



Village of Itasca
Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Immediately Following the Village Board of Trustees 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 7:43 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Dino Gavanis, Trustee Ellen Leahy, Trustee Jeff Aiani, Trustee Kathy Linsner, Trustee Mike Latoria.

ABSENT: Frank Madaras.

OTHERS PRESENT: Safety Director Bob O'Connor, Village Engineering Consultant Mark Wesolowski, Public Works Director Ross Hitchcock, Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Village Attorney Chuck Hervas, Deputy Clerk Deanne Curelo.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited at the preceding Village Board Meeting.

3. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation.

4. Meeting Minutes

4a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2019

Trustee Gavanis moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2019. Trustee Latoria seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. President's Comments

Mayor Pruyn had no comments.

6. Community Development Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Latoria, Co-Chair: Trustee Gavanis

Trustee Latoria had no report.

7. Capital and Infrastructure Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Aiani, Co-Chair: Trustee Latoria

7a. 2019/20 Snow and Ice Control Contract

Trustee Aiani recommended waiving the bid and approving a contract with Ground Pros Inc. for the removal of snow and ice on Village properties. Trustee Aiani noted that the previous contractor was unable to meet the Village's timelines, so it was necessary to look for a new vendor. Ground Pros is an Itasca business and their rates are in line with industry standards. Trustee Leahy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7b. Intergovernmental Agreement for Gateway Monument Sign

Trustee Aiani recommended approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to build a

gateway sign along I-390. Under the agreement, the Tollway would be responsible for the construction of the sign and the Village would be responsible for the maintenance of it. This sign is about 18 feet and mostly made of brick and decorative concrete. It will be located on the westside of the tollway and will notify commuters of their passage through Itasca. Trustee Leahy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Aiani asked called for a Public Works Infrastructure meeting on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Elm Street project. Trustee Latoria seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Aiani also noted how wonderful Fred Maier is.

8. Finance and Operations Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Madaras, Co-Chair: Trustee Linsner

Trustee Linsner had no report.

9. Intergovernmental Committee Report

Chair: Trustee Leahy, Co-Chair: Trustee Aiani

Trustee Leahy reminded everyone that the next Intergovernmental Meeting was November 4th.

10. Department Head Reports

Police Department

Safety Director O'Connor reported that the Police Department met with Itasca Bank's manager and project manager regarding their upcoming remodel. They discussed some procedural matters such as alarms and other things of that nature. He also informed the board that inside the industrial park, there are several railroad crossings in need of repair. For the past few months, staff has been trying to get Union Pacific to fix these tracks and was finally able to do so. Lastly, Director O'Connor reported that one of the detectives who is also in the coast guard, is being deployed for 3 months, which will now bring the staffing shortage down to 3.

Engineering Services

Village Engineer Wesolowski reported that due to the rain last week, the streetlight repainting project will start later this week. The sidewalk program is on hold until after Halloween. All sidewalks currently being replaced are in connection with Nicor's project. Ardmore's water tower repainting is continuing.

Public Works Department

Before Director Hitchcock present, Mayor Pruyn inquired about a section of land that had not been paved near the Nature Center. Director Hitchcock reported that an Eagle Scout would be building a boardwalk over that patch of land, as part of his project. Director Hitchcock than reported that the Public Work's roof is scheduled to be replaced at the end of October and should be completed in 10 days.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Hervas had no report.

Village Clerk

Deputy Clerk Curelo reported that the day before, staff participated in FOIA training. She

also informed the board that she was currently working on the newsletter and it scheduled to go out before Thanksgiving.

11. Village Administrator Report

Village Administrator Ergo provided a report on Administrative matters, as well as Community Development. She stated that Sal, the Village's building official through SafeBuilt was being transferred out of state. Both Director Malik Jarmusz and herself have been speaking with SafeBuilt regarding the importance of having continuity in this position, as it can be difficult on residents when there are different plan reviewers. She also stated that staff was preparing for the Haymarket meeting tomorrow and that she would be attending the ICMA conference the following week.

Trustee Leahy inquired about Haymarket's response to cost sharing the meeting expenses. Mayor Pruyn informed them that there had not been any interest in doing so by their attorneys, however he had also sent a letter to Dr. Lustig.

Trustee Linsner inquired about the status of Starbucks. Administrator Ergo stated that so far, Starbucks has not been responsive to the landlord and as a result the landlord is unable to market the location due to their contract. Although there is public concern over the property being vacant, Administrator Ergo doesn't believe there will be an issue in leasing the property once it becomes available. Unlike previously, the property is now retrofitted to accommodate a coffee or similar food shop. In addition, the owners of the property have indicated they have interested parties in the property. At this time, corporate Starbucks has not indicated when they are vacating, however local staff believes it may be in January.

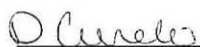
12. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

13. Adjournment

Trustee Aiani moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting at 8:11 p.m. Trustee Linsner seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted this 15th day of October 2019.



Deanne Curelo, Deputy Clerk