



MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

THE VILLAGE HALL WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR THIS MEETING.

ACCESS WAS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Village President Jacob called the June 23, 2020 Village Board Meeting to Order.

Village President Jacob read the following statement: "Due to the Governor's statewide disaster declaration relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and current public health guidelines for social distancing, I have determined that it is not prudent for the members of the Village Board or staff to convene in-person for tonight's meeting. Therefore, the members of the Village Board are attending this meeting by video conference. Those same conditions require barring access to the public for in-person attendance. In light of those limitations, the public is invited to attend and listen to the meeting through Zoom platform or by phone as indicated on the meeting agenda. To comply with the Open Meetings Act requirements for virtual meetings, tonight's meeting is being recorded."

Village Clerk Gayton took Roll-Call Attendance of the trustees and they confirmed they were able to hear loud and clear. All were present except Trustee Kritzmire, who arrived at 7:20 p.m.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Jacob

Trustees Present: Borawski, Kritzmire (arrival ~ 7:20 p.m.), Michaud, Nora, O'Connor, O'Reilly

Trustees Absent: None

Village Manager: Lothspeich

Village Clerk: Gayton

Village Attorney: Filippini

Village Planner: Hogue

Village Engineer: Perry

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #1: Homeowner Associations: Fairfield Village and Lakes of Long Grove

Discussion: Neither HOA had a representative in attendance.

Item #2: PUBLIC HEARING. Village of Long Grove Rebuild Illinois Infrastructure Grant Application Re: Watermain And Related Improvements for Connection to The Village of Buffalo Grove for Lake Michigan Water.

Trustee Borawski moved to Open the Village Budgets Public Hearing; seconded by Trustee O'Reilly.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O'Connor - aye; Trustee O'Reilly- aye; Trustee Kritzmire - absent.
(Motion carried 5 – 0; Trustee Kritzmire arrived at 7:20).**

Discussion: Long Grove Economic Development Commission Member, Minah Hall, gave a presentation of the grant application. A public hearing is required under the guidelines. She read through the project summary as a whole and then made a power point presentation. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2.95M. With the assistance from the Rebuild Illinois grant, this would provide extra protection for the community in terms of water safety, by providing reliability and extra capacity for the fire department. It will also ease pressure off the aquifer. Additionally, it will provide a stable water source for economic development.

This is within the TIF district, which is underdeveloped and underperforming. Buffalo Grove is the most viable connection to Lake Michigan water.

Due to issues with the deep well, this project was considered in 2015. The village had to forgo the project at that time, as its cost was three times the village's capital budget.

On March 16, 2020 there was a water main break that emptied the system in less than 30 minutes, and many residents and businesses were under a mandatory 48-hour boil order. The situation could have been made worse if a fire had broken out at that time. This project would alleviate that problem in the future. She explained the environmental issues being felt by the aquifer, and less demand upon it would limit the risk of desaturation. This would also alleviate the need to use additional chemicals to treat the well water. In 2018 and 2019, the village spent approximately \$200K to maintain the wells.

Due to the village's current position, and with no levied property tax, this project is unfeasible without the assistance of the Rebuild Illinois grant.

This public hearing is required when there is a local contribution, and the village decided to put \$10,001.00 towards making this project happen, based on the recommendation of the grant writing committee. This action will preserve Long Grove's Lake Michigan water allocation. It will reduce the cost of maintaining the well, and hopefully reduce the water rate charged to residents and businesses. The balance in the IL 83 SSA Fund was \$645,249, as of 4/30/20.

The following is a specific description of the project:

Lake Michigan Water Connection via connection to Buffalo Grove's water system. 16" watermain connection will connect at intersection of Thompson Boulevard and Arlington Heights Road and connect to the existing IL 83 Water Treatment Plant located at 4182 IL Route 83. A secondary/emergency 8" water connection in front of the Waterford Point Professional Center of Buffalo Grove Office Building, extend northerly along IL Route 83 and connect to Long Grove's water system at the intersection of IL Route 53 and IL Route 83.

There is no need for plans to minimize displacement, as none will result from the grant-assisted activities. The village submitted a copy of its comprehensive plan. In addition, a narrative discussion was submitted regarding the scope of the project, including proposed improvements, costs, benefit area, and the impact on community finances.

Following the presentation, Village President Jacob asked for public comment and the following comments were made.

Q. – Buffalo Grove has a very robust public works department; would BG be responsible for operations and maintenance?

A. – The IGA is not in place, but it could include Buffalo Grove as the operator.

Comment – Approx. half dozen residents on N. Arlington Heights Road will be inconvenienced during construction.

Q – Why the \$1.00 in the Village committed amount?

A – Additional points are earned by being \$10,001.

Q. – Does Buffalo Grove still get water from Evanston?

A. – Yes.

Comment – Would like to clarify Buffalo Grove water charges (usage vs. maintenance) as part of the IGA.

Q. – Did Buffalo Grove approve the IGA last night?

A. – Yes, it was unanimously approved.

Q. – Will Long Grove be required to provide 2 days of water storage?

A. – The 16” pipe is being designed to keep the water reservoir full during firefighting.

Q – What is the initial number of properties that would benefit from this system?

A – There are 65 current water connections.

Q – How many properties are connected and paying?

A – There are 3-4 properties that have not yet connected but are in the process of connecting and will be by the end of the month.

Q – The Long Grove Fire Protection District building is not connected; how does the Fire District fill their tankers?

A – Walt Lovelady of the Long Grove Fire Protection District confirmed that their building was not connected, but that they use the water system to fill their tankers.

Q – Is there a way to limit the future charges/costs by the Village of Buffalo Grove to the Village of Long Grove?

A – The future intergovernmental agreement will include protections. However, it is unlikely that Buffalo Grove could provide protections as to future increases.

Q – When is the final date or action for the Village to decide whether to proceed with the grant or application?

A – The water improvement project would need to go out for bids and the Village Board would need to consider whether to award the contract. The grant agreement is not yet available, but prior grants have allowed for the Village to return all the grant funds if they chose not to pursue.

Q – Can the existing wells be kept?

A – The existing wells could be maintained for future emergency needs. The cost-effectiveness is not known. We would still need a water operator, but the requirements would be drastically less.

Comment. The Village has had problems with residential wells during extended drought and would like to have a reliable water system for all.

At 7:47 p.m. Trustee O'Connor moved to Close the Village Budgets Public Hearing; seconded by Trustee O'Reilly.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O'Connor - aye; Trustee O'Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #3: Consideration of A Resolution Committing Local Funds for The Village of Long Grove Rebuild Illinois Infrastructure Grant Application Re: Watermain And Related Improvements for Connection to The Village of Buffalo Grove for Lake Michigan Water. (Res. #2020-R-19)

Discussion: See above.

Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve A Resolution Committing Local Funds for The Village of Long Grove Rebuild Illinois Infrastructure Grant Application; seconded by Trustee Kritzmire.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O'Connor - aye; Trustee O'Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #4: Report of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting – June 23, 2020.

Discussion: Trustee Michaud recapped the morning's EDC meeting. The board thanked Minah Hall for all her hard work on the grant application.

Item #5: Special Event, Temporary Signage & Raffle License Application: Neumann's Cigars (Special Olympics – September 13 & 20, 2020). Waiver of Fee & Bond.

Discussion: Trustee Borawski requested that the form be updated with additional questions.

Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve the Raffle License Application and Waiver of the Raffle License Bond and \$25 Application Fee Requirements for Neumann's Cigars & More Raffle on September 13, 2020 or September 20, 2020; seconded by Trustee Kritzmire.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O'Connor - aye; Trustee O'Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #7: Consideration Of A Resolution Approving an Amended Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment Policy.

Discussion: Village Attorney Filippini explained the updates to the policy. Trustee Kritzmire wanted the wording changed. This item will be on the next agenda.

Item #6: Consideration of An Ordinance Approving Amendments to The Village Code Regulations Re: Alternative Energy Systems (AES) Regulations. (Ord. #2020-O-10)

Discussion: The board discussed solar architectural lights.

Trustee O'Reilly moved to approve an Ordinance Approving Amendments to Village Code Re: Alternative Energy Systems (AES) Regulations; seconded by Trustee Nora.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – nay; Trustee Michaud – nay; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O’Connor - nay; Trustee O’Reilly- aye; Village President Jacob – aye.
(Motion carried 4 – 3).**

Item #8: Village and Trustee Reports. Appointment to Architectural Commission (AC) – Matthew Akins.

Discussion: Matthew Akins introduced himself to the board.

Trustee O’Reilly moved to approve the Appointment of Matthew Akins to the Architectural Commission; seconded by Trustee Nora.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O’Connor - aye; Trustee O’Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**

*Trustee O’Reilly sent the board a copy of the new format for the newsletter. *Trustee Borawski updated the board on the last SWALCO meeting. Textile recycling was discussed.

Item #9: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2020 & June 9, 2020.

Report: The board wanted to see the amendments provided from Village Attorney Filippini before approving the May 26, 2020 minutes. Village Manager Lothspeich did not receive the email with the June 9, 2020 minutes attached.

Item #10: PUBLIC COMMENT:

Report: Former Trustee Yaeger thanked the board for their thoughtful discussions and relayed a recent story where a neighboring community had a different experience on a topic that deserved a thoughtful discussion.

Executive Session

At 8:36 P.M., Trustee Kritzmire moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Threatened Litigation & Enforcement Matters; (2) Personnel Matters; (3) Investments; and (4) Executive Session Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee O’Connor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O’Connor - aye; Trustee O’Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**

Adjournment.

At 10:55 P.M., Trustee O’Connor moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kritzmire.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Trustee Borawski – aye; Trustee Kritzmire – aye; Trustee Michaud – aye; Trustee Nora – aye; Trustee O’Connor - aye; Trustee O’Reilly- aye.
(Motion carried 6 – 0).**