

Village of Lombard

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

7:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room

Special Meeting Board of Trustees

*Acting Village President Peter Breen, Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien;
Trustee Greg Gron, Trustee Keith Giagnorio,
Trustee Zachary Wilson, Trustee Peter Breen,
Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick and Trustee Bill Ware*

I Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard was called to order by Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien at 7:02 pm, Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall.

II Pledge of Allegiance

Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Present 7 - Brigitte O'Brien, Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

Staff Present:
Village Manager David Hulseberg
Director of Finance Tim Sexton
Director of Community Development Bill Heniff
Director of Public Works Carl Goldsmith
Deputy Chief of Police Pat Rollins
Fire Chief Paul DiRienzo
Executive Coordinator Carol Bauer

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Appointment of a Temporary Chairperson

A motion was made by Trustee Peter Breen, seconded by Trustee Keith Giagnorio, that Trustee Bill Ware be appointed as Acting Chairperson for the Village Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

IV Public Participation

V Agenda

[120524](#)

President Pro Tem and Chairman Pro Tem

An Ordinance repealing Title 3, Chapter 31, Sections 31.15 and 31.16 of the Village Code in regard to the President Pro Tem and Chairman Pro Tem. (Waiver of First requested)

Village Manager Hulseberg noted that the Village Board of Trustees had been deadlocked for more than a month with a 3 to 3 vote on

each motion for a President Pro Tem and Chairperson Pro Tem. He indicated two documents were drafted. The first was an ordinance repealing sections of the Village Code and the second was a Resolution, that although not legally binding, pledge each Trustee at their word that they will not step down from their Trustee position and take the Village President job. He further indicated that the compromise provided for two Trustees to split the remaining term of Village President until a newly-elected Village President is sworn in in May, 2013. He noted that Trustee Giagnorio and Trustee Wilson were not included in the selection as each had indicated they would be running for Village President. He spoke of compromise and mutual concession.

Wayne Kankovsky, 1344 S. Main Street, stated that he was a 39-year resident of the Village. He spoke of the Resolution before the Village Board and felt that the Resolution should have a Sunset Clause whereby it becomes void after May 2, 2013. He spoke of Trustee Ware and Trustee Breen possibly having a change of heart if they were appointed Acting Village President for part of the President's remaining term of office. He spoke of this being unique in Village history.

Jay Wojcik, 128 S. Third, felt the residents were the key and not the personal agendas of the Village Board members or their higher aspirations for office. She spoke of working as the cable TV intern for many years. She suggested that the Village Board appoint senior Trustee Greg Gron as the Acting Village President. She spoke of Trustee Gron's strong skills, being a business owner, and having other leadership qualifications. She asked the Board to start the healing. Attorney Bayer indicated that there had been a request to vote on the ordinance and resolution in one motion with the ordinance having a waiver of first reading.

Trustee Wilson indicated this was a very difficult time for the Village Board and spoke of the two different sides. He stated he was not crazy about the decision and talked about the one issue dividing the Board. He stated he will support the compromise.

Trustee Fitzpatrick agreed with Trustee Wilson and felt that a compromise had been agreed upon. She did not feel this was the best option. She indicated she was disappointed in three of her colleagues leaving the meeting. She apologized to the residents. Trustee Gron spoke of the clear division in the Board and talked about this being frustrating. He stated he did not agree with the Las Vegas-style antics. He felt the residents did not need to be a party to what had been going on. He stated he was relieved and that the Board needed to move in a positive direction.

Trustee Breen echoed Trustee Fitzpatrick's comments and spoke about transparency. He spoke of the impasse, but was glad that a compromise had been reached. He spoke of his three colleagues walking out of the meeting and about others walking out of meetings in

Indiana and Wisconsin. He talked about changing the President Pro Tem every two years and providing a clear line of succession. He hoped the Village Board would never have to experience this again. He spoke of the Village Board starting fresh.

Trustee Giagnorio talked about not throwing stones and growing up with six sisters and three brothers and how you learn to compromise. He spoke of no winners and no losers and the business of Lombard moving on.

Trustee Ware spoke of the Board acting in the best interests of the Village, moving forward and compromises. He talked about the residents electing the next Village President in April.

Trustee Breen indicated that neither he nor Trustee Ware would be running for Village President in April.

A motion was made by Trustee Keith Giagnorio, seconded by Trustee Zachary Wilson, that this Ordinance be waived first reading and pass on second reading under suspension of the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

Enactment No: Ordinance 6759

120525

The Election of an Acting Village President

A Resolution in regard to the election of an acting Village President.

A motion was made by Trustee Keith Giagnorio, seconded by Trustee Zachary Wilson, that this Resolution regarding the Election of an Acting Village President be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

Enactment No: R 48-13

VI Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Zachary Wilson, seconded by Trustee Keith Giagnorio, that the Village Board meeting held on October 2, 2012 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall be recessed to Executive Session at 7:36 pm for the purpose of discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property; Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Specific Employees of the Village and Pending Litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

VII Reconvene

The recessed Special Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall was called to order by Acting Village President Peter Breen at 8:18 p.m. Upon roll call by Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien, the following were:

Present 7 - Brigitte O'Brien, Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware

VIII Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Keith Giagnorio, seconded by Trustee Zachary Wilson, that the Special Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on October 2, 2012 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall be adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Greg Gron, Keith Giagnorio, Zachary Wilson, Peter Breen, Laura Fitzpatrick, and Bill Ware