

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2019**

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, January 28, 2019. Village President O’Hara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Village Clerk Joy Markee called the roll.

The following were present:

Village President: Kathleen O’Hara

Trustees: Barbara Ankenman
Mark Dewart
Eric Grenier
Paul Lemieux
William Meyer
Aaron Towle

Also Present: Joy Markee, Village Clerk
Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Peter Friedman, Village Attorney
David Belmonte, Chief of Police
Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator

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 COW on any matter not listed on the agenda. There were no requests to address the COW.

Consideration of the Minutes from the December 10, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Trustee Lemieux moved to approve the December 10, 2018 COW minutes as presented. Trustee Dewart seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A Discussion Regarding Residency Requirements for the Chief of Police

Village Administrator Irvin introduced the item. He stated that the Village was currently recruiting a successor Chief of Police and that the Municipal Code requires that the Chief reside within the Village within 12 months of appointment unless waived by the Board of Trustees. The Board had waived this requirement for the current Chief of Police, who resides just outside the Village limits in the unincorporated community of Knollwood. He stated that the Village’s residency requirements may affect the candidate pool for the next Chief of Police.

A discussion ensued regarding the residency requirement, including: the residency requirements applicable to other Village officers; the residency requirements applicable to Chiefs of Police in comparable North Shore communities; the ability of the Chief to respond from a remote residence in case of an emergency; response procedures for a major incident in the absence of the Chief; and past

practices concerning housing incentives for Village positions requiring residency. The consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole was (i) that Village residency is preferred, but not required and (ii) they would consider financial housing assistance for the next Chief of Police.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator