

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2011

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; Peter Breen, 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 7:32 pm Thursday, October 6, 2011 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall. Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Peter Breen, 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

Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Howell

Executive Coordinator Carol Bauer

III. Public Hearings

none

President Mueller spoke of the passing of Mary Jo Arndt and how she was so involved in the community including the Maple Street Chapel. He expressed sympathy to the family and asked for a Moment of Silence.

IV. Public Participation

Award of Valor Presentation - Sergeant William Collins, Officer Paul Coy and Officer Alex Rojas

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Chief of Police Ray Byrne called Sergeant William Collins, Officer Paul Coy and Officer Alex Rojas to the front. He spoke of how the three officers were recommended for the Award of Valor due to their actions during an encounter with an armed individual on July 17th. He noted that the last time the Award of Valor was given was in 2004 and it was presented to Jerry O'Meara, the officer who was shot in the line of duty. Chief Byrne spoke of the events of July 17th and how courageous, disciplined and professional each officer was during the encounter. He praised the officers for handling a serious event and no one being injured.

Presentation - VFW & American Legion

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Village President Mueller called George Miller of the VFW and Tony Marone of the American Legion to the front. These individuals presented the Village with photos of a plaque that formerly resided at the Lincoln School site.

George Miller, Tony Marone and other Veterans then presented Lt. Scott Watkins a plaque in appreciation for all that he has done over the years to help them.

Lt. Watkins thanked the Veterans for the honor.

President Mueller reminded the residents that a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on November 11 at the Veterans Plaza at Main and St. Charles.

Proclamation - Fire Prevention Week

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Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien read the proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

Village President Mueller presented the proclamation to Assistant

Fire Chief Jerry Howell and Fire Marshall Chuck Riforgiate.

Jerry Howell thanked the Village and spoke about the pro active fire prevention plan that the Fire Department has.

Chuck Riforgiate spoke about the commitment and leadership and the motto of Fire Prevention Week to Protect Your Family From Fire.

President Mueller reminded residents of the Touch a Truck event scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at Yorktown.

Proclamation - Lights on After School

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Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien read the proclamation for Lights on After School.

Village President Mueller presented the proclamation to Chuck Pickerill from the Tri-Town YMCA.

Chuck Pickerill thanked the Village and spoke about the nationwide program. He talked about a safe place for children to go after school. He invited everyone to attend the Lights on After School event to be held at 4:30 pm on October 19th at Manor Hill School.

President Mueller spoke about an award the Village had received from the Illinois Planning Chapter for the Downtown Plan. He talked about how the Village Board and staff had held various meetings and then developed the plan. He stated there were 37 entries in 9 categories and that Planners from the State of Missouri judged the entries. The award was presented to Director of Community Development Bill Heniff at a luncheon.

Director Heniff spoke about the plan taking two years to develop. He thanked the Village Board and staff and felt this was a community award. He talked about the community embracing the Plan and hoped the Plan would help the Village to accomplish its goals.

Presentation - 2011 Senior of the Year Award Recipients

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President Mueller spoke regarding the Senior Fair that had been hosted on Wednesday and noted that some 500 seniors had attended the event. He talked about the services that were provided including drivers license renewal, State ID's, flu shots, diabetes checks, etc. He indicated that several seniors had ben nominated for the Seniors of the Year Award and how difficult it was to chose a winner. He introduced Margot Fruehe and Marlyn Meyer who were named the Seniors of the Year for all of their work and contributions to the community.

Margot Fruehe thanked the Village and felt Lombard was a wonderful community.

Marlyn Meyer thanked the Village and spoke about the Meyer family farm on Meyers

Road many years ago.

V. Approval of Minutes

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It was moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Giagnorio, to approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 15, 2011 and Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2011 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

VI. Committee Reports

Community Relations Committee - Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson

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Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson of the Community Relations Committee, reported the committee had not met. He spoke about the huge success of the Senior Fair held on October 5th and that it was the 11th Senior Fair held by the Village. He thanked staff and the volunteers and indicated that some 500 seniors had attended. He also thanked Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, past Community Relations Chairperson, for spending the day to help. The next meeting has been changed from October 10th to October 17th.

Economic/Community Development Committee - Trustee Peter Breen, Chairperson

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Trustee Peter Breen, Chairperson of the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported the committee met. The committee discussed funding for the Lombard Town Centre for 2012. He stated the committee had asked Lombard Town Centre for recommendations regarding codes and ordinances in an effort to make Lombard more business friendly. The businesses will be surveyed. He spoke of issues regarding the Union Pacific and that he is working with the Union Pacific regarding the issues. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2nd.

Environmental Concerns Committee - Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Chairperson

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Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Chairperson of the Environmental Concerns Committee, reported the committee met. The committee reviewed the 2011 Recycling Extravaganza and she spoke of the tons and tons of waste that had been collected and that had not gone to the landfill. She stated that as of January 2012 electronics will no longer be accepted at the landfill and that monthly drop off locations are being scheduled for the residents. She spoke about the Buckthorn Removal Project and noted this was on the agenda for approval. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th.

Finance Committee - Trustee Greg Gron, Chairperson

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Trustee Greg Gron, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met. The committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the Human Resources Manual and this was being recommended for approval. The committee reviewed the proposed budget workshop department presentation template and the committee would want this to be more streamlined. The committee reviewed vehicle sticker printing, mailing and processing. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

Public Works Committee - Trustee Bill Ware, Chairperson[Play Video](#)

Trustee Bill Ware, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, reported the committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11th.

Transportation & Safety Committee - Trustee Zach Wilson, Chairperson[Play Video](#)

Trustee Zach Wilson, Chairperson of the Transportation and Safety Committee, reported the committee met. He stated that Pat Rollins and Frank Kalisik were the staff liaisons. He talked about an overnight parking issue that had been brought to the Police Department's attention and felt the Police Department was already handling this matter. He urged residents to come to the meeting if they had any suggestions. The committee reviewed overweight truck legislation and talked about semi trucks using residential streets. Officer Menolascino talked about signage for truck routes. The committee also discussed striping on North Grace Street, but decided to wait as North Grace Street will be resurfaced. They did not feel it necessary to proceed with the striping at this time as a cost saving measure. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7th.

Board of Local Improvements - Trustee Greg Gron, President[Play Video](#)

Trustee Greg Gron, President of the Board of Local Improvements, reported the board had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th.

Community Promotion & Tourism - President William J. Mueller, Chairperson[Play Video](#)

President William Mueller, Chairperson of the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee, reported the committee had not met.

Lombard Historical Commission - Clerk Brigitte O'Brien[Play Video](#)

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

VII. Village Manager/Village Board Comments[Play Video](#)

Village Manager Hulseberg spoke regarding Item Q, the Starcom radios on the Consent Agenda. He stated that the ETSB provided just enough radios for the firefighters on duty. Mike Ringa, a Lombard Firefighter, took a look at this and felt it was not in the best interests of the Fire Department or the Village because communication is the most important link during a fire. He suggested using money out of the 2% Fund and so \$80,000, 50% of the money needed to purchase the additional radios, came from the 2% Fund. Manager Hulseberg felt this was a noble act and noted that Lombard is the only community to do this. Each Firefighter will have his own radio because of Firefighter Sepe's investigation of the matter and the generosity of the Fire Department. President Mueller congratulated Village Clerk O'Brien on being named President of Kiwanis.

President Mueller indicated the Village had received Cool Cities recognition for its work in sustainability. He thanked Assistant Public Works Director Dave Gorman for this work and the Environmental Concerns Committee for their efforts including former Chairperson Greg Gron and current Chairperson Laura Fitzpatrick. He also

congratulated Lonnie Morris for her efforts and noted she had also received an award from the Sierra Club.

President Mueller reported that the Jaycees will again have a Haunted House and that it will be located in the old Suzuki Motorcycle Shop on North Avenue in Villa Park.

President Mueller spoke about the Lighten Up Lombard, a program geared toward child obesity and teaching healthy lifestyles to students. He stated there will be a Lombard Health Expo on Sunday from 2 pm to 6 pm at the Commons Park. He thanked Jay Wojcik for all of her help.

President Mueller spoke about the Start the Heart Program that was held at the Village Hall. He noted that about 100 residents attended to learn or recertify their CPR training.

President Mueller spoke about the Homeland Security Building located at the College of DuPage and that police officers and firefighters receive training there. He felt this was a facility that the residents could be proud of.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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Payroll/Accounts Payable

- A. Approval of Village Payroll**
For the period ending September 10, 2011 in the amount of \$849,426.02.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending September 16, 2011 in the amount of \$703,443.18.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending September 23, 2011 in the amount of \$1,868,546.48.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- D. Approval of Village Payroll**
For the period ending September 24, 2011 in the amount of \$802,799.85.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- E. Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$217,040.72.
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

F. Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 36, Section 36.01 of the Lombard Village Code

Authorizing a change in the Village's fiscal year to a calendar year.

This Matter was waived of first reading and passed on second reading with suspension of the rules on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Ordinance 6652

G. Sale of Surplus Equipment

Declaring five Village vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their sale at America's Auto Auction 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 6653

H. Tax Levy Ordinance - Special Service Area Number Three

Levying and assessing taxes for Special Service Area Number Three which was established for the property owners served by the traffic signal located at 800 E. Roosevelt Road. (DISTRICT #6)

This Matter was waived of first reading and passed on second reading with suspension of the rules on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Ordinance 6654

I. Abatement of a Portion of the 2003 Property Tax Levy for Special Service Area #2

Ordinance providing for the abatement of a portion of the 2003 Property Tax Levy for Special Service Area #2 in the amount of \$4,000.00. Staff is requesting 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 6655

Other Ordinances on First Reading

J. PC 11-20: Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The Village of Lombard requests the approval of amendments to the Village Comprehensive Plan pertaining to senior housing. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

This Matter was passed on first reading on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Ordinance 6658

***K. Downtown Lombard TIF Building Permit Grant Program (Moved to IX-A)**

Ordinances on Second Reading

- L. Amending Title 11, Chapter 112 of the Lombard Village Code**
Decreasing the Class Z liquor licenses by one due to the closing of Taylor Brewing Company, 717 E. Butterfield Road. (DISTRICT #3)

This Matter was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Ordinance 6656

Resolutions

- M. Human Resources Manual Revision**
Revisions to the Human Resources Manual effective November 1, 2011.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 37-12

- N. School Liaison Officer**
Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Lombard and Glenbard Township High School District #87 providing for a school liaison officer and reciprocal reporting agreement.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 38-12

- O. Lombard Tax Consortium**
Requesting authorization for the Village to participate in a consortium with School District 44, the Lombard Park District and the Helen Plum Library and to hire Tressler, LLP to intervene in property tax appeals where the taxpayer is seeking a reduction in the assessment of property of at least \$100,000.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 39-12

- P. Starcom Radio Project - Police Department**
Resolution authorizing a contract with DuPage ETSB/DuComm for the purchase of twelve additional mobile police radios.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 40-12

- Q. Starcom Radio Project - Fire Department**
Resolution authorizing a contract with DuPage ETSB/DuComm for the purchase of the additional 17 portable fire radios and 13 mobile radios.

This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: Resolution 41-12

Other Matters

- R. PC Purchase**
Request for a waiver of bids and award of a contract to Dell in an amount not to exceed \$47,949.00 for the purchase of fifty PC's.

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- *S. LTC Spooktacular Event Signage**
Recommendation from the Public Works Department to approve a request from the Lombard Town Centre to place temporary banners on Village owned properties for the promotion of their Spooktacular event from October 7, 2011 through October 17, 2011. (DISTRICTS #1 & #6)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- *T. Buckthorn Removal Project**
Recommendation from the Environmental Concerns Committee to implement this project.

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Gron, seconded by Trustee Breen, 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, Breen, Fitzpatrick and Ware

President Mueller noted that the change in the liquor license was for the closing of Taylor Brewing, but reported that the property had been purchased and that will be the location of a new Chick-fil-A restaurant.

IX. Items for Separate Action

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

Other Ordinances on First Reading

*A.

Downtown Lombard TIF Building Permit Grant Program

Establishing Title 3, Chapter 36, Sections 36.80 through 36.83 of the Lombard Village Code with regard to the Downtown Business Permit Grant Program. (DISTRICTS #1 & #4)

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Director of Community Development Bill Heniff gave an overview of the Downtown Lombard TIF Building Permit Grant Program. He indicated this is a new grant program that came as a recommendation from the Economic & Community Development Committee. He spoke about this being a temporary grant program and would temporarily waive building permit fees. The committee hoped that this would help be a small incentive to existing businesses and help foster and create additional improvements to businesses in the downtown. Business owners could use the grant to bring their property up to code. This program is available for the properties allocated within the TIF District and in the B5 Commercial use, is not meant for residential properties and is for capital improvements. He reported this is a one-year program, but that the program can be extended. The Economic & Community Development committee did recommend approval with three modifications. He stated this was not to force business owners to make improvements and that other grant programs may also work in concert with this program.

Trustee Ware questioned if any businesses had requested this grant program. Director Heniff indicated that this has come up at some Lombard Town Centre meetings. Trustee Ware questioned the waiver of fees and if the Village would still be reimbursed fees from the TIF.

Director Heniff stated the property owner would not pay the fees, but that the Village would be reimbursed from the TIF funds. This would be a transfer from the TIF to the General Fund.

Trustee Ware felt this was a band aid approach.

Trustee Breen indicated this was discussed at an Economic & Community Development Committee meeting and the vote was 4 to 3 in favor, but felt the recommendation was a difficult one.

Trustee Giagnorio questioned how the fee structure worked and what size project would this be used for in order to receive the \$2,000 maximum.

Director Heniff indicated it is about 2% or about a \$100,000 project.

Trustee Giagnorio stated he felt the Village needed an anchor store in downtown Lombard. He felt the government was subsidizing property owners and felt the Village was stepping into what the private sector should be doing on their own. He indicated he agreed with most grants, but was questioning this grant program.

Trustee Gron stated this was discussed at some Lombard Town Centre meetings. He felt this should be for new business and not for old businesses. He did not feel that this should be given to businesses that are already there as there are other grant programs available. He talked about the sign of the times and people not investing in their own business. He asked about ways to attract new business.

Trustee Wilson asked if this program could be made more palatable since the committee was split on the recommendation.

President Mueller stated that if a business owner wanted to put in new air conditioning, the business owner could come to the Village and get a grant to do this. He stated a

similar grant program in Elgin did not work as the money given to property owners to upgrade their buildings did not help with vacancies. He did not think the Village was going down the right path. He felt if the Village was trying to help downtown, some fees could be waived.

Trustee Breen suggested referring this back to the Economic & Community Development Committee and that after it is reviewed and some changes made, it could be sent back to the Village Board.

President Mueller felt this could be costly if the money was not transferred from the TIF to the General Fund.

It was moved by Trustee Ware, seconded by Trustee Giagnorio, that this matter be denied in its current format as proposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Gron, Giagnorio, Wilson and Ware

Nay: 2 - Breen and Fitzpatrick

Ordinances on Second Reading

Resolutions

Other Matters

X. Agenda Items for Discussion

A.

Residential/Small Business Electricity Aggregation Referendum

Discussion of a residential/small business electricity aggregation referendum.

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Village Manager David Hulseberg spoke regarding electric aggregation and the opt-in and opt-out programs.

Director of Finance Tim Sexton proceeded to give a powerpoint presentation. He stated:

In 2007, Illinois deregulated the electricity market.

ComEd no longer generates electricity; they just distribute electricity generated by separate suppliers.

Approximately 1/3 of electric bill is for distribution (ComEd) and the other 2/3 of the bill is the actual cost of electricity.

Over 80% of commercial accounts moved to alternate suppliers.

However, according to the Illinois Commerce Commission, only 89,000 residential customers in the state have moved to alternate suppliers.

Due to the low number of residential customers using alternate suppliers, Illinois amended legislation in 2010 to allow municipalities to move all residential and small business accounts to alternative electric suppliers, if approved by referendum.

There are two options:

Opt-In:

Municipality would obtain bids for the entire community, but each individual account would have to provide express consent to participate.

Since there is uncertainty over how many accounts would opt-in to this program, pricing would likely be higher.

Still a considerable amount of customer acquisition and marketing costs for suppliers, may also lead to higher pricing.

Opt-Out:

A municipality would obtain bids for the entire community, and all residential and small business accounts would move to the alternate supplier.

All residents and small businesses would have 2 chances to opt-out of this program prior to accounts being moved to the alternate supplier.

This significantly reduces customer acquisition and marketing costs for suppliers, thereby creating greater savings on cost of electricity.

Staff recommends the Opt-Out option.

Director Sexton reviewed rates.

Of the municipalities that had the referendum approved, 11 have gone through the bidding process.

Bids have provided savings of 20-25% compared to ComEd's rate.

Residents who move individual accounts to alternate suppliers are seeing savings of 10-12%.

It is estimated that municipal aggregation would result in savings for the average resident of \$175-\$200 per year.

And under the Opt-Out option, residents and small business will not have to do anything to realize these savings.

Estimated Timeline:

December 2011 - Village Board considers Resolution or Ordinance for referendum.

March 20, 2012 - Referendum on election.

April/May 2012 - Two public hearings held prior to bid.

June 2012 - Bid out electricity.

June/July 2012 - Supplier Opt-Out notices are sent out to all accounts.

August/September 2012 - Transition to new supplier.

Additional Information:

ComEd will continue to distribute electricity through its power lines and infrastructure.

If the power goes out, ComEd is still responsible for restoring power.

ComEd will continue to issue all bills for electricity.

There is no change to Village franchise accounts.

Lombard's municipal utility tax will not be impacted, as this tax is charged against usage, and not cost.

In addition to aggregating all of Lombard into one bid, staff will be exploring partnering with other municipalities to aggregate even more accounts for greater pricing power.

Summary:

Referendum approval needed.

2 Options – Opt-In or Opt-Out.

Recommendation is Opt-Out.

Estimated savings of 20-25% on cost of electricity, or \$175-\$200 per year on average.

Trustee Wilson indicated this is like cutting out the middle man.

Director Sexton stated that ComEd is still the distributor and handles the billing and collections. This program does not impact ComEd.

Trustee Wilson asked if this entails bidding annually.

Director Sexton indicated there are one, two and three year contracts. If the Village did not renew at the end of the term of the contract, the electricity provider would default back to ComEd.

Manager Hulseberg indicated that if ComEd proves to have lower rates, the Village can go back to ComEd. He spoke about this being an easy way to reach out to the bulk of residential customers and would be a cost savings. He stated that residents can opt-out and continue with ComEd or go to another electric provider.

Trustee Giagnorio asked if the two opt-outs were only after the contract is awarded.

Manager Hulseberg indicated he would need to check.

President Mueller questioned if residents can opt-out later. He spoke of rates being higher at different times of the year.

Trustee Wilson questioned if you opted-out, if you could opt back in.

Attorney Bayer stated that the contract can be written so that if at any time the ComEd rates becomes less, the Village can switch back to ComEd. He spoke of the ICC setting rates for ComEd. He also stated that bidding as a larger group such as with other municipalities will help lower rates.

Manager Hulseberg indicated there was a large mass of residents and other agencies the Village can partner with to help keep costs down.

President Mueller questioned how this would impact the Village if the rates did not remain lower than ComEd. He asked about GWWA selling electricity back to ComEd.

Director Goldsmith indicated this was not similar to that.

Trustee Breen asked if the contract could be negotiated with a certain percent below ComEd's rates.

Attorney Bayer stated if the Village joined with a large group of other municipalities, the supplier would realize the number of customers and will be negotiable.

Manager Hulseberg indicated that many municipalities are looking at this as well as DuPage County for unincorporated areas and this will provide the maximum opportunity for savings.

Trustee Ware questioned outages.

Attorney Bayer indicated that ComEd no longer generates electricity, but they provide the lines that carry the power to homes and businesses. Outages are still handled by ComEd.

Trustee Wilson questioned the price protection and if rates escalated.

Manager Hulseberg stated the contract would be written to never pay a higher rate than ComEd charges.

President Mueller questioned which staff members would handle the calls regarding this matter.

Director Sexton indicated the Village should not provide residents with a dollar amount that may be saved, but to inform residents that they will pay less for their electricity.

President Mueller questioned the smart grid program.

Trustee Ware asked who is called for outages.

Director Sexton stated ComEd is responsible for outages. He stated ComEd does not generate electricity. They purchase electricity and sell it to its customers.

Trustee Fitzpatrick stated she did not see a down side to this. She spoke of the opt-out provisions for residents who do not want to change electric providers. She felt this was similar to the phone company of years ago. She felt the Village had good bargaining power for the residents.

President Mueller asked about adding stipulations to the contract regarding costs.

Manager Hulseberg stated the Village will work with a broker and that he had two meetings scheduled to discuss this matter. He talked about the number of people that the Village can amass for bargaining power.

Trustee Wilson asked if this needed to be added to the ballot.

Attorney Bayer indicated this could be put on the ballot as a binding referendum.

President Mueller asked if wording can be added that the rate is always lower than ComEd's rate.

Manager Hulseberg stated the rates would at least not be higher than ComEd's rates.

Trustee Giagnorio noted that he switched gas providers at his store and the bill went down.

Trustee Gron asked who will provide the information to the residents

Manager Hulseberg indicated the Village staff will provide.

President Mueller asked the Village Board for consensus to move forward. All of the Village Board members concurred.

XI. Executive Session

XII. Reconvene**XIII. Adjournment**[Play Video](#)

The Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

It was moved by Trustee Giagnorio, seconded by Trustee Wilson, adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

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