

# **Village of Lombard**

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

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

**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,  
Rick Miller and Patrick Casey*

## 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** 9 - Brian LaVaque, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., Bob Corbino, Gary Cation, John Mullins, Rick Miller, and Patrick Casey

## 3.0 Public Participation

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Gary Cation, that the Minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5.0 Unfinished Business

## 6.0 New Business

## 7.0 Other Business

## 8.0 Information Only

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### **Public Safety Building Assessment Program**

Phase one feasibility study analysis and space needs assessment for a joint public safety facility expansion project.

Carl Goldsmith - gave a presentation

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Phase one of a feasibility study analysis has been conducted on the police and fire department facilities. The village have hired a consultant and an architect that can assess the operating departments. The facilities are undersized and not adequate for fire and police needs. They were looking into where they can overlap the fire and police stations. Fire found a gap in coverage and would like to achieve a 4-minute response time. Fire department realized that they would not be able to achieve that response time if they were connected to the village. Police are possibly looking into expanding to village hall and having a connection between the two buildings. At this point, the fire station would best be suited as a stand-alone building. Looking at property near Rainbow Cone, however it may not be the best place to build. Might partner with the park district but would need to negotiate property with the park district. National

University of Health Sciences may be another location to work with. No formal discussions, working with consultants that are figuring out what is the best route to take. Recently met and are still working with the architect. The new addition that would be created between village hall and the police station have discussed having two levels because one level is not enough. There is discussion about demolishing a part of the police station in order to connect and build an addition that will be one level with a basement that way they can eliminate having elevators. No details have been defined yet for police. Looking at smallest possible footprint for the new fire house. The park district on Madison own two homes, the fire station can possibly fit there. On Fairfield the fire house would be suitable but not ideal. Public works is having discussions with property owners and will reconvene with consultants later. Connecting village hall to the police station and creating a larger station would cost \$15 million. An ideal fire station would be \$12 million. The current aging facilities would cost more to maintain and improve upon.

Mullins - Would we need to purchase more fire vehicles? Goldsmith - We would be using the vehicles we currently have. Corso - Where is the money coming from? Goldsmith - We have a waterfall fund, at the end of the fiscal year we may have extra funds that we hold onto for future use. Architects will be providing us with updated pricing for every year. We will continue to speak with property owners of Fairfield because it is a small property. Mullins - Will the roads need to be redone? Goldsmith - it would be similar to Fire Station 44 where we would have flashing lights. We are mindful of the busy traffic. Mullins - Would we need to get approval from the other neighbors? Goldsmith - Not entirely sure at this point, but will need to schedule meetings that will have a public outreach. Cation - Have you reached out to this neighbor? Goldsmith - We sent out a vague letter to the neighbors that stated we are looking to purchase property. They can put in a FOIA request for further information about the property across from them. We will need to look at how to best occupy the fire department's apparatus, won't have a tower ladder at each location. At the end of the feasibility study we will look at what properties we have. The plan would be 2025 construction, 2024 would be the building design.

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#### **Traffic Study - Westmore & Washington**

Chairperson LaVaque - There has been a lot of traffic incidents around Westmore & Washington.

Goldsmith - Our new civil engineer, Mike Barbier came to us from DuPage County and has a wealth of knowledge. It has been reported to public works that there was a concern at Westmore and Washington. What we have found is that all the other intersections with four lanes have

a protected green arrow. Washington and Westmore for whatever reason, do not have that. The best way to have a protected lane is with a green arrow. There are higher crash incidents at Maple and Jackson, does not have turn lane but has green arrow. A protected green arrow may not be the best solution. Would like to send off to KLOA to see what would be the best solution. Would not want to narrow the lanes down. Will come back after the evaluation is complete to ask for a vote. Perkins - Do we consider the arrow in both directions? Goldsmith - you are unable to have both southbound and northbound arrows. There would need to be another dedicated turn lane in order for that to happen and there is not enough room on the road to do so.

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**Fire Department Reports/Information**

- October 2022
- November 2022
- December 2022

DC Kickert - In October the fire department completed its second citizens academy. We currently have some candidates in the academy. Almost up to 6800 calls this year. This has been our busiest year for only having two fire stations with 16 people on duty every shift. Third fire station would be a large improvement.

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**Police Department Reports/Information**

Chief Newton - 1,605 911 calls in the month of October. Up 9% through the month of September to October. Currently have one candidate in the academy. We are wanting to have 4 in the next academy. Went to the board with ten candidates and none of them passed.

## 9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. The motion carried unanimously.