



Village of Itasca  
Intergovernmental Committee Workshop  
Monday, January 24, 2022  
5:00 p.m.  
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

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**1. Call to Order**

Trustee Leahy called to order the Intergovernmental Committee Workshop at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Village Trustee Ellen Leahy (Chair), Village Trustee Jeff Aiani (Co-Chair), Village Trustee Dino Gavanis, Village Clerk Jody Conidi, Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, School District Superintendent Craig Benes, School District Board Member James Barthel, Park District Executive Director Mary Fran Leno, Fire Protection District Interim Chief John Buckley, Fire Protection District Trustee Chris Kunze, Fire Protection District Trustee Shawn McDonald, Community Library Director Ridgeway Burns.

**2. Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

**3. Intergovernmental Committee Workshop Minutes – November 15, 2021**

Trustee Gavanis moved to approve the minutes of the Intergovernmental Committee Workshop for November 15, 2021. Trustee Aiani seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**4. Itasca Park District Update**

Park District Executive Director Leno reported:

- A Pfizer COVID-19 booster clinic was held at the Recreation Center today and as of today 14,000 immunizations have been administered through these clinics
- Over the holiday break, students were restricted from the Recreation Center to help control the spread of COVID-19
- The ice rink is open at the Softball Complex with lights for evening skating.

**5. Itasca Community Library Update**

Library Director Burns reported:

- The website is being updated with a new online room reservation feature;
- New furniture has been ordered to replace multiple generations of furniture.

**6. Itasca School District 10 Update**

School District Superintendent Benes reported:

- The district experienced 160-170 cases of COVID-19 between students and staff over the past five to seven weeks with most originating from the holiday break
- Extracurricular activities were pulled after the holiday break and are now back
- New literature and social studies curriculum is being offered
- Working through an analysis of capital projects.

**8. Village of Itasca Update**

Village Administrator Ergo, Mayor Pruyn, and Trustee Aiani reported:

- The Downtown Plan will be presented to the Village Board in February 2022; 250-300 people attended the most recent open house with positive feedback; and significant developers have interest in building 80+ unit developments
- The Village entered a real estate contract on the property at 102 East Irving Park Road and plans would be to lease the property
- The closing date on Kean's Bakery is June 30, 2022 although Kean's is open to extending the closing date on their business closing date
- Several properties on Thorndale Avenue in the Industrial Area are interested in annexing into the Village within the next 90 days
- The Village Board approved alternative revenue bonds to refinance debt and fund capital projects including street, sewer, water main, curb, and gutter for Elm Street
- An owner of three properties on South Maple between Irving Park Road and Grove Street wants to develop a "Maple Street Market" and will test the concept using one of the properties already zoned B3
- Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railways are two Class I railways merging and our area is flagged for impact with freight train traffic increasing from less than four to more than 12 per day and the 2-3 long trains will block all train crossings and be an issue for fire and rescue
- Special events are being planned for 2022 including Fourth of July Fireworks and the Highland Scottish Games

**7. Itasca Fire Protection District Update**

**a. Fire District and Proposed Public Campus Improvements**

Fire District Interim Chief Buckley reported renovations are planned to expand the truck bays 10 feet to the west of the building, update the living quarters, remove carcinogens for the safety of staff, and update the exterior of the building to create a more cohesive public campus. An Illinois chiefs' study three years ago looked at station response time and with a pending train merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern railroads there may be a need for a second station on the north side of Itasca or access on Irving Park Road to I-290 northbound.

**9. Closed Session**

No Closed Session.

Trustee Leahy departed at 6:03 p.m.

The next Intergovernmental Workshop is Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

Trustee Aiani moved to adjourn the Intergovernmental Committee Workshop at 6:04 p.m. Trustee Gavanese seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted this 24th day of January 2022:

  
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Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk