 5 - Gron, Giagnorio, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Ware

Enactment No: Ordinance 6561

It was moved by Trustee Gron, seconded by Trustee Giagnorio, passed on first reading concur with staff's recommendation and approve an increase in the Village Tax Levy of 2.7%. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gron, Giagnorio, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Ware

Nay: 1 - Wilson

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

Other Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinances on Second Reading

Resolutions

Other Matters

X. Agenda Items for Discussion

- A. [100601](#) **Proposal to Allow Chickens in Residential Areas****
- Discussion regarding allowing chickens to be kept within the Village limits. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

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Village Manager David Hulseberg requested Director of Public Works Carl Goldsmith give an update on the recommendations from the Environmental Concerns Committee. Director Goldsmith gave an overview of the proposed amendment to 90.04 of the Village Code with regard to the housing of chickens in the Village limits. The members of CLUC, Citizens of Lombard for Urban Chickens, proposed an amendment to the Village

Code to allow for the housing of chickens in the Village. The Environmental Concerns Committee reviewed the request at their October 26th meeting. The members of CLUC made a presentation at that time. They pointed out the qualities of chickens such as sustainability, make excellent pets and educational benefits. Staff researched surrounding communities and found that many communities do allow chickens, some with conditions. This varies from town to town. Many issues were addressed as far as noise, smell, attracting rodents and devaluation of properties. Setbacks would need to be reviewed by the Plan Commission. Licensing, building permits, safety and heating of chicken coops and home occupations if the eggs were sold were discussed. Director Goldsmith indicated that the Environmental Concerns Committee voted 5 to 3 in favor of the Code amendment to allow up to 4 chickens and no roosters. He noted the Board can deny the request or send it to the Plan Commission for setback review. Thomas Golz, 913 S. Grace, indicated he was opposed to allowing chickens in the Village due to the noise that he felt would carry 50 feet. He asked that a 50 foot buffer from other properties be incorporated.

Jim Leahy, 311 W. Sunset, stated he was a resident for 38 years and noted how much he liked the Village. He was opposed to the Code amendment and felt that property values would decline. He spoke of selling his home and potential buyers seeing chickens at the next door neighbors house and not wanting to purchase his home. He spoke of the noise. He urged the Board to vote no.

Winnie Lyons, 274 E. Circle, stated she was opposed to the Code amendment. She felt it was a small group of residents in favor of this amendment compared to the population of the Village. She felt this was selfish and not practical. She compared chickens to dogs and felt chickens were farm animals and dogs were domestic animals. She spoke of chickens laying eggs and making noise and not being able to train a chicken compared to a dog. She felt dogs barked for a reason. She spoke of cleaning the chicken coops and did not think residents would clean the coops every day. She stated she would never buy a house with chickens next door.

Keith McClow, 53 S. Glenview, stated he supported the amendment to allow chickens. He spoke of people wanting to learn more about where their food comes from much like having their own vegetable gardens. He indicated people ask where they can get chickens so they can produce their own eggs. He felt people would be encouraged to come and live in Lombard if chickens were allowed and did not feel property values would decline.

Zach Meadows, 439 S. Edson, felt Lombard was a small town and should remain that way. He felt that residents have rights over their properties, should be able to use their properties how they want to and should be allowed to have chickens if they want them as long as they were respectful of their neighbors. He stated good fences make good neighbors. He felt regulations needed to be adopted. He felt people can learn and he felt there is an asset to having chickens. He felt Lombard should be able to go back to its roots.

Lonnie Morris, 209 W. Sunset, indicated she supported the Code amendment. She noted she is the chairperson for the Sierra Club Cool Cities initiative and spoke of Lombard being a cool city and working toward sustainability and solutions for the environment. She felt local food is a cool city issue. She felt that food currently is lower in quality and nutrition and can make people sick. She spoke of the cost of gasoline for transporting food. She talked about locally grown and environmentally friendly things that can be done.

She felt this would make Lombard an even cooler city.

Emily Prasad, 340 W. Maple, spoke of sustainability and self-sufficiency and felt that allowing chickens was a step forward and not backward. She talked about modern, tidy backyards and an attractive town. She spoke of a study that had been done at De Paul and how communities that allow chickens, including Downers Grove, have not had any problems. She felt residents were worrying about issues that were not issues and felt housing chickens would not cause problems. She addressed the noise issue and said chickens were not any noisier than children, dogs or lawnmowers. She did not feel this

was a burden on staff. She stated the ordinance as proposed was reasonable and would not negatively impact the community.

Robert Ripper, 1061 S. Fairfield, stated that he had lived here for 28+ years. He spoke of the population of DuPage County in 1974 being 83,000 residents and today it is close to a million. He talked of open space back then and now most of it is gone. He felt there were too many downsides to allowing chickens in the Village especially with the density the way that it is now. He spoke about residential and not agricultural lots. He felt if chickens were allowed, someone would request other animals be allowed. He voiced his concern for safety of children, the cost to the Village with high budget restraints, pension reform and the lack of staff to monitor and inspect chicken coops. He spoke of outsourcing this task at a cost of \$35,000 to \$50,000. He spoke of setbacks and acreage needed to have chickens. He indicated Oakbrook requires ten acres. He asked the Board to vote against this amendment.

Lee Stahl, 440 E. Maple, stated he supported the amendment. He felt chicken coops did not need to be cleaned daily and even if you got down on yours hands and knees and sniffed the coop, the chickens did not smell. He stated he had worked with all types of birds. He noted that hens are much quieter than roosters. He talked about better products that can be used to build chicken coops and that they can be made to look very nice. He spoke of chickens moulting once a year. He felt residents would be mindful of their neighbors.

Cindy Ward, 700 S. Chase, stated she supports the amendment. She felt that the nuisance and sanitary issues had been addressed. She spoke of growing her own food for health reasons and having fresh eggs. She talked about the quality of life in Lombard and did not see this as an issue.

President Mueller thanked everyone who spoke for their courtesy and for adhering to the time schedule.

Frances Gockman, 703 S. Stewart, stated she had lived here for 40 years and was opposed to the amendment due to larger homes being built and how homeowners pay high taxes which benefits the schools and the community. She felt no one wants to live next door to a chicken coop. She asked how much revenue the chickens will generate.

Mary Beth Lynch, 500 W. Maple, indicated she had just arrived at the meeting and had not heard all of the testimony. She felt allowing chickens was a progressive move. She stated she had chickens in the Village years ago. She spoke of chickens being tame, small and normal. She stated they did not smell and they never got out. She felt she would rather have chickens living next door than three pit bulls. She stated they produce something good to eat and they provide an educational experience for children. She stated she sells real estate and felt this would be the last thing that a prospective home buyer would be worried about when looking at homes. She indicated she has never known anyone to be injured by a chicken, not to be afraid of chickens and to be kind to chickens.

Trustee Moreau spoke of an article on the Wall Street Journal. She felt chickens suffer from a public relations problem, get a bad rap and that people think of them as dirty. She stated the Environmental Concerns Committee reviewed this Code amendment and the committee is recommending approval. She indicated this is not universally supported. She indicated chickens are one of the quietest animals, sleep from dusk to dawn and only cluck when laying eggs. She felt chickens do not smell, are not dirty and their droppings do not smell. She felt living next door to a commercial chicken farm with hundreds or thousands of chickens may cause for some concern, but this Code change allows 4 chickens. She spoke of residents being responsible and that chickens are low maintenance and cost little to raise. She stated chickens can have salmonella, but with proper sanitation and washing of hands, did not feel this was a problem. She spoke about disease, chickens eating pests and felt this was one of the most environmentally friendly ways to take care of pests. She felt there was no proof that chickens would attract more pests or predators. She reminded residents that we have all seen coyotes and fox and we do not house chickens at this time. She talked about a chicken coop that would be 3x3x3 and hold 4 chickens and did not feel that chicken coops were eye

sores. She felt residents would build trendy, cute chicken coops and that they are no larger than a large dog house. She spoke about producing healthier, more nutritious eggs and they would produce free fertilizer. She felt they were fun and educational as well. She felt residents were worrying too much about what might happen instead of what did happen. She reported that 20 surrounding communities have implemented a chicken policy. Of the 20, 15 had a positive experience, 6 were neutral and not one had a negative experience and there was no enforcement issue. She felt that having 4 chickens was no worse than having 3 dogs or cats. She stated it was hard to find facts that having chickens was risky.

Trustee Moreau moved that this item be referred to the Plan Commission for review regarding setbacks.

Trustee Ware stated he was representing the residents of District #6 and received about 50-60 e-mails from residents and all were against the Code amendment.

Trustee Giagnorio stated that he had received more phone calls and residents walk into his business to discuss chickens and all were overwhelmingly opposed to the Code amendment. A few were willing to accept the housing of chickens if on larger lots, but there are only a handful of large lots in the Village. He asked when it would end. Would some other residents want to have pigs or other animals. He stated he would not want a home with a chicken coop next door and if he was looking to purchase a home and the house next door had a chicken coop, that would jade his perspective. He felt that 10-1 the residents in his district opposed the housing of chickens.

Trustee Wilson stated he thought this was a difficult decision. He felt residents had fundamental rights as property owners. He stated that he had more calls opposed to the Code amendment and could not support it.

Trustee Fitzpatrick asked what the population was in 1970.

Director Heniff stated about 28,000.

Trustee Fitzpatrick stated the Village had doubled in size since then and felt some Villages have much larger lots than Lombard. She talked about being a gardener for years and composting and canning. She did not feel Lombard had the lifestyle to support this. She stated she could not support this.

Trustee Gron felt everything had been said. He stated he supports locally grown products and goes to the Farmers' Markets to support the farmers. He indicated Lombard had Farmers' Markets downtown and at Yorktown. He felt residents moved to Lombard for the urban lifestyle and not the rural lifestyle. He talked about an e-mail he received from a resident of Minnesota. He felt there were ramifications associated with housing chickens. He spoke of the Center for Disease Control information and felt that is why chickens are kept where they are. He stated he would not support the Code amendment.

Trustee Moreau felt that more people were interested in this than not. She stated she had read the information on the Center for Disease Control website regarding salmonella. She felt there were common sense ways of avoiding disease just as much as shopping at grocery stores and touching raw chicken.

It was moved by Trustee Moreau, seconded by Trustee Wilson, that this matter be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Moreau

Nay: 5 - Gron, Giagnorio, Wilson, Fitzpatrick and Ware

President Mueller announced the opening of two new stores - City Chick in Yorktown with women's purses and accessories and Dearborn National Dental Network taking the 68,000 square foot first floor of one of the office complexes and bringing jobs to the Village of Lombard.

Director Heniff indicated this would equate to about 100 jobs.

President Mueller stated the Village Board will meet on December 16 but wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Reconvene

XIII. Adjournment

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

It was moved by Trustee Moreau, seconded by Trustee Gron, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gron, Giagnorio, Wilson, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Ware