



**VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Sode at 6:41 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call by Clerk Radcliffe, Mayor Sode and the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Barbini, Howe, Schlick, Shaw, and Ferrier

Also Present:

Dave Wermes (Chief of Police/Interim Village Administrator), Rudy Magna (Village Attorney),
Mike DaValle (Deputy Fire Marshall), Jacob Mann (Public Works Superintendent), Gregory
Anderson (Director of Community Development), Tom Lyons (Treasurer/Finance Director), and
Allison Matson (Incoming Village Administrator)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2021 COW MINUTES

MOTION to approve the October 5, 2021 COW Minutes made by Trustee Shaw and seconded by
Trustee Schlick.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**A. Discussion-Plan to use State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRP) Provided Under
the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

Director Lyons put together some high points for the team, which piggy-backed on an email he
sent back in early September with some very detailed, as well as summarized information.
Director Lyons reviewed the ARPA funding and what the Village will be receiving. The Village
has been allotted 1.8 million dollars that will be paid out in two allotments; one of which we
have already received, and the other we will receive in about a year. Director Lyons referenced
the information provided in the agenda packet of itemized items that we can spend funds on, the
timing of the funds to spend; we have to budget them by December 31, 2024 and they have to
be spent by December 31, 2026. Basically looking through fiscal periods, will be looking
through fiscal period 2025 for us. In a nutshell, the water/sewer infrastructure allows us to
continue to maintain the water/sewer fund, the facilities, and we have plenty of projects to use

up the ARPA funds over the next few years. Director Lyons is putting a plan together, and asked for the team's feedback, if they were okay with this tentative plan, or if they wanted to explore other areas and paths. Mayor Sode questioned if these funds would be available to use for the new phosphorus requirements being put out by the state or federal government. Director Lyons was unsure on that project exactly, but advised we can work with the Village Engineer and Public Works closely but in general, anything that can be a lone project through the Illinois EPA, it is to his understanding would qualify. In a nutshell we have multi-years of projects that will qualify for the ARPA grant, so if projects A, B, and C don't go through, we still have projects D, E and F; we can refine a list of detailed projects we want to hit. There is no pre-approval process required for this grant to be used, we do have to do an annual reporting and ensure we have clear documentation on how the funds were spent. The team advised they are good as long as do not see a roller coaster of water/sewer rates for our residents at the end of four years and we have a longer sustainable plan. Director Lyons felt that as long as we spread it out over four years, there will not be large peaks in reductions or increases, the plan we have been working with over the past few years is to keep it as smooth as possible. It will definitely help us as a tool to keep the rates as minimum as possible. The team was on board and agreed this is a good use of the ARPA grant monies.

B. Discussion-Village Building Codes

As per previous COW meeting discussions, we have been working on all chapters of Wauconda Village Building Codes in an effort to bring Wauconda up from our 2003 standards, to 2018. Director Lyons advised we are on our 3rd review night of four, and only have one more to go. Director Anderson referred the Board to this meetings amendments in their agenda.

- **PAGE 31 / Sec 150.13: Amendments to Existing Building Code (IEBC) 2018 (new)**

This is a new tool in the Departments toolbox, what this means is that the scope of the code shall apply to the *repair, alterations, change of occupancy, addition* to and relocation of *existing buildings*. Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwelling and multiple single-family dwellings (townhomes) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress, and their accessory structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height, shall comply with this code or the International Residential Code or the International Building Code.

The intent of this code is to provide flexibility to permit the use of alternative approaches to achieve compliance with minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition and relocation of existing buildings.

The International Existing Building Code works in conjunction with the International Residential and Building Code which becomes applicable during and under both the existing and new construction.

- **PAGE 17 / Sec 150.08: Amendments to Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) 2018**

We use this Code today for tall grass and weeds; general maintenance of existing structures and buildings; pest and rodent removal; occupancy limitations; light and ventilation; installation and maintenance of various plumbing facilities and fixtures; you get the picture

it's the Property Maintenance Code for the Village.

▪ **PAGE 33 / Sec 150.14: Amendments to Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) 2018 (new)**

This is a new code for Wauconda, which will establish from nationally recognized good practice for the safe guarding of life and for property protection. This code intention is to mitigate the risk to life and structures from intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures (Forest preserve) and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to mitigate structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels. The intent of this code is a tiered approach commensurate with the relative level of hazard present. This code as others presented are supplements to the others which are to be adopted.

▪ **PAGE 35 / Sec 150.15: Amendments to Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) 2018 (new)**

All the provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, renovation, replacement, repair and maintenance of aquatic recreation facilities, pools and spas. The pools and spas covered by this code are either permanent or temporary, and shall be only those that are designed and manufactured to be connected to a circulation system and that are intended for swimming, bathing or wading.

Director Lyons asked if the Board had any questions, with the only question from the Board was a provision outlawing fireworks completely in Wauconda. The concern being we do have our 3rd of July fireworks in Wauconda, should there be a revision making an exception for licensed operators? Deputy Fire Marshall Mike DeValle advised that currently it is written that you can't use fireworks unless you have a special use permit that we go through anyways, but we will make sure the provision is authored the same way.

C. Discussion-Zoning Code Text Amendment

Greg Anderson, Director of Community Development advised the Village was approached by AMAROK, a company that provides for perimeter security for the protection of a business's assets. The solar powered security fence is a low voltage (12V/DC) interior fence. The electrically charged fence is currently prohibited by the Village Zoning Code according to Section 155.053 (c)(1). Director Lyons recommendation is to allow AMAROK to submit an application for text amendment and introduced Michael Pate, with AMAROK to review his company's system with the Board. Mr. Pate advised that the proposed electrical charged fence is ten feet tall with twenty strands of 12V wire, set-up as an interior perimeter fence to a primary six-foot fence. Mr. Pate addressed the Board's concerns regarding the danger and harm this fence could cause, if the fence's system is updated on a regular basis to standards, and possible liability issues. Mr. Pate assured the team that the fence is non-lethal; it's comparable to a Taser. They have warning signs adhered to the six-foot perimeter fence that is in least two languages that are pertinent to the area. Also, there is only a four to eight-inch gap between the perimeter fence and electrified fence, so there is no possibility of anyone climbing the perimeter fence and getting stuck in between the fences. The security fence system is their own device, they own it, and they sell a 3-year security service with their fees ranging about \$1,500 a month. Mr. Pate advised his company also holds a \$6m umbrella policy for any incidents. The Board discussed

and advised they were okay with this and noted there would be very few applicants for this type of system.

6. ADJOURNMENT

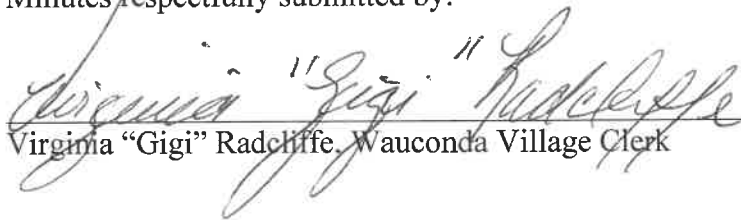
Mayor Sode called for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Schlick at 7:18 PM, with all in favor.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Virginia "Gigi" Radcliffe, Wauconda Village Clerk

