

# Village of Lombard

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## Minutes

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

## Public Safety & Transportation Committee

*Trustee Dan Whittington, Chairperson  
Andrew Honig, Alternate Chairperson  
Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin,  
Robert Corbino, Gary Cation,  
John Mullins and Rick Miller*

## 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Whittington at 7:00 p.m.

## 2.0 Roll Call

**Present** 6 - Dan Whittington, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, Gary Cation, John Mullins, and Rick Miller

**Absent** 2 - John Larkin Jr., and Bob Corbino

## 3.0 Public Participation

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Corso, seconded by John Mullins, that the Minutes of the March 4,2 2020, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5.0 Unfinished Business

## 6.0 New Business

### [200202](#)

### 2019 Police Department Annual Report

Sgt. Menolascino pointed out that citations and traffic stops are down, partially due to being down a traffic officer because he was assigned to patrol. DUI's have gone down a bit as well, probably because of the increase in ride sharing usage. Mullins asked about cell phone tickets. Sgt. Menolascino replied that the traffic officer, Paula Rojas, was awarded officer of year by the Illinois VFW. She wrote 1500 cell phone tickets. DC Grage added that the Department received \$120k grant for cell phone and seat belt enforcement, which continues to be an emphasized.

Sgt. Menolascino commented that they're hoping things will calm down a little bit. There have been more chases, however, we're not going to chase for a cell phone ticket. Mullins asked what determines when to high speed chase. Sgt. Menolascino explained that there are a lot of factors. Mullins relayed that some neighbors have asked him, that with their proximity to Yorktown, are they safe. Are there precautions we should know of? Is Yorktown secure? DC Grage said that the first couple weeks of June Yorktown was a fortress. He added that it was a good decision by Chief Newton to jump on it right away. It was quiet., but possibly pushed some of the activity west. Best Buy was broken into. He further added that the Department is in contact with other agencies and are still

doing extra patrols at Yorktown. We have no reason to believe that there is any higher threat now than there would normally be.

Mullins relayed that he spoke with someone about parking for the apartments on Grace by Target. There's on-street parking, but he keeps getting tickets. Sgt. Menolascino replied that they cannot park there overnight because on-street parking is not permitted between 2 AM - 5 AM by ordinance. He went on to say that there are not signs on every street, they are at the entrances to town. Mullins stated that there should be a sign, because if you look from the corner, there's just the one sign. Sgt. Menolascino replied that he can talk to Matt Lew, but would be afraid that other people will be calling for signs. DC Grage added that this year we contracted with a new ticketing company. If you report your parking online it will tell the officer and will prevent them from writing the ticket. Three times a month we allow a single car to do that. Sgt. Menolascino suggested that staff reach out to the community there. Mullins commented that every day there's 2-3 cars there with tickets.

Sgt. Menolascino spoke about the Department being CALEA certified (accredited) since 1991. We met with the Executive Director of CALEA regarding the police reform that the white house put out. The White House wanted all agencies CALEA certified, however, it's impossible because it's voluntary. It keeps us in check though. An example being that if there is use of force we have to do a report that goes to a staff review. We do it because of CALEA. We're ahead of the game.

DC Grage commented that there's a generation getting ready to retire, so we will continue to see new officers. The Department is still pursues lateral hiring from other agencies. It speaks a lot about our village that people want to come work here.

Cation asked if 10 internal investigations is a low or high number. DC Grage replied that it is a fairly average number, and can be affected by the climate at the time. He also warned that he would be careful about using that as a thermometer.

Discussion ensued regarding the Resident Survey. DC Grage explained that the survey is a requirement for CALEA. They want community feedback provided as part of the accreditation process. he added that it would be great if we could compare against other agencies, but there is not uniformity of questions, only topics. Lombard actually went above and beyond by adding Use of Technology. We wanted to make sure we're not losing that face to face and coming across as robots, impersonal. depending on the times, the next time you see this survey some of the questions may be different. We use it as a tool to find out if something

can be done better and we can be responsive.

[200206](#)

**582 S. Finley Road, Stop Sign Enforcement**

A resident concern regarding stop sign enforcement at the intersection of Madison and Finley. (DISTRICT #1)

Sgt. Menaloscino reported that he received a call from a resident at 602 S. Finley Rd. regarding drivers rolling through the stop sign, speeding and trucks using Finley. He explained to the resident that trucks are permitted to use Finley Road and the department did a directed patrol. There were only .6% of cars going over 11 mph, which is not an issue. We've done many studies on Finley and the numbers are not there, however, we're still tracking the numbers.

[200203](#)

**2019 Fire Department Annual Report**

DC Kickert reviewed the report. EMS accounted for 72% of calls for 2019, which is typical. The ISO rating was increased to a 2 from 3 and six new firefighters began last year.

[200204](#)

**Fire Department COVID-19 Update**

DC Kickert reviewed the Departments COVID-19 related activities.

The first patient was transported on March 13th. Since then 264 suspected patients have been transported. They are suspected based on questions asked by DuComm. Of the 264 transported, 53 tested positive. Once a patient tests positive, even though the guys are wearing their PPE, they have to monitor for 14 days including temperature checks three times a day. The Department has had 95 incidences of monitoring. It's difficult for them because of the equipment they have to wear. It's a hindrance to work with all that equipment on. We've had three personnel test positive. One was brand new, so because of contact with individuals that were training him, it took seven people off for 14 days. We had a total of 10 quarantined individuals due to that.

There have been outbreaks at Beacon Hill and Lexington, but Sunrise has not had any. Mullins commented they have got one now. DC Kickert went on to say that, as of today, DuPage County is reporting 406 cases in Lombard and 23 deaths. Sixteen were at Beacon Hill and Lexington.

DC Kickert stated that there is a lot of interesting information on the dashboard provided by the County, including hospitalizations, etc. It shows that Addison has over 800 cases. Chairperson Whittington added that 406 is how many we've had, not currently have. DC Kickert pointed out that it's 1% of the population. DC Kickert commented that Police and Fire personnel have learned a lot since March. We've had to back off,

slow down and make sure we have the proper equipment on. If you do, it's low risk. DC Grage added that we've done well with limiting exposure. The Fire Department has only had a few cases and the Police Department has not had any cases. DC Kickert stated that we've probably had less sick time this year than we have in the past; probably because we're washing hands, social distancing, etc. Mullins asked if the squad cars are being disinfected. DC Grage replied that squads are being disinfected and if there's anything suspected that squad is taken out of service until disinfected by a company.

## 7.0 Items for Ratification

[200201](#)

### Local DUI Prosecutor

A staff recommendation to approve an agreement with the Moore Norton Law Group Ltd.

DC Grage reviewed the item.

**A motion was made by Michael Corso, seconded by Rick Miller, that this Resolution be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

## 8.0 Other Business

## 9.0 Information Only

[150468](#)

### Fire Department Reports/Information

[150469](#)

### Police Department Reports/Information

## 10. Adjournment

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**A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Mullins, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**