

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2015**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Village of Lake Bluff Board of Trustees met as a Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) in the Village Hall Board Room (40 East Center Avenue) on Monday, June 22, 2015. Village President O’Hara called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and Village Clerk Aaron Towle called the roll and announced the following were present:

Village President: Kathleen O’Hara

Trustees: Barbara Ankenman  
Steve Christensen  
Mark Dewart  
Eric Grenier  
John Josephitis  
William Meyer

Also Present: Aaron Towle, Village Clerk  
Sandra Hart, Lake County Board Member District #13  
Walter Willis, SWALCO Executive Director  
Drew Irvin, Village Administrator  
Peter Friedman, Village Attorney  
Susan Griffin, Finance Director  
Jake Terlap, Public Works Superintendent  
Jeff Hansen, Village Engineer  
Michael Croak, Building Codes Supervisor  
Brandon Stanick, Assistant to the Village Administrator (A to VA)

**Non-Agenda Items and Visitors**

President O’Hara stated the COW allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the Village Board on any matter not listed on the agenda.

There were no requests to address the COW.

**Consideration of the Minutes from the April 27, 2015 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting**

Trustee Meyer moved to approve the April 27, 2015 COW Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Dewart seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (6) Ankenman, Christensen, Dewart, Grenier, Josephitis and Meyer  
Nays: (0)  
Absent: (0)

**A Preliminary Discussion Regarding Solid Waste Planning and Material Diversion**

Village Administrator Drew Irvin reported recently the Village approved a construction debris recycling ordinance and made textile recycling available to residents. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is reaching out to municipalities to gauge if there is interest in piloting a commercial waste

recycling and food-scrap recycling programs that meet the goals of the Lake County 60% Recycling Task Force. He stated many surrounding communities have discussed the possibility of establishing such programs. Village Administrator Irvin then reviewed the impact of those programs on local municipalities.

SWALCO Executive Director Walter Willis stated on average the Village has a 90% recycling participation rate. Though SWALCO's attention has been residential recycling programs, it is now beginning to focus on commercial programs. Recently, several communities have pursued single commercial waste hauling contracts to offer the service to businesses by a single service provider in order to achieve a reduction in rates. Executive Director Willis described the commercial waste franchise program and noted that the passage of an ordinance, which was approved by the haulers affiliated with the National Waste and Recycling Association's Illinois Chapter, would start a three year data gathering process that SWALCO expects will result in greater commercial recycling participation without requiring businesses to recycle.

Executive Director Willis stated that many Lake County municipalities do not have business recycling ordinances; however passage of an ordinance will put haulers on notice that if they don't get a 50% of local businesses to recycle by the end of the 3 year reporting period that the Village can then issue an RFP for a commercial franchise. Because local haulers don't care much for single commercial franchise they will work hard to get local businesses to start recycling. SWALCO will make the data available online with a link on the Village's website. Executive Director Willis shared an example of the program rolled out in the Village of Gurnee where 90% of businesses have saved money where recycling increases and waste decreases.

Village Administrator Irvin stated if there are no concerns Staff can prepare draft documents to be considered at a future Village Board meeting. It was the COW's desire to consider an ordinance regarding commercial waste recycling at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

In addition, Executive Director Willis reviewed food-scrap recycling operations. Village Administrator Irvin noted the Village, SWALCO, Groot, and DK Organics have been discussing the details of operating a food-scrapping pilot program in the Village.

Trustee Ankenman inquired if food-scraps could only be recycled at a facility. Executive Director Willis advised food-scraps can be collected curb-side or dropped off at a facility if available.

In response to a question from Trustee Ankenman, Executive Director Willis advised it is best if food-scraps are disposed of at the curb than by a garbage disposal as it takes a greater amount of energy to undergo processing and treatment at the water plant.

County Board Representative Sandra Hart shared her personal experiences with food-scrap recycling and expressed her support for the Village to continue its efforts in establishing a pilot program.

Trustee Dewart inquired if a commercial food-scrap program is currently in place. Executive Director Willis advised that food-scrap recycling is already covered in contract pricing so the opportunity exists, however, no businesses other than grocery stores are pursuing.

The COW expressed an interest for Village Staff to continue to pursue a pilot program for food-scrap recycling.

**Adjournment**

As no further business came before the COW, Trustee Dewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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R. Drew Irvin  
Village Administrator