

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

*Trustee Dan Whittington, Chairperson
Trustee Mike Fugiel, Alternate Chairperson
Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin,
John Schwarz, Robert Corbino, Gary Cation,
Jerry Schaefer and John Mullins*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fugiel at 7:00 P.M.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 8 - Mike Fugiel, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, Jerry Shaefer, and John Mullins

Absent 2 - Dan Whittington, and Gary Cation

Staff Present:

Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
Chief Sander, Fire Department
Dpty. Chief Kickert, Fire Department
Chief Newton, Police Department
Dpty. Chief Wirsing, Police Department
Matthew Lew, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Mullins, seconded by Bob Corbino, that the Minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

[180069](#)

Broadview Avenue Parking Restriction

A resident request to implement a no parking restriction on Broadview Avenue south of North Avenue. (DISTRICT #1)

Lew reviewed the item. The committee had asked staff to follow up with the church and Thorntons. Staff sent written notification on February 21st and has not received a response from either. The letter stated that no response would be interpreted as no opposition. Staff has revised the recommendation to a restriction during normal business hours. That would allow weekend parking for the Lombard Assembly give Thornton parking during off-peak hours, while still trying to accommodate the resident's request. The staff recommendation is to implement No Parking on both sides of Broadview from North Avenue to the dead end Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Schaefer asked if it was only one person that is concerned. Lew replied that there is only one residence on the street. She is concerned because she has encountered occupied parked vehicles. Staff's perspective is there is a potential for large vehicles parked on the street which could interfere with the turning radius for other large vehicles.

Perkins commented that she spoke with the resident today. The picture on the memo doesn't tell the whole story. If you look toward the dead end of the street, there's a second entrance going into the gas station and then on left (opposite the driveway), that's the entrance for the church. Beyond that the resident's house is on the left set back. Her concern is box trucks parking back in the dead end section. The house is set back, so from a safety perspective occupied vehicles are a concern. She didn't have issue with roadway closer to North Avenue, so maybe just sign the dead end area. That could be a compromise, just not allow parking south of the south exit, both sides of the street.

Corso added that he went there Saturday and there seems to be plenty of space, but he doesn't have a problem with the Monday-Friday, 7-4 restriction. He added that he can't imagine there's that many people parking there.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Michael Corso, that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, and John Mullins

Nay: 1 - Jerry Shaefer

Absent: 1 - Gary Cation

6.0 New Business

[180130](#)

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview Presentation

Niehaus commented that in the future staff and the Board will rely on this committee to possibly make decisions on core services, so it's important that the committee be up to date.

One item of note that was just announced is that the state is cutting the state-shared funds by 10%, which equates to an additional \$400,000 deficit. There will be a property tax freeze for 2-4 years, but that does not apply for pension obligations and debt service payments.

Looking at the Economic Update slide; Sam's Club - staff did not

program that money into our budget, Bon-Ton - not the biggest tax payer in the Village, but it is an anchor for Yorktown. Schaefer asked about the status of LA Fitness. Niehaus answered that the property owner is required to provide a building ready pad to LA Fitness by 6/1. He went on to say that about 10% of Yorktown is health/beauty establishments. A long-term potential game changer for the Village is if Springfield decides to tax services (haircuts, spa, etc.) and the federal government might apply sales tax based on internet purchases. They would look at zip codes where companies are delivering to. Village staff thinks we could make an argument that home delivery of goods needs to be taxed because we have related expenses, such as the Police Department. Corbino asked about the status of 101 S. Main. Niehaus explained that there is currently a Request for Proposals (RFP) out for that property, which are due by April 16th. The Village is selling it. Last year a RFP was put out which specifically looked for a grocery store, however there were no responses.

Niehaus pointed out that any savings in Human Resources is by attrition. No employees have been laid off.

Schwarz asked why video gaming is on hold. Niehaus responded that the Board will look at it later in the year. The 2019 budget can be settled without it. We do know that there are certain establishments interested and conservatively the revenue would be \$100-\$200k. Chairperson Fugiel added that last time it was discussed there were more people that showed up that were opposed to it. Schwarz commented that a referendum would take that out of the equation. Niehaus explained that with video gaming, if citizens want to get rid of it they can get enough signatures to get a referendum. In DuPage County 17 towns have video gaming and 17 do not.

Niehaus stated that if the Police Department item is approved it will close the gap.

Schwarz asked what the total budget is. Niehaus replied that it is \$38M, not including Water/Sewer and Hotel/Motel funds. Because Lombard is not home rule, Hotel/Motel funds must be spent on marketing, etc. If you have home rule it can spent in the General Fund. Senator Cullerton has introduced legislation to allow non-home rule municipalities to use a portion of Hotel/Motel funding for General Fund expenses. Schaefer asked if the Hotel/Motel fund is flush. Niehaus replied that no, we are not sitting on a lot of cash.

180127

Fiscal Year 2019 Fire Department Budget Options

A discussion and request for a committee recommendation regarding potential cuts to the FY2019 budget.

Chief Sander addressed the committee. The proposed budget is basically the same as presented last year. However, looking at Public Education we need to determine if it is a core or enhanced service. He added that his opinion is that it is a core service. Included in the memo is results of a survey of other towns. The staff recommendation is to eliminate the Pre-K program. The Department currently provides Public Education to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades.

A motion was made by Jerry Schaefer, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[180129](#)

Fiscal Year 2019 Police Department Budget Options

A discussion and request for a committee recommendation regarding potential cuts to the FY2019 budget.

Chief Newton stated that the part-time Accreditation Manager took a full-time position, which has allowed staff to look at that position and consider combining it with other positions in the department. The Accreditation Manager position is important to the department. The thought is that perhaps we can promote an officer to a management position and have that Sargent be in charge of accreditation, the traffic unit and moving forward we can then have that supervisor start to study calls/incidents and where they're occurring. That will allow us to determine what level our staffing needs to be at. We're taking a wide look at this, not just for next year, but for future years. Creating this new position will only cost the promotion and eliminates a position and its related costs. Staff is recommending Option #2.

Schaefer commended Chief Newton for the creativity and asked if with use of the accreditation position, by meeting standards on a regular basis, are there funds or grants that the Village receives for that. Chief Newton explained that it assists us in obtaining grants in other areas such as traffic grants, not directly in accreditation. They look at the totality of the agency and the body of work. Niehaus added that CALEA has standards for things such as evidence tracking, accounting, as well as very strict standards relative to use of force. Niehaus gave an example of adhering to those standards, such as when there was a high speed chase a couple years ago. According to CALEA standards it was determined to back off. That saved in law suits and liability. Chief Newton went on to explain that the department subscribes to 490 standards. At the last award ceremony we were over 90% in achievement of standards.

Chairperson Fugiel pointed out that these changes wouldn't change staffing on the street. DC Wirsing agreed, reiterating that minimum staffing would remain the same.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

[150468](#) Fire Department Reports/Information

[150469](#) Police Department Reports/Information

Chief Newton distributed the 2017 Traffic Enforcement Facts and 2017 Annual Traffic Crash Report. In addition to 313 DUIs, according to our own survey, we think we'll finish around 5th in the state.

Corso pointed out that there was a spike in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2017 and asked if there were any statistics behind that. Chief Newton replied that it's most likely increased use of the industrial park north of North avenue. Additionally, there are a lot of turning accidents at the I-355 bridge.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Michael Corso, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.