Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

4:30 PM

Village Hall - Lower Level Conference Room

Board of Building Appeals

Members Bob Mueller, John Cullen , Marty Igoe and Steve Flint Staff Liaisons Director of Community Development William Heniff and Plan Reviewer/Inspector II Keith Steiskal

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

William Heniff, Director of Community Development, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Stephen Flint, Marty Igoe, John Cullen and Bob Mueller

Also present: Ted Klioris and Keith Steiskal, Building Division.

Public Hearings

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mueller and seconded by Flint the minutes of the January 10, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present.

New Business

A. Roles & Responsibilities

William Heniff, Community Development Director, presented the current version of Chapter 150 (Building) and Chapter 32 (BOBA Responsibilities). Staff referenced past amendments to the residential building construction standards and the amended responsibilities of staff as part of Community Development and BOBA, as adopted by the Village Board in September.

B. <u>090794</u> Residential Energy Code

Request to review and adopt State of Illinois mandated Residential Energy Code.

The Committee discussed the recently adopted regulations to the state Energy Efficient Commercial Building Act (Public Act 09-0778). The regulations amend the previously adopted Energy Commercial Building Act and establish energy code provisions for residential buildings, in addition to structures previously regulated through the code. Municipalities are obligated to enforce the provisions set forth within the Act and municipalities cannot establish regulations that are more restrictive or less restrictive than those provisions set forth in the Act, unless those provisions were established prior to the new state regulations.

Staff undertook a review of the provisions set forth within the Act and offered the attached summation for BOBA discussion purposes at their December 16, 2009 meeting. Staff reviewed these applications with BOBA and discussed how these mandates would be administered in the Village. Key elements are:

1. Builders will be mandated to undertake broad energy saving evaluations as part of

new residential construction and residential addition activities. Staff also noted how such activities will be undertaken to meet the state mandate while providing reasonableness to the development community.

- 2. Inspection staff will also be required to undertake reviews of new residential construction projects or additions to ensure that the Act's provisions are being met. Staff will be examining this issue further to determine whether this will necessitate a separate inspection or whether this item can be reviewed concurrent with other inspection activities.
- 3. New windows will need to meet energy requirements. A broad interpretation of the state mandate would necessitate the Village to regulate and inspect all new windows or window replacements for compliance with the energy code provisions.
- 4. The state's Capital Development Board has been tasked to adopt the Act's provisions and establish the applicability provisions. Staff anticipates that this activity will be completed in early 2010 in order to meet the Act's mandate. However, staff and BOBA are recommending that Village Code reflect the Act's provisions by reference in order to provide the development community with a comprehensive listing of all pertinent regulations pertaining to new construction.
- 5. BOBA raised concerns about the additional costs associated with the new regulations. While one source (The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance) estimates that the new regulations would save homeowners \$267-\$667 annually on energy costs, this cannot be confirmed. BOBA discussed this issue and noted there would be additional costs associated with the new construction. Staff notes that the cost benefits associated with energy conservation or payback period for the mandates cannot be readily made. It was noted at the BOBA meeting that the new requirements may increase the construction cost of a new residence by 7 to 10 percent.
- 6. From a code amendment standpoint, the text amendment to Section 150 of the Village Code would be adopting the latest edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.

It was moved by Flint, seconded by Mueller, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Flint, Igoe, Cullen and Mueller

C. Possible 2010 Amendments

Mr. Heniff discussed possible future amendments to be considered by BOBA and/or the Village Board pertaining to Chapter 150 (Building).

D. 090649 Video Gaming

Review, discuss and provide a recommendation as to the level of support for video gaming.

The Committee discussed video gaming. They expressed questions and comments regarding the operations or locations of such establishments.

By unanimous consent of the members present, the members did not oppose the concept of video gaming.

Unfinished Business

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.