

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 24, 2017**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Village President O'Hara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Lake Bluff Village Hall Board Room, and in the absence of Village Clerk Joy Markee, Deputy Village Clerk Drew Irvin called the roll.

The following were present:

Village President: Kathleen O'Hara

Trustees: Barbara Ankenman
Steve Christensen
Mark Dewart
Eric Grenier
William Meyer
Aaron Towle

Absent: Joy Markee, Village Clerk

Also Present: Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Peter Friedman, Village Attorney
Susan Griffin, Finance Director
Michael Croak, Building Codes Supervisor
Jeff Hansen, Village Engineer
David Belmonte, Police Chief
Jake Terlap, Public Works Superintendent
Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator (A to VA)
Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President O'Hara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Dewart moved to approve the July 10, 2017 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND VISITORS

President O'Hara stated the Village President and Board of Trustees allocate fifteen minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the Village Board on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each person addressing the Village Board of Trustees is asked to limit their comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Ms. Gita Shipkowitz (resident) stated flooding on West Sheridan Place has gotten progressively worse. The recent stormwater flowed down Mawman Park and Lincoln Avenue creating a massive flood in front of her house which took approximately 10 hours to recede. She contacted the Village regarding the outdated storm drainage system but did not receive any response. She read a letter from her neighbor regarding the flooding and how it impacted their property. She stated that the residents are asking the Village to restore their properties and repair the storm drainage system.

Mr. David McGarvey (resident) stated the Village has denied and refused to repair drainage systems or place curbs along IL176. There is a ravine approximately 400 ft. from his home but stormwater bypass the drains and flow onto IL176 sidewalks causing significant flooding on Lincoln Avenue. He had drain title and a double sump pump installed in his home but the basement still received approximately 3 ft. of water. He understands IL176 is a state owned road, maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), but flooding on Lincoln and Rockland Avenues are local problems. The Village is approximately 100 ft. above lake water levels and he believe it floods because of the outdated drainage systems which the Village refuses to address. He stated stormwater continuously floods the viaduct area and the Village cannot continue to kick this can down the road. He believes it is unacceptable that the State has funds available to build schools but not put in curbs or address viaduct flooding.

In response to a comment from Mr. William Kowalewski (resident), President O'Hara stated a report regarding the recent flood event will be presented this evening and the Village Board will allow time for public comments following the presentation.

5. VILLAGE BOARD SETS THE ORDER OF THE MEETING

At the request of those present, Trustee Meyer moved to take Agenda Items #13, #14, #12, #15 and #16 then return to the regular order of the meeting. Trustee Ankenman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

6. ITEM #13 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW J. SMIZINSKI DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

President O'Hara reported with Mike Hosking's pending separation from employment with Lake Bluff, the Village completed a rigorous assessment of internal candidates to fill the position of Deputy Chief of Police in June. Current Lake Bluff Sergeant Matthew J. Smizinski distinguished himself during that process as the best candidate and is now recommended for appointment by the Village Administrator, Chief of Police and Village President. Mr. Smizinski will bring his 14 years of local law enforcement experience and administrative expertise to the department as we look to (i) continue CALEA accreditation protocols, (ii) help manage the transition of new department leadership, and (iii) meet departmental and organizational goals. She further reported Mr. Smizinski is a graduate of Western Illinois University (B.A. Law Enforcement & Justice Administration, B.S. Psychology), has a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from Argosy University, and has completed Supervisory of Police Personnel and Staff and Command School at Northwestern University. Under the terms of the Employment Agreement, Mr. Smizinski will take over as Deputy Chief of Police no later than November 1, 2017.

As there were no comments from the Board, Trustee Meyer moved to adopt the resolution. Trustee Grenier seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

7. ITEM #14 – SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF MATTHEW SMIZINSKI, SERGEANT THOMAS VINSON AND POLICE OFFICER ANDREW BELANGER

President O’Hara sworn in Matthew Smizinski; Thomas Vinson and Andrew Belanger as Deputy Police Chief, Sergeant and Police Officer, respectively. She stated the professionalism and dedication demonstrated by the Lake Bluff Police Department made it possible to promote from within the ranks amongst highly qualified candidates.

8. ITEM #12 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A SITE PLAN FOR LAKE FOREST SPORTSCARS AT 990 NORTH SHORE DRIVE

President O’Hara reported on February 13, 2017, Lake Forest Sportscars received approval from the Village Board of a site plan for several building alterations and new signs in order to convert their business to an exclusively Ferrari dealership. After going through the corporate approval process with Ferrari, they have revised the main entry at the north end of the courtyard. The new proposal calls for synthetic stucco with a limestone appearance. A recessed light alcove around the doors will have red metal trim. She further reported the proposed signage remains the same as what was approved in February. At their July 11th meeting, the ABR voted 4-0 to recommend in favor of approving the amended site plan.

As there were no comments from the Board, Trustee Dewart moved to adopt the resolution. Trustee Grenier seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

9. ITEM #15 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHURCH AND VARIATIONS FROM THE VILLAGE’S FLOOR AREA RATIO AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RESTRICTIONS (Union Church)

President O’Hara reported the Union Church of Lake Bluff, following the grant of a fee waiver by the Village Board, formally applied for zoning relief to construct a new pastor’s house (“Manse”) on property owned by the Church as well as the construction of a new courtyard in the center of the lot. To accomplish this, the Church proposes to subdivide the existing lot to create a new, 12,000 square foot lot for the manse that will allow it to be built in full conformance with the Village’s residential bulk regulations. The proposal, however, triggers other procedural requirements under the Village’s Zoning Ordinance. In total, the Church requires:

- An approval of a preliminary and final plat of subdivision, to divide the lots;
- The approval of two variations that address Floor Area Ratio and Impervious Surface non-conformities on the church lot either created or increased in magnitude by the subdivision; and,
- A Special Use Permit for the operation of a church on the church lot. This will be the first such Special Use Permit issued for a church in Lake Bluff.

President O'Hara reported this will grant both the variations and the Special Use Permit. The PCZBA held a Public Hearing regarding the Union Church's application for relief at its regular meeting in July, and recommends approval of the relief subject to the following conditions:

1. That the existing manse be demolished no later than nine months after a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the new manse; and,
2. That, subject to adjustment by the Village Engineer, the Church provide up to 2,000 gallons of stormwater detention on-site. (New single family residences are required to provide 1,000 gallons ordinarily; the additional detention will offset the increased runoff created by the courtyard.)

In response to a question from Trustee Meyer, Mr. Jerry McDermott, Building Committee Chair for Union Church of Lake Bluff said it would be beneficial for Union Church if the Village Board waived second reading of the ordinance.

As there were no further questions from the Board, Trustee Christensen moved to approve first reading of the ordinance. Trustee Ankenman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Meyer moved to waive second reading and adopt the ordinance. Trustee Dewart seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

10. ITEM #16 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TENTATIVE AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (Union Church)

President O'Hara reported this is the plat of subdivision associated with the aforementioned agenda item.

In response to a question from Trustee Grenier, Village Administrator Drew Irvin said the Manse will be built on the new lot, east of the existing residents.

As there were no comments from the Board, Trustee Towle moved to adopt the resolution. Trustee Grenier seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

11. ITEM #6A – WARRANT REPORT FOR JULY 1-15, 2017 AND JUNE 2017 PAYROLL EXPENDITURES

President O'Hara reported expenditure of Village funds for payment of invoices in the amount of \$250,401.62 for July 16-31, 2017.

As such, the total expenditures for this period is in the amount of \$250,401.62.

As there were no questions from the Board, Trustee Christensen moved to approve the Warrant Report. Trustee Dewart seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

12. ITEM #7A – VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM VILLAGE ENGINEER JEFF HANSEN REGARDING THE RECENT FLOODING EVENT

Village Administrator Irvin invited Village Engineer Jeff Hansen to the podium to report on the recent flooding which occurred throughout the Village.

Village Engineer Hansen stated on July 12, 2017 Lake County experienced torrential rainfall. The Village received approximately 7 inches of rain in less than 10 hours. On July 20, 2017 the Village received approximately 1 inch of rain in one hour. The Village’s Stormwater Consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. stated the recent storms caused significant flooding countywide.

Village Engineer Hansen showed a picture of a small ravine crossing into the culvert on Birch Road, south of East Blodgett Avenue. The proposed repairs were not done because the original repairs held for approximately 3 years. He showed a picture depicting the current conditions, and commented that as a result of the storms temporary repairs are needed for the area as well as plans to stabilize the slope all the way to the ravine area.

Village Engineer Hansen showed a picture of the culvert which flows through Crabtree Farm and under Blodgett Avenue noting the stormwater completely destroyed the previously cracked wall. He showed a picture of Lillian Dells path and noted the existing pathway will need a significant amount of repairs to restore the area.

Village Engineer Hansen showed a picture depicting the high water mark of a house on Campbell Court and noted there were more homes in that area that received water through basement windows. He showed a picture of West Sheridan Place noting the area received 1.3 inches in less than an hour on July 20th and reached a street depth of 2.5 ft. Village Engineer Hansen said there was a drainage investigation report prepared in 2015 for Campbell Court, Scranton Avenue Viaduct and surrounding neighborhoods but not West Sheridan Place. Village Engineer Hansen said the plan is to expand the study area as well as focus on other methods of drainage to determine if the flood lines from the recent storms match predictions of the Village 100-year storm models.

Village Engineer Hansen stated stormwater currently flows between homes on Lincoln Avenue north of IL176 because storm sewer systems cannot accommodate large rainfalls, but changes in grading could allow stormwater to flow to a safer location.

Village Engineer Hansen showed pictures of the Scranton Avenue Viaduct noting the stormwater was approximately 1.5 ft. from the top but drained faster than predicted. He showed a picture of the ravine lining project on Gurney Avenue and noted the stormwater exceeded the level of a 100-year storm event. He showed pictures and explained how the stormwater impacted the Moffett Road land bridge including a tipped wall at the bottom of the ravine.

In conclusion, Village Engineer Hansen explained that the next steps will be to: (i) verify high water marks and compare to existing studies/models for Campbell Court and Scranton Avenue viaduct; (ii) expand modeling to include West Sheridan Place low point and Lincoln Avenue and examine impact of increasing storm sewer size; (iii) repair slopes at Moffett Road Land Bridge and Birch Road; (iv) obtain proposals to repair Lillian Dell Path and (v) continue to work with IDOT on Viaduct stormwater improvement options.

President O'Hara opened the floor to question from the Village Board.

Trustee Grenier asked if the water flowed freely through the drain pipes under the viaduct. Village Engineer Hansen stated he did not physically examine the manholes for blockage. The study indicated it would take 40 hours for the viaduct area to drain, but it took approximately 30 hours. This indicates that the drain system was not clogged.

Trustee Grenier asked if the area had been televised. Village Engineer Hansen stated at a request from the Village the area was televised by IDOT in 2016 and the 100 year old pipes seem to be performing as expected.

In response to a comment from Trustee Grenier, Village Administrator Irvin stated the Village did not consider increasing the size of the drainage pipe because of the damage that could occur downstream to the ravines.

Village Engineer Hansen stated the study identified potential drainage improvement alternatives and cost to reduce future flooding, which consist of the construction of a stormwater detention basin on the south side of the viaduct (\$2 million); construction of a large stormwater tunnel (\$18.2 million) or smaller storm sewer (\$3.5 million) diversion channels to Lake Michigan. Village Engineer Hansen stated the detention basin would intercept water from the East Terrace Subdivision and be located in the wooded area southwest of the underpass.

Trustee Grenier asked if the detention basin would have reduced the viaduct flooding. Village Engineer Hansen stated given the intensity of the July 12th storm he does not believe it would have handled that amount of stormwater.

President O'Hara stated the Village submitted its 2015 Study regarding flood areas and drainage to the State but have not received a response. There are no easy solutions but the State needs to take some responsibility for their property and it is her understanding that Senator Julie Morrison will contact the State. She expressed her concern regarding storm pipes draining into the ravine as this could have a disastrous effect on the ravines.

In response to a question from Trustee Christensen, Village Engineer Hansen stated the abutment foundations are down in the ground well below the water level and the top of the abutments are above the high water level. He does not believe the water weight under the bridge would cause structural problems but it could impact the pavement if flood water remain for an extended period of time.

Trustee Christensen stated the estimated \$18 million to keep the viaduct dry during a 100-year storm exceeded the total annual General Fund budget.

President O'Hara opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Dave McGarvey (resident) stated the houses east of Lincoln Avenue on IL176 also experienced flooding. Currently there are no curb on the parkway and the stormwater bypasses the drains on IL176 flooding Lincoln Avenue. He asked if curbs were installed and driveway aprons re-drained would it solve the flooding on Lincoln Avenue. Village Engineer Hansen stated the homes on W. Scranton Avenue near Green Bay Road are below street level and the proposed curbs may help during smaller storms but not significant storms. He said this is a complex area given the grades and elevations but improvements could be made to the drainage system that would directly divert stormwater to inlets. The issues have been identified and Staff is seeking the best solution to mitigate the flooding.

Trustee Meyer asked if the curb was within the Village or IDOT control, or the Village's control subject to IDOT. Village Engineer Hansen stated IL176 is under IDOT's jurisdiction and any proposed improvements would require their approval. Village Administrator Irvin stated Lincoln Avenue was intentionally crowned during the Village resurfacing project to act as a curb for that area.

Village Engineer Hansen stated the roadways east of Green Bay Road are unmarked state routes and considered low priority by the State.

In response to a question from Trustee Dewart, Mr. McGarvey stated Lincoln Avenue floods with a minimal amount of rain. Ms. Shipkowitz stated the slightest rain event cause flooding and impacts travel for their neighborhood.

Mr. Patrick Sassen (resident) said his house abuts Campbell Court and he received approximately 7 inches of sewer water through the basement windows. He asked if the sewer systems were inspected for blockage. Village Engineer Hansen stated there are not many Village sewer drains in that area. The sanitary and sewer mains as well as the drainage area cleaned by the County between Campbell Court and culvert underneath the railroad was inspected by Staff and there was no indication of blockage. Manhole rehabilitation, sewer lining and disconnect of inlets on Green Bay Road were done and seem to have made a positive impact on the west center lift station.

Ms. Marcy Kowalski (resident) asked why the proposed options in the 2014 Campbell Court drainage study were not explored. The proposed improvements may have helped manage the stormwater and she is frustrated that the Village did not pursue any of the proposed options. Village Engineer Hansen stated the study concluded the options were not cost effective and would not significantly impact the amount of flooding for that area.

At the request of Village Administrator Irvin, Village Engineer Hansen defined the term "tipping point" in relation to Campbell Court flooding.

Ms. Kowalski commented on the referendum done by the Village of Winnetka and noted Lake Bluff had studies done but have not taken any action to fix the problem. She showed the Village Board a picture of her backyard noting the flooding has gotten worse. She questioned why property owners were not informed of the flooding and why the Campbell Court Subdivision was approved for development. President O'Hara stated she understand the concerns expressed but this is an ongoing issue and there have been improvements done to modernize the area.

Village Administrator Irvin stated there are certain existing conditions that the Village can make improvements or do studies to help but not every situation is the Village's responsibility to cure. He stated

no community has solved stormwater issues solely with drainage pipes noting flooding is usually controlled through the combination of overland flow and drain pipe solutions.

Village Engineer Hansen stated the accepted practice is to keep streets dry in a 10-year storm and water out of homes during the 100-year storm.

Ms. Kowalski asked why the Village pursued the proposal if it was not going to take any action. Village Administrator Irvin stated studies are used to identify ways to improve stormwater systems and infrastructure for future developments. He noted that historical issues cannot always be corrected.

Mr. William Kowalewski (resident) said his home was shown during the presentation and noted the insurance reimbursement did not cover structural damage. He estimated personal and structural damage to his home would cost approximately \$85,000, which is ridiculous, especially since he has been addressing the issue for 25 years. Mr. Kowalewski said he hears the Board saying that he is not economically worthy of repairs and is not a priority of the Village. He would like to stay in Lake Bluff but the Village does not know if it can fix the problem. The Village has an infrastructure system that is not operating properly and he asked to be kept apprised of any proposed improvement plans. He said there is a lot of work that needs to be addressed before Lake Bluff's reputation is impacted by the flooding.

Mr. Greg Royer (resident) said his house is located on Oak Avenue at the bottom of Witchwood Lane and Ravine Forest. The Village roadway resurfacing project graded the roadway to help with flooding; however, the drains flow into a ravine behind his house and the water depth was approximately 9 ft. Mr. Royer asked if the pipes had been inspected with a camera because he believes there could be blockage inside the drainage pipe. Village Engineer Hansen stated the Village does not generally televise storm sewers unless there are reported issues. This area will be evaluated to determine if it should be included in the list of area that should be televised.

As there were no further comments regarding flooding, Village Administrator Irvin announced that Administrative Intern Franco Bottalico recently accepted employment with the City of Naperville as a Financial Analysis. He thanked Mr. Bottalico for doing a remarkable job assisting Staff with the Sustainability and Community Enhancement Committee (SEC) and the Farmers Market Committee amongst his other duties. He advised that the SEC Co-Chair and Farmers Market Manager stated Mr. Bottalico did a phenomenal job for the Village in communication efforts and are proud of his successful transition.

Mr. Bottalico thanked the Village Board and Staff for the opportunity to serve the community. Assistant to the Village Administrator Glen Cole presented him with a framed award and thanked him for his service.

13. ITEM #8 – VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Peter Friedman had no report.

14. ITEM #9 – VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Hara announced that Trustee Christensen, whom also served as Finance Committee Chair, will be moving out of Lake Bluff and has resigned from his positions. According to protocol the Village President, with Village Board approval, may appoint an interim Trustee to fulfill the remaining term. She

intends to nominate Mr. Paul Lemieux whose credentials include his tenures as a former Village Trustee, Chair of the Finance Committee, Senior Resources Commission, Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade Committee, Lake Forest/Lake Rotary Club amongst others accomplishments. Should Mr. Lemieux get approved he will be sworn in at the August 28th Village Board meeting.

President O'Hara asked residents not to feel as though the Village Board is unsympathetic. There were many homes throughout Lake Bluff that experienced flooding and the Village Board is exploring the best way to serve the community. President O'Hara stated that everyone is a priority but the Village has limited funds and she asked residents to continue dialogue with the Village Board regarding the matter.

15. ITEM #10 – CORRESPONDENCE

President O'Hara introduced the correspondence from the Informational Reports on July 7 and 14, 2017.

Trustee Grenier moved to accept the correspondence as submitted. Trustee Ankenman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

16. ITEM #11 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CHEVROLET POLICE VEHICLE AND THE DECLARATION OF ONE CHEVROLET SQUAD CAR AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

President O'Hara reported the Village's FY2017-18 budget provides \$37,000 in funding for the replacement of one police vehicle pursuant to the vehicle and equipment replacement schedule. The State of Illinois awarded the bid to Miles Chevrolet of Decatur, Illinois for Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor police package vehicles in the amount of \$37,813 per vehicle. This is \$813 over the budgeted amount. She further reported the vehicles will replace the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe squad car which has high mileage and has been requiring extensive repairs. The Police Chief and Finance Director recommend approval of the purchase of the Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor police package vehicle over the budgeted amount and the declaration of the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle as surplus property.

As there were no comments from the Board, Trustee Dewart moved to adopt the resolution. Trustee Towle seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

17. ITEM #14 – TRUSTEE'S REPORT

President O'Hara encouraged resident to lock their vehicles to create an unattractive environment to outside elements.

At the request of President O'Hara, Police Chief David Belmonte stated approximately 102 Police Departments are scheduled to attend an upcoming Midwest Organized Crime Unit meeting and receive an update from the Chicago Gang Unit. The Lake Bluff Police Department has used various communication media to remind residents to lock their valuables and has increased patrols during the midnight shift to maintain a high profile throughout the community.

Trustee Dewart asked if the car burglaries were an epidemic nationally or more due to local gangs. Police Chief Belmonte stated the gangs appear to be based in the Chicagoland area but stolen vehicles have been recovered from Kansas City and Minneapolis and he noted it is not uncommon for gangs to transport proceeds from the crimes to these locations.

President O'Hara reported the Village has dramatically increased the use of social media to provide residents with updated information and encouraged residents to sign-up for Village email communications.

18. ITEM #16 – ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Christensen moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator

Joy Markee
Village Clerk