

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knigge called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL**

On roll call by Tracee Keagle, the following Trustees were:

Present: Trustees Murphy, Knight, Mayo, Lochmayer, Barbini and Wahl

Absent: None

Also present were Village Administrator Dan Quick, Public Works Director Dave Geary, Assistant Village Administrator Linda Krajniak, Attorney Rudy Magna, Chief of Police Doug Larsson, Engineer Bob Devery, Director of Finance Zaida Torres, Township Supervisor Swanson, SWALCO Executive Director Walter Willis, Cathy Scott, and the Press.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Proposed 5-Year Extension to Current Solid Waste Agreement With Waste Management**

Administrator Quick introduced Walter Willis from the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) who was there to answer any questions the Board might have regarding the revised garbage proposal. The proposal is a five-year extension of the current contract with Waste Management, starting on September 1, 2010. Free waste removal service to other local public bodies is included in the current contract. If the Village chooses not to extend this free service to the other public bodies, there would be a roughly one dollar reduction to Village residents per month. In light of how this service is paid for, Administrator Quick recommended to the Board that the Village remove this service from the waste removal contract extension. As it is now, the residents are paying for the garbage pick-up at all those locations. To be fair to our taxpayers, it is not the right thing to do. Mayor Knigge asked Walter Willis to refresh the Board as to why the new contract is being brought up. Mr. Willis explained that negotiations started early so that Island Lake would have the opportunity to get the same recycling totes as Wauconda at a good price. Island Lake has approved bringing these in. Wauconda is now the last of five communities involved that has not decided on the contract extension. Attachment D, the List of Free Services, (which turns out is not "free") is the last issue to be decided. Trustee Barbini asked if the monthly rate would be \$13.63 per household if the service to the other entities were stopped. Mr. Willis explained that \$13.63 is the current rate and the rate would be matched with a 5% increase later on. Mayor Knigge wanted to know when Island Lake would start using recycling totes. Mr. Willis stated that Island Lake and Waste Management have been talking about that and Island Lake wants to start

using the toters as soon as possible before the September 1<sup>st</sup> contract start date. Trustee Mayo wanted to know how Waste Management chose the amount of 5% for the increase. Mr. Willis explained that it was what they came to during the negotiations. Waste Management is trying to catch up with the lower profit margin. There is a future cap of 3% which is the best rate he has seen in Lake County. Trustee Mayo mentioned that she agrees with discontinuing the free garbage removal for these entities.

Administrator Quick explained that the way it is set up now was instigated many “Boards” ago. Things were different then, and the economy was different. The way it was set up, not everyone shares in the expense and that is not fair. Going into a contract with four other communities, the best thing to do is discontinue this practice. Walter Willis added that this change would not start until September of 2010 to give those entities time to change their garbage service. Those groups can even hop onto this franchise contract. Trustee Murphy wanted to know if the Village showed the numbers to the School District, Park District, etc. Administrator Quick responded that the Village has not. Trustee Murphy wants to give them all notice and time to respond because he feels they might not have included this change in their budgets. Attorney Magna asked Mr. Willis if there was anything preventing these other groups from leveraging a good deal if they got together. Would SWALCO assist in that regard? Walter Willis said they offer school service, and Waste Management would try to help them with better pricing through a commercial franchising contract. Mr. Willis said it would be better for them if they joined as a group. Attorney Magna asked if the Village could suggest that in a letter of notification. Trustee Barbini agreed with Trustee Murphy and Attorney Magna. By blending notification and suggestions, it will give them an idea of what to do and time to partake in the options available.

Administrator Quick reminded the Board that there are four communities waiting for this decision. Staff will notify the public entities of the decision, including suggestions, as soon as they can; and it will be brought forward to the next Board meeting.

**B. IDOT Resolutions of Intent for Projects Funded From the 2006 MFT Bond Issue**

Engineer Devery explained that there was a bond issue in 2006 for a road program. It included three individual projects for the amount of 2.5 million dollars. The Village pledged its MFT funds as payment on the bond. As a condition of the bond, IDOT requires a financial analysis to be prepared and submitted once all the costs have been identified, and then the project can be closed. Speer Financial has completed that information and has provided it for submission to IDOT. This will include the Village resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the three projects. Engineer Devery is requesting the Board approve the resolution and authorize Speer Financial to submit the analysis to IDOT.

**C. Garland Road Bike Lane Update**

Engineer Devery explained that when the bike path on Garland Road was discussed on September 8<sup>th</sup> the Board requested that several items be researched and brought back for discussion. One new item is a draft of a letter (page 14) regarding an informational meeting with the public to discuss the project. Who the letter would be sent to was discussed. Administrator Quick clarified that the letter is for the property owners that are most impacted by the project but certainly anyone else is welcome. Mayor Knigge reminded the Board that this project has been going on for five years. There is a grant waiting to be used. The Village needs to move this along and make a decision. Mayor Knigge opened the floor to comments from the audience. An audience member/resident wanted to know if the Village planned on purchasing the land for the bike path from the residents. Mayor Knigge responded that the Village will be discussing all options for this project.

Engineer Devery gave a summary of cost. The construction cost estimate is \$575K. The grant the Village has already obtained is for \$245K. The net cost to be picked up jointly by the Village and the Township is \$330K. Using a 50% cost sharing of the project, that leaves \$165K for both the Village and the Township at this time. Costs will rise the longer it is postponed.

Trustee Barbini wanted to know if this was just for the path and not for repairing the road. Trustee Barbini thought there was another grant for the paving. Engineer Devery explained that this is just for the bike lane and not repaving. He confirmed there is another grant for the paving that will go out to bid in January. They are not related. Trustee Mayo wanted to know where the money would be coming from for the path. Administrator Quick explained that it would come from the MFT fund and asked that the Board change their vernacular from path to lane because this plan is completely different from the original request. Engineer Devery explained that this proposal is to widen Garland Road from 20 feet to 30 feet so there would be a 3-foot bike lane on each side, not a separate bike path. Engineer Devery requested that staff include the renderings along with the new proposal being mailed out so that everyone can see exactly what is being proposed.

Discussion continued regarding costs, easements, current structures, landowners, engineering plans and plans for the upcoming meeting. Another audience member wanted the Board to know that he was unhappy about the money spent on engineering plans so far because he felt it was a waste of money. Even though he agreed it is a good idea, he doesn't believe it is money well spent. Staff added that with the change in design, this is a worthy project for the community.

- D. Proposed Contract with Blackboard Connect (Formerly Connect CTY)**  
Assistant Administrator Krajniak explained that the Village's three-year contract with Blackboard Connect (formerly Connect CTY) ended in October. The Village was able to get a new contract for under the original budget amount. Mayor Knigge feels this is an excellent, reliable service.
- E. Annual Review of IMLRMA Insurance Policy**  
Finance Director Torres stated that she comes to the Board every year at this time to take advantage of a discounted price for the annual renewal. The Village had more claims than usual, and this caused a 13% increase for the 2010 coverage. Director Torres is requesting that the Board move forward to sign this policy.
- F. Other Business**  
Trustee Mayo wanted to discuss video poker. Trustee Mayo stated that Springfield has not identified any rules, so wouldn't this be the time to say the Village does not want video poker? Attorney Magna agreed that there are no adopted regulations but the timing of considering it is up to the Board. If the Village does not make a decision before it becomes effective, those who qualify for gambling have a right to seek it. If the Village does not want it or wants the choice, something should be done before the end of the year. Administrator Quick asked if he meant drafting an ordinance. Attorney Magna responded yes, and that municipalities will be unable to prohibit gambling if they don't have an ordinance before the law, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff and Board decided they wanted to have a meeting and invite all bar owners to discuss pros and cons, to get an idea of who is interested, and have more updated and accurate information to make a better decision.

**4. CLOSED SESSION MATTER(S):**

- A. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of this Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1))**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting went into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Tracee Keagle