

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
Mayor Abbott March 3, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Abbott asked to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Mayor Abbott asked for a roll call. Roll call revealed the following trustees present: Butler, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – Administrator J. Wynsma presented the following discussion items:

A. IKE Grant Update:

Administrator Wynsma introduced Village Engineer, Jeff Pintar who provided a detailed explanation of the stabilization and improvements of the levee using funds of the IKE Grant. He explained the first phase included extensive inspections, upgrades and replacements of valves and flat gates that feed into the storm sewers underneath the levee. The second phase using the balance of the \$300,000 grant will involve raising the frontage road (River Road and Burnham Avenue) approximately 9 inches to match the elevation of the earthen levee for optimum levee handling. Bids for the second phase are scheduled to be opened on March 12 and asking for board approval at the March 17th board meeting.

B. Façade Program Update:

Economic Development Coordinator, Travis Bandstra updated the audience regarding status of economic development and more specifically recent applications for façade plans being considered. Mr. Bandstra spoke of the original intention of the façade program to provide incentive to businesses to update and improve the front exterior of their business. He continued by sharing a recent façade improvement request from Gus Bock Ace Hardware to include three sides of the building (front and two sides), which are exposed to the public. Additionally, Mr. Bandstra explained the positive improvement to the appearance of the business corridor and the potential for additional costs to the village.

Mr. Bandstra provided projected costs and estimated values for the Gus Bock project along with indicating the TIF fund is adequately funded and the additional expense would not adversely affect future projects. Mr. Bandstra suggested the board discuss and offer their comments and concerns regarding the decision to incur the additional costs involved in multiple-sided façade projects.

All board members agreed to move forward with the additional incentive amounts being included as part of the façade program for buildings with multiple public sides.

C. 2015 CDBG Application:

Mr. Jeff Pintar, Village Engineer announced that it is necessary to apply for the annual CDBG grant at this time. He explained that CDBG funds received are dedicated to specific areas needing infrastructure improvements as determined by Cook County. This year, the village will be applying for the maximum amount of \$400,000 to be used for selected street re-surfacing, street lighting and alleys as indicated in the street re-surfacing study.

Mr. Pintar announced the resolution will be before the board for a vote on March 17th in order to meet the submission date of March 18th.

D. Downtown Landscape Bid:

Administrator Wynsma directed the board to refer to the bid specifications prepared by Ms. Payne regarding the 2015 TIF Landscape Bid for the downtown Ridge Road corridor. Fourteen bid packages have been mailed to interested landscape contractors/nurseries. Legal notice has been published and bids will be opened March 12, 2015. A recommendation of the bid award will be announced at the March 17 board meeting.

Trustee DeLaurentis suggested asking the LARC Association if there would be any interest in having their organization providing the general maintenance for the Ridge Road landscaping.

Trustee Skrbina inquired if there was an ordinance that allowed for local landscapers/nurseries to be considered over non-local contractors. There is not an ordinance that provides for such a consideration, as the board is bound to accept the lowest bidder.

E. Country Club Road:

The Lansing Country Club is requesting a determination from the village regarding the road repair at the entrance to the country club. Administrator Wynsma asked the board for their thoughts and possible decision regarding this project.

Questions and discussions regarding costs and challenges in the upgrading of curbs, guard rails, lighting and discussions of possible condominium assessment contributions and examination of the easement ensued. In addition, it was suggested that any proposed agreement should include a clause of payment if the country club was sold.

Mr. Jeff Pintar estimated approximately \$175,000 would be the minimum cost to bring the county club road up to the minimum standard. Full reconstruction costs would be approximately \$400,000.

The general consensus of opinion was that further discussion with the country club will be necessary before making any further decisions.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to the regular monthly Board Meeting.

Trustee Stole so moved.
Trustee Kapteyn seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas – 6- Trustees: Stole, Kapteyn, Stole, Skrbina, Manno and DeLaurentis
Nays - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kooyenga
Lansing Village Clerk