

# Village of Lombard

*Village Hall  
255 East Wilson Ave.  
Lombard, IL 60148  
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## Minutes

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

**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 and Rick Miller*

## 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson LaVaque at 7:00 PM.

## 2.0 Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Brian LaVaque, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., Bob Corbino, John Mullins, and Rick Miller

**Absent** 1 - Gary Cation

## 3.0 Public Participation

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Bob Corbino, that the Minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5.0 Unfinished Business

## 6.0 New Business

### [210275](#)

#### **Police Department Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems "Drone" Proposal**

Staff recommendation to waive bidding and purchase one DJI Matrice 300 RTK sUAS with Zenmuse H20T camera and one DJI Mini 2 sUAS from Aerial Influence LLC in the amount of \$29,433.00. This purchase was reviewed by the Public Safety & Transportation Committee and the Community Relations Committee with a recommendation to approve the purchase.

DC Grage presented the item and showed a short video. The drone can be used for law enforcement situations, some Fire Department applications, and will surely be useful to other Village departments. DC Grage explained that although other area departments have drones, the time it takes for it to arrive at another town can be critical. He also reiterated the laws concerning using drones for law enforcement purposes, such as they can't be flown over private property without a search warrant. It can only be used in the public right of way and any recording not associated with a crime must be destroyed in 30 days. If it is used to find a perpetrator without a warrant, it must be reported to the State's Attorneys Office within 48 hours. He added that any operators will have to take classes and must be licensed. The plan is to have two operators and the Department currently has one employee who was an Army helicopter pilot, so he will only need an additional certification.

General discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by John Mullins, 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

Perkins mentioned that she noticed that Villa Park has stop signs that are completely lit up around the perimeter of the sign and asked if that's something Lombard would consider as signs are replaced. Mullins commented that you would have to take nearby homeowners into consideration. They may not want that flashing at night right outside their house. Chairperson LaVaque said that he would look into it.

## 8.0 Information Only

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### **Fire Department Reports/Information**

- August 2021 Monthly Report
- September 2021 Monthly Report

DC Kickert reviewed the July report and told the committee that the department tendered offers to three candidates. They will be starting September 27th. He added that the department will be taking delivery of a new ambulance and fire engine soon.

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### **Police Department Reports/Information**

DC Grage reported that the department has applied for a Triple A grant which will fund school zone flashing yellow beacons at two schools because they are located on a 4- lane roadway. The beacons will be operational during morning and afternoon pick-up/drop-off. They are able to be programmed remotely through a cellphone app.

## 9.0 Adjournment

**A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**