

Item #2:
Report Of Infrastructure Task Force Meetings

David Lothspeich

From: VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE [email@blackboard.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:14 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: Long Grove Infrastructure Task Force Meetings



Dear Long Grove Residents,

The Village Infrastructure Task Force Committee will be hosting a series of three (3) brainstorming sessions with the residents on the following dates/times:

- Friday, April 4, 2014 at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 3:00 pm
- Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Each session is planned to cover the same items and therefore attendance at more than one meeting is unnecessary. In an effort to be sure to be able to comfortably accommodate all those wishing to attend, it is suggested that an individual from your subdivision/neighborhood be appointed as your representative for the meeting.

Further information for these upcoming meetings and historical/background information on the infrastructure funding issue are available on the Village of Long Grove website (www.longgrove.net) under the quick links located in the upper left hand portion of the homepage.

Sincerely,

David Lothspeich

Village Manager

Village of Long Grove

847-634-9440

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AGENDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE MEETINGS
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 AT 3:00 P.M. &
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
3110 OLD MCHENRY ROAD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047

The Village Board Task Force Meetings Are Scheduled To Be Two Hours Long

CALL TO ORDER:

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Welcome and Introduction.
2. Summary of Information from Town Hall Meetings.
3. Possible Funding Alternatives.
4. Residents Presentation Of Solutions.
5. Summary Of Residents Suggested Solutions
6. Workshop objective: share perspectives and develop and discuss options for road maintenance
7. Next Steps. Define Next steps/path forward

ADJOURNMENT. Next Task Force Meetings: TBD

The Village of Long Grove is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to phone David Lothspeich, Long Grove Village Manager at 847-634-9440 or TDD 847-634-9650 promptly to allow the Village of Long Grove to make reasonable accommodations.



April 2, 2014

Dear Long Grove Residents,

We are contacting you as an HOA representative or as an individual who has expressed an interest in the issues regarding roads in the Village of Long Grove.

As you know, Long Grove's unique history of development resulted in a mixture of private and public local roads and thoroughfares. This situation has presented significant challenges to developing an approach with broad community support to pay for the maintenance of the roads in the Village, especially in light of rapidly escalating costs for paving and the Village's limited sources of revenue.

In pursuit of a collaborative approach, the Village will conduct three workshops to engage the community, share perspectives, and explore potential options for structure of an approach. The content of the three workshops will be essentially identical; multiple workshops will be held both to help ensure all interested parties are provided an opportunity to participate and to help ensure that the size of the workshops are conducive to open dialogue.

We encourage you to select one of the workshops to attend. If you are unable to participate in any of the workshops, we encourage you to send a representative. The workshops will be held at the Long Grove Village Hall (3110 Old McHenry Road) at the following times:

- Friday April 4 at 2:00 pm
- Saturday April 5 at 3:00 pm
- Monday April 7 at 7:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you or your representative at one of the workshops. Due to limited space available at the Village Hall, please RSVP to Village Manager David Lothspeich dlothspeich@longgrove.net.

Sincerely,

Stanley Borys

Stanley Borys
Village Trustee

Charles Wachs

Charles Wachs
Village Trustee

Timeline Of Planning for Village-Wide Infrastructure Maintenance

1999. Comprehensive Plan update. a) "Maintain no Village Property Tax.", b) "Village policy to encourage private roads and to only accept dedicated roads under special circumstances. A reduction in length of dedicated roads will assist the Village in maintaining its no tax levy policy.", c) "Annual Budget should be based upon sources of income which remain relatively stable."

July, 2011. Village Board introduced to paving study by ESI (Village Engineer) indicating a significant shortfall of necessary Maintenance spending particularly in the paving area.

February 14, 2012. Village Board established an Infrastructure Committee to work with ESI to understand the metrics and their implications and present recommendations to the board for possible solutions.

June 26, 2012 – 1st Town Hall meeting. Presented results of the Village wide survey, outlined milestones , talked about growth within the Village, discussed Economic development of the Village and the Historic Business District, discussed channels of communications and took questions. There was no presentation on Infrastructure Maintenance Planning but it was listed as a major topic of the next town Hall meeting.

August 14, 2012 – 2nd Town Hall Meeting. The metrics of an Infrastructure maintenance plan as outlined by ESI were discussed. Based on a ten year maintenance plan which anticipated a 3% annual inflation rate in all areas including paving and a 10 year repaving cycle a funding gap was identified amounting to \$1.3M annually.

October 23, 2012 – 3rd Town Hall meeting. The \$1.3 Funding Gap was explained again and several options for dealing with the gap were put forward. One of the options for solving this funding gap was presented as a Village-wide property tax amounting to an average of \$500 per family sunsetted after 10 years. Another option presented was reducing the length of public roads which needed to be funded by the Village by asking the residents living in subdivisions with internal public roads to pay for the roads in their subdivisions. Another option was to make all roads public to resolve the current inequities and then fund all roads thru a property tax.

October 8, 2013 – 4th Town Hall Meeting. The Village Board a revised study was present which used a higher inflation rate for paving to make the metrics more realistic. This resulted in the funding gap increasing to \$2.0M. The Village Board also recommended that this gap should be covered equally by all residents with a property tax which would average approximately \$802 per resident based on average EAV. At this meeting the overwhelming majority of the response from those living in subdivisions who were funding their own internal roads was that they would vote against any property tax referendum that which would channel new taxes to pay for public roads internal to subdivisions. That 70% of the Village residents thought it was unfair to have to pay to maintain public roads which served internally other subdivisions while at the same time paying to maintain their own internal roads was significant to the Village Board.

November 12, 2013. The Village Board Passed a resolution establishing a referendum to collect a much lower property tax (\$166 avg. per resident/year) limited to 10 years maximum. This was based on the reaction of residents living in private-road subdivision who objected to paying for non-thoroughfare roads serving other subdivisions. In addition the Village Board established by ordinance, a road maintenance policy which directed that alternate funding (HOA or SSA) for non thoroughfare roads be established by November 2014 after which time non thoroughfare roads without alternate funding would be vacated. This deadline was meant as objective date to accomplish the alternate funding and was later recommended to be stricken. This will be voted on at the April 8, 2014 Village Board meeting.

August 28, 2013 thru March, 2014. The Village Board has been evaluating the costs relating to, and alternatives to, vacating the non-thoroughfare roads on accordance with the road maintenance policy ordinance, including the best way to establish SSA's to provide a funding mechanism for improving non thoroughfare road as an alternative to or prior to vacation. It was ~~agreed~~ acknowledged that it was impractical for HOA's to amend their bylaws (requiring a 100% positive vote) in order to take over the funding of the maintenance of their internal (currently public) roads if such roads were simply vacated. The Village board arrived at consensus (not unanimous) that, (a) if non-thoroughfare public roads were to be vacated, they first needed to be brought into an acceptable condition, (b) if an acceptable funding mechanism could be developed, then road vacations (which require a super-majority vote) would become unnecessary, and (c) that any such funding mechanism should result in the cost being equalized across all affected subdivisions in order to arrive at a rate in line with what other subdivisions were paying to pave their private roads. Additionally, this option called for dividing the Village into multiple (3?) SSA's incorporating all residents and establishing two tax rates.

It has been discussed but not yet agreed that a lower rate for residents who were not living in subdivisions with internal public roads would be approximately \$260 per family per year for 15 years and a higher rate for residents living in subdivisions with internal public roads would be approximately \$1,330. These rates would almost cover the funding gap that exists, it would (a) free residents already paying for their subdivision's private roads from paying for the internal public roads of other subdivisions, (b) avoid the need for wholesale vacation of non-thoroughfare public roads, (c) it would allow for a \$6M bond guaranteed by the proceeds of the SSA's to permit repaving all non thoroughfare roads in the next 4 years thus taking advantage of the lower paving rates as opposed to spreading this over 15 years, and (d) it would permit the continual 10 year paving cycle for thoroughfare roads. The rates cover a 15 year plan and reflect all infrastructure cost of the village to maintain its public infrastructure both thoroughfare and non thoroughfare.

This option has not been voted on but a consensus of a majority of board members seems to have developed around this approach thus far and it reflects the current metrics of our public infrastructure maintenance.

March 18, 2014. Referendum for property tax to fund small gap remaining after alternative funding for non thoroughfare roads is instituted, fails by large margin. Consideration for the failure of this partial solution is reflected in the numbers outlined above.

April 4, 5 & 7, 2014. Workshops to be held with interested residents to develop a collaborative approach to explore potential options.

April 8, 2014. Report of the Task Force meetings to the Village Board for further discussion and consideration of next steps.