

Village of Lombard

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Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

*Trustee Brian LaVaque, Chairperson
Bob Bachner, Alternate Chairperson
Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin,
Robert Corbino, Gary Cation, John Mullins,
Rick Miller and Patrick Casey*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson LaVaque at 7:02 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

Additional guests:

Andy Jasiek and Ray Lee - FGM Architects

Present 8 - Brian LaVaque, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., Bob Corbino, Gary Cation, John Mullins, and Patrick Casey

Absent 1 - Rick Miller

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the Minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

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Public Safety Building Assessment Program

Phase one feasibility study analysis and space needs assessment for a joint public safety facility expansion project.

Public Works Director Goldsmith is presenting the feasibility analysis for a joint public safety facility expansion PowerPoint. Goldsmith stated he previously presented on this matter back on November 2, 2022 and is now providing an update.

Goldsmith introduced guests Andy Jasiek and Ray Lee from FGM Architects.

Village developed strategic plans and their primary focus is competent workforce and efficient service delivery. There was a gap of fire service within Lombard. Village brought in FGM architects to design. Both fire department facilities house and are fully functioning fire stations. Police only have one station and any and all operations work out of the single station. Conducting a feasibility study for current needs of police and fire. Looking at the current conditions of current buildings before adding onto any old buildings. Also, how much we would be spending adding additions onto old buildings.

The circled area on the map of Lombard shows the gap that is not achieving a 4-minute response time. During peak periods, the fire

department does not achieve the 4-minute response time. Had police officers, rank officers, firefighters, rank fire officers trying to combine a collaborative process and try to listen to all issues and interests from both police and fire. Looked at FGM Architects and what they have done before that is similar. Looked at 7 or 8 locations to see how property would affect the 4-minute response time. Looking at future needs to address future needs instead of looking at needs today. Ray Lee - we started talking to the police and fire staff and looked at other facilities and what may happen in the future and make recommendations. The police and fire know that they need more space. Looking at what things may be missing, training facilities and digital evidence space. Looking at space that is currently in its infancy stage. Goldsmith - need to prepare for the future female firefighter/paramedics and their locker rooms, same goes for police and they would need a larger records office. Police gun range and lock up should be modernized. Police has a lot of other agencies come to the Lombard Police Department and train. The fire department is a geographic base when looking at gaps and coverage. Apparatus bays accommodating both stations. It is important to note that we are not adding manpower and vehicles. At this time, it is just relocating the personnel and apparatus to the third station. If the police were to relocate from Village Hall, then the fire department would be able to fit a larger station at Village Hall. Chairperson LaVaque - buildings were built in the 70's. Goldsmith - yes and other buildings. Ray Lee - look at police station's recent history that the agency is told to retain evidence for even longer. Police also have to store drones and maintain them. Things like the evidence techs lab and cyber techs lab needs to change and modernize with the times. Mullins - is it better to have 2 or 1 levels for the police station? Ray Lee - it is better to have on a 1 level, need to have lockup on the first floor and investigations close by. Fire Chief Sander - our call volume and increase of residents by the mall have gone up. Corso - there is no location as of right now? Goldsmith - no there is no location. Corso - so prices may go up? Goldsmith - the cost may go up. Goldsmith - somewhere close to 50 million to tear down, relocate police, and build a new fire station. Public Works GIS coordinator located 4 minute locations throughout the Lombard map to better identify where the fire department should be located. Looking to recommend this to the Village Board and use this presentation as a roadmap for the future. Mullins - does police first get the land, then move police items and then knock down existing police department? Goldsmith - yes, that is what we would do. Not a lot of parcels that would house the police station size. Ray Lee - looking at civilian growth and staff growth, also looking at future and plan long term growth.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion

passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

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Fire Department Reports/Information

- August 2023

Chairperson LaVaque introduced newly hired Deputy Chief George Hyland as the new deputy chief of the fire department.

Chief Sander went over the June and July 2023 reports - hired 3 new candidates that graduate next week. Promoted firefighter/paramedic to lieutenant, Lieutenant Wilmot and hired George Hyland as the deputy chief. Citizens fire academy starts September 13th and open house is October 11th.

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Police Department Reports/Information

Chief Wirsing - hired 11 new officers, had 12 and lost one. 52 applications and that is the lowest we have seen in years but better than other surrounding towns. The 33rd citizens police academy starts next week.

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Legislative Update

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. The motion carried unanimously.