



Village of Itasca
Committee of the Whole Regular Minutes
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
During the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pruyn called to order the Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting at 8: p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Jeff Aiani, Trustee Dino Gavanese, Trustee Kathy Linsner, and Trustee Mike Latoria.

ABSENT: Trustee Ellen Leahy

Others Present: Director of Police Bob O'Connor, Village Engineering Consultant Mark Wesolowski, Public Works Director Mike Subers, Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Deputy Clerk Deanne Curelo, Village Attorney Chuck Hervas, and Administrative Service Manager Jessica Spencer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.

3. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation.

4. Meeting Minutes

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2021

Trustee Latoria moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Trustee Gavanese seconded.

Roll Call:

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanese, Latoria, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras.

No – None.

Absent – Trustee Leahy.

MOTION APPROVED.

5. President's Comments

Mayor Pruyn reported on two items. He informed the board of a recent meeting with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Taskforce for COVID. The mayor, along with other cohorts of the taskforce, met with staff from the Governor's office to discuss the possibility of developing interim stages between phases 4 & 5. The governor's staff was very receptive to their ideas and would be discussing at a press conference the following day.

Mayor Pruyn also reported that he met with members of the Lions Club to discuss the Village's interest in participating in a modified ItascaFest over the summertime. Contingent on the governor's orders, the Lions are considering hosting mini concerts at Usher Park. The board was in favor of the Lions Club moving ahead with planning a summertime event.

6. Community Development Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Latoria, Co-Chair: Trustee Gavanese

Trustee Latoria had no report.

7. Capital and Infrastructure Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Aiani, Co-Chair: Trustee Latoria
Trustee Aiani had no report.

Trustee Aiani moved for a Closed Session following Old Business pursuant to the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act under Exemption 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to discuss (5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Trustee Latoria seconded.

Roll Call:

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanos, Latoria, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras.

No – None.

Absent – Trustee Leahy.

MOTION APPROVED.

8. Finance and Operations Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Madaras, Co-Chair: Trustee Linsner

a. Renewal of Liability Insurance Policies

The board discussed the Village's liability insurance policies, which is set to renew on May 1st. Administrative Services Manager Spencer reported that due to the events of last year in the country, the insurance marketplace has changed substantially. Some of the significant changes include providing quotes only 30 days in advance, as well as no longer providing municipal coverage larger than five million for our population tier. Because of these factors, our insurance broker, Gallagher, believes the Village's rates will be significantly higher than previous years, especially given that the Village may need to obtain a secondary policy to reach the 10 million umbrella. Gallagher is in the process of collecting bids for us, however, they will not know the rates until closer to the renewal period.

Audience member Patrick Powers asked the board if he could provide public comment on this topic, which the board granted. The board also provided other audience members a chance to speak, but no other comments were provided.

Trustee Madaras moved to keep the item on the Committee of the Whole Agenda until insurance rates come in. Trustee Gavanos seconded.

Roll Call:

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanos, Latoria, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras.

No – None.

Absent – Trustee Leahy.

MOTION APPROVED.

9. Intergovernmental Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Leahy, Co-Chair: Trustee Aiani
Trustee Aiani had no report

10. Department Head Reports

Police Department

Safety Director O'Connor reported that officers responded to a call for a missing 2-year-old. Officers were able to reunite the child with the mom. Officers also responded to a call at the Schiller Apartment complex for a wellbeing check, to which they discovered an 80-year-old resident who had fallen in their bathtub and was injured. They administered aid

until the Fire District could arrive and take the resident to the hospital. Director O'Connor also read a compliment he received from a resident who was grateful that the police had patrolled their neighborhood and notified them that their garage was accidentally left opened.

Community Development Department

Community Development Director Shannon Malik Jarmusz was absent

Administrative Services Department

Administrative Services Manager Jessica Spencer had no report.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Subers reported that DiMeo Brothers completed the repair the ancient drain at the Metra platform. Everything well really well and they did a nice job restoring the area. Director Subers also announced that employee John Jackson will be retiring April 15th after 39 years of service.

Engineering Services

Village Engineer Wesolowski reported that the 2021 Street Program is out to bid and will be opened on March 29th.

Deputy Village Clerk

Deputy Village Clerk Curelo had no report.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Hervas had no report.

11. Village Administrator Report

Village Administrator Ergo reported there will be another COVID clinic at the Park District on March 23rd. Anticipating vaccinating the remaining seniors who were on the waitlist from the March 8th event. Also working with Jewel Osco and the Park District on additional clinic opportunities to help those with disabilities receive the vaccine. Jewel is also interested in conducting self-registering events in April to help the public obtain the vaccine as well. Encouraged those who are in group 1a or 1b who have had difficulty obtaining the vaccine to sign-up with the Park District. These clinics will be dependent on how much vaccine the State provides. There is a projected drop in availability in the upcoming weeks. Also reported that the Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday went well, with about a dozen participants. Lastly, she reported that the Village has received several calls regarding trash along the right of ways and water bill concerns. Administrator Ergo stated that staff was working on getting the trash cleared from the right of ways. Regarding the water bills, many residents have experienced higher bills due to the billing cycle covered on the bill. Normally the cycle is 28-30 days, but because of the snowstorm in February, meter readers were delayed, so the cycle period was for 38-40 days.

12. Old Business

No Old Business.

13. New Business

No New Business.

Mayor Pruyn called for a recess at 8:02 p.m.

14. Closed Session

Mayor Pruyn called to order the Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.
Mayor Pruyn adjourned the Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Pruyn reconvened the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Latoria moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Madaras seconded.

Roll Call:

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanis, Latoria, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras.

No – None.

Absent – Trustee Leahy.

MOTION APPROVED.

Submitted this 16th day of March, 2021.

D. Curelo

Deanne Curelo, Deputy Village Clerk