

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION**  
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Waiver of First Requested Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Business (Pink) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FROM:** William T. Lichter, Village Manager

**DATE:** 8/21/07 (COW) (B of T) **Date:** September 6, 2007

**TITLE:** Public Works Committee Recommendation  
 Drainage Grant Request – 1125 E. St. Charles Road

**SUBMITTED BY:** David Gorman, Assistant Director of Public Works *DDG*

**BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

See Attached

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

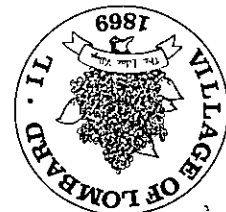
Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Finance Director X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Village Manager X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** William T. Lichter, Village Manager

**THROUGH:** Wesley B. Anderson, PE, Director of Public Works  
*[Signature]*  
David P. Gorman, PE, Asst. Director of Public Works  
*[Signature]*

**FROM:** BOT Item for September 6 - Property Owner's Request for a Drainage Grant at 1125 E. St. Charles Road

**SUBJECT:** BOT Item for September 6 - Property Owner's Request for a Drainage Grant at 1125 E. St. Charles Road

**DATE:** August 29, 2007

Although the Public Works Committee confirmed at their July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting that the Residential Backyard Drainage Grant Program applies only to residential properties and does not apply to commercial properties, they also directed staff to forward the attached drainage grant request from the owner of 1125 E. St. Charles Road (Fotel Inc.) to the Board of Trustees. Their approved motion states that they "recommend that formal action be taken by the corporate authorities to take measures to help this man, because it is in the best interest of the Village, to the percentage and the maximum that the current residential policy allows. The intent is to reduce stormwater from the combined system."

The property owner is proposing to install a storm sewer to solve a flooding problem in his parking lot. The cost is estimated to be about \$20,000. He is requesting that the Village reimburse him for half of this cost. The Residential Backyard Drainage Grant Program is budgeted at \$15,000 per year and the unencumbered balance is currently about \$6,000. However, staff is anticipating grant applications for at least three additional residential projects (Addison & Washington, Eugenia & Elizabeth and Park) so it is unlikely that there will be a surplus of funds this fiscal year.

The request does not qualify for the Residential Backyard Drainage Grant Program since this flooding does not meet the Board's policy parameters. The Village's Residential Backyard Drainage Grant Program reimburses half of costs up to a \$10,000 contribution for residential property owners who have at least three days of flooding over two or more properties. The requirement for two or more residential properties was established in order to direct public monies to solve neighborhood problems. The policy is silent on commercial properties. The staff report to the Committee is attached. Staff recommends against a grant in this instance for the following reasons:

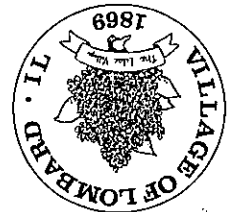
1. Spending public monies to alleviate flooding for a single property owner would set an unwanted precedent. Numerous other residential, commercial and industrial properties could then pursue similar rights to public funds for sole benefit.
2. Providing such a grant would provide a disincentive for individual owners to improve their properties since they would have expectations for a contribution of public funds.
3. This property is not within a TIF District.

Staff is seeking direction from the Board of Trustees regarding this matter.

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attachment: 6/5/07 memo

cc: David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Asst. Village Manager  
Nick Hatfield, PE, Development Engineer



MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Public Works Committee

THROUGH:

Wesley B. Anderson, PE, Director of Public Works

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FROM:

David P. Gorman, PE, Asst. Director of Public Works

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SUBJECT:

Request from 1125 E. St. Charles Road for a Drainage Grant

DATE:

June 5, 2007

At the request of the owner of 1125 E. St. Charles Road (Fotel Inc.) and Congressman Roskam's Office, staff is providing this memo for discussion at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting. The owner is proposing to install a storm sewer to solve a flooding problem in his parking lot. The cost is estimated to be about \$20,000. He is requesting that the Village reimburse him for half of this cost. In a meeting between the owner and Village staff, Congressman Roskam's District Representative also asked the Village to consider this request.

The requested grant could not be awarded through the Backyard Drainage Grant Program since this flooding does not meet the Board's parameters. Therefore, any grant would have to be individually approved by the Village Board after recommendation is given by the Public Works Committee. However, for the sake of precedent and comparison, the Village's Backyard Drainage Grant Program would reimburse half of costs up to a \$10,000 contribution for residential property owners who have at least three days of flooding over two or more properties. The requirement for two or more properties was established in order to direct public monies to solve neighborhood problems.

Staff recommends against a grant in this instance for the following reasons:  
1. Spending public monies to benefit a single property owner would set an unwanted precedent. Hundreds of other residential, commercial and industrial properties could then claim similar rights to public funds for sole benefit.  
2. Providing such a grant would provide a disincentive for individual owners to improve their properties since they would have expectations for a contribution of public funds.

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cc: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

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Nick Hatfield, PE, Development Engineer