

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7 P.M.**  
**3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M. President Rodriguez called October 23, 2012 Village Board Meeting to Order.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Village President:	Rodriguez
Trustees:	Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs, Weber
Absent:	Schultheis
Village Clerk Pro Tem:	Shlagman
Also Present:	Village Manager Lothspeich

**Call To Order: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance****Item: Town Hall Meeting.**

President Rodriguez introduced the topic of the meeting, "Village Financing Options for the Funding of Roadway Maintenance and Improvements." She then handed the presentation over to Trustee Wachs who spoke about the cost of maintaining the roads, the miles of road that need to be maintained, and private versus public roads. Trustee Wachs commented on the difficulty resolving the road maintenance issue and the impact it will have on Village residents. He presented five options that the Board identified on how to approach the problem of maintaining the roads, noting that suggestions from residents were also welcome. The five options included: 1) doing nothing until roads in total disrepair; 2) further reduce other expenses such as police coverage; 3) reduce length of public roads by making roads private; 4) make all roads public going from 148,000' to 360,000'; 5) increase funding through sales tax on new commercial development and/or increase cost of vehicle stickers while requiring all Long Grove vehicles to have a sticker. Deciding what to do will take many months through Board discussions as well as getting input from residents.

Trustee Underwood suggested an additional option, which is to combine Option 3 and Option 5. She suggested the Board consider setting up SSAs and noted that the reduction of public roads is part of the Village Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Marshall thought that turning public and private roads into all public roads might be the most equitable solution.

Trustee Barry recommended the Board consider a 10 year referendum where property owners would be taxed for 10 years, roads would be made public, upgraded and then turned over to the private sector after the 10 years.

Trustee Schmitt voiced concerns about legal ramifications of such a referendum.

Trustee Weber was not in favor of roads going public, thought it was important to hear what residents have to say before going out for referendum.

Trustee Barry thought that if the Village were to bring in Lake Michigan water and sewer and combine that with non-thoroughfare road repairs, that the Village residents could be in a win-win situation.

Village President Rodriguez mentioned that towns in the adjoining areas are improving their roads. Perhaps a short-term property tax of \$500 over 10 years could be used to improve all roads in Long Grove.

**Q&A:**

Resident - Can residents who already pay for road repairs through their HOA get a break if a 10 year tax were to be approved?

Resident - Who takes ownership of repairing road if there is water/sewer under the road?

Resident - Why not a flat tax?

Resident - HOA would have excess dollars if association is not using fees to pay for road repairs.

Resident - Larger, newer homes would be paying more for road repairs in year 1 than year 10.

Village Manager Lothspeich commented on the largest amount of sales tax the Village collects is from Menards while a few years ago, before the economic downturn, permit fees for new homes brought in the most revenue. Last year there were no new homes built, therefore, no significant building revenue came into the Village. Village Manager Lothspeich mentioned there are commercial properties in the Village that are waiting to be developed, which will bring in revenue. He also mentioned that in a few years Sunset is projected to bring in about \$200,000 in revenue.

Resident - Is Board attracting developers?

Village Manager Lothspeich - Village is reaching out to developers for commercial development.

LGBCP President Rachel Perkal addressed the fate of the Downtown by stating they are looking for suitable businesses to come in and develop the downtown - service oriented, unique offerings.

Trustee Wachs stated that the Village has been trying to attract developers by offering pre-zoned properties; adding a water plant; approving development at the former Geimer's property.

Resident - giving roads over to government does not make "big government." Subdivisions may not want responsibility of taking care of roads. Do residents want government to take over management of roads?

Resident - Could a tax be applied to service businesses?

Village Counsel Vic Filippini - Illinois law does not allow taxing on services.

**At 8:28 p.m., the Town Hall portion of the meeting ended.**

**At 8:47 p.m., the Board Meeting continued.**

**Item: Visitors' Business: Homeowner Associations:**

**Bennington - Kevin O'Connor**

**Long Grove Knolls - Jackie Murphy**

**No action was taken.**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1: Resolution Ratifying A Real Estate Agreement Between Ron Roberti, Associate Broker of Landmark Partners Commercial Real Estate, LLC And The Village Of Long Grove For Village Owned Archer Outlots.**

Village President Rodriguez deferred Item #1 until after Executive Session.

**Item #2: Resolution Approving An Engineering Study Reimbursement Agreement Between The Northwest Water Commission, An Illinois Water Commission And Body Politic And Corporate ("Commission") And The Village of Long Grove For The Purpose Of Evaluating Supplying Lake Michigan Water To The Village Of Long Grove.**

A short-term engineering study in the amount of \$6,800 would be necessary in order to evaluate the feasibility of supplying Lake Michigan water to the Village. — **Trustee Barry moved to Approve A Resolution Approving An Engineering Study Reimbursement Agreement Between The Northwest Water Commission, An Illinois Water Commission And Body Politic And Corporate ("Commission") And The Village of Long Grove For The Purpose Of Evaluating Supplying Lake Michigan Water To The Village Of Long Grove; seconded by Trustee Marshall (?).**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Barry - aye; Marshall - aye; Schmitt - aye; Underwood - aye; Wachs - aye; Weber - aye  
(Motion carried 6-0)**

**Item #3: Village President Rodriguez.**

President Rodriguez thanked Trustee Wachs, Trustee Marshall and Village Manager Lothspeich for their work on the Town Hall presentation.

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**Item #4: Village Trustee Barry.**

**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

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**Item #5: Village Trustee Marshall.**

**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #6: Village Trustee Schmitt.**

Trustee Schmitt announced that Celebrate America Recycles Day will be held November 3 at the LCDOT in Libertyville. This is a household electronics event. The Village of Mundelein will be holding a household chemical waste event on that same day. Both events will be announced in the upcoming *Green Sheet*. Also,

Trustee Schmitt received an e-mail from Energy Impact Illinois regarding a grant for stimulus money to improve houses making them airtight. Should Village make information available to residents? Trustee Schmitt will ask Village Manager Lothspeich to help research this. – **No action was taken.**

**Item #9: Village Trustee Underwood.**  
**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #10: Village Trustee Wachs.**

Trustee Wachs stated there is a lot to consider on the roads issue. He questioned whether a Town Hall meeting in three weeks was wise with so many issues to explore.

Trustee Weber agreed that there are a lot of things to consider as a Board before presenting to the residents.

Trustee Barry mentioned that if the Village wanted to do a referendum, the referendum had to be written and submitted to Lake County by January 8 to be on the ballot in April. If not on the ballot in April, the referendum would have to wait until spring of 2014.

President Rodriguez stated the Board needs to work through the complexities of this issue before presenting it to the residents.

Resident Ed Acuna suggested making phone calls to the HOAs/residents to get their views on the road issue.

Village Counsel Filippini stated there is not enough time to mix/match options in order to present a referendum to the public. Doing things right is more important than during it fast.

Trustee Wachs said the answers are not obvious; the Board needs to spend time thinking about and exploring all options.

Resident Ed Acuna suggested a subcommittee be formed with someone from the community who could contact HOAs.

Trustee Schmitt suggested giving the HOAs materials and charging them with imparting information to residents, then have HOA Presidents meeting to gather information.

President Rodriguez suggested having meetings with HOAs, then direct mail, have Town Hall meeting in January. Encourage people to attend Board meetings.

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**Item #11: Village Trustee Weber.**

Trustee Weber reported that money was lost on Oktoberfest.

Trustee Weber reported that three candidates have been chosen to interview for the LGBCP position.

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**Item #12: Village Clerk Schultheis.**

**Absent.**

**Item #13: Village Manager Lothspeich.**

**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #14: Village Planner Hogue.**

**Not present.**

**Item #15: Village Attorney Filippini.**

**Nothing to report. No action was taken.**

**Item #16: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

*October 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.* Trustee Schmitt Moved to Approve the October 9, 2012 Board Minutes; seconded by Trustee Weber.

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)**

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**Item: Executive Session.**

At 9:12 PM, Trustee Barry moved to go into Executive Session to discuss (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Personnel; (3) Litigation and (4) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Underwood.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Barry –aye; Marshall – aye; Schmitt – aye; Underwood – aye; Wachs - aye; Weber - aye  
**(Motion carried 6-0)**

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**Item: Other Business – Approval Of Executive Session Meeting Minutes.**

October 9, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Trustee Weber moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes, but not for Public Release; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

**VOICE VOTE:**

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6-0)

**Item: Adjournment.**

At 9:39 PM, Trustee Weber moved to Adjourn; seconded by Trustee Barry.

**VOICE VOTE:**

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6-0)