



**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Town Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019**

Present:

Mayor Brandt	Trustee Harms Muth
Trustee Grujanac	Trustee Hancock
Trustee McDonough	Trustee Servi
Trustee Leider	Village Clerk Mastandrea
Village Attorney Simon	Village Manager Burke
Chief of Police Leonas	Finance Director/Village Treasurer Peterson
Public Works Director Woodbury	Assistant Village Manager/Community &
Assistant Public Works Director/Village	Economic Development Director Gilbertson
Engineer Dittrich	Planning & Development Manager Zozulya

CALL TO ORDER

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mayor Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Village Clerk Mastandrea called the Roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Town Meeting

Mayor Brandt introduced the Town Hall meeting noting it is an annual meeting held in May and is an opportunity for the residents to come ask questions or give comments/recommendations to the Board.

Village Manager Burke noted the Town Hall meeting has been posted in the weekly Village Enews and on the website. The only comments staff received was regarding storm water management and asking what the meeting entailed.

2.11 Presentation: Goals & Accomplishments

Village Manager Burke provided a presentation highlighting 2018 accomplishments, and goals for the coming years for each department.

2.12 Public Comments/Questions

Mayor Brandt opened up the meeting to public comments/questions.

A. Lincolnshire Drive Flooding

Mr. Karnig Kerkonian, resident of 77 Lincolnshire Drive, noted

concern regarding access to his home during heavy rain and pumps going constantly when it rains. Mr. Kerkonian stated residents would like help to alleviate the issue. Mr. Kerkonian stated the Village is putting money into improvements such as the Pocket Park and believes funds should be spent on other needs.

Mayor Brandt stated she has been on the Board for over 20 years and is aware of the issues on Lincolnshire Drive and surrounding areas. Mayor Brandt noted there has been higher rainfalls, and the estimates show this will continue. Mayor Brandt noted the Pocket Park was built with Park Development funds which cannot be used for expenditures such as flooding or storm water management. Mayor Brandt stated a project was done for Lincolnshire Creek stabilization a few years ago, and there was a plan to try and go in to all the properties on Lincolnshire Drive to perform bank stabilization. Unfortunately, not all the owners, at the time, agreed to let the Village come on their properties to perform the stabilization. In order for the stabilization to be done, there needs to be consensus from the property owners.

Public Works Director Woodbury noted he can identify with the concerns of the residents on Lincolnshire Drive. Public Works is aware of the issues and takes them seriously noting many staff hours are focused on fighting localized flooding. Public Works Director Woodbury stated there is \$150,000 drainage study planned for 2019; there is approximately \$2,000,000,000 storm sewer capital planning, over a 10-year period to make sure the future projects address these concerns. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated when talking about localized flooding, there are more frequent, higher intensity rain events taking place which are overwhelming the storm sewers in place. The drainage study will provide new standards for the storm sewers based on these rain events.

B. Tree Limb Chipping Service

Mr. George Jackson, resident of 101 Surrey Lane stated several years ago the Village provided a service for tree limb chipping and requested this service be brought back. Public Works Director Woodbury noted this service was eliminated in 2008, when the downturn in the economy took place.

Village Manager Burke suggested cutting up the branches and putting them in landscape bags. Mr. Jackson stated some of the limbs he has on his lot are too big to fit into the landscape bags. Public Works Director Woodbury noted this is not a program staff can accommodate and is not included in the current budget.

Mr. Jackson asked that the tree limb chipping project be put on next years' budget discussions.

C. Dog Parks

Ms. Nancy Goldstein, resident of 21 Oxford asked the Board to consider putting in a dog park and possibly using North Park in the winter for this activity.

Mayor Brandt stated the Park Board would make the recommendation on whether or not to pursue a dog park, then the Village Board would ultimately make the decision. Mayor Brandt noted previous Boards decided not to allow dogs in the parks due to the potential of being bitten and cleanup issues. This is an issue the Board can discuss further and refer it to the Park Board.

Trustee Grujanac stated there has been discussions at the Park Board regarding a potential dog park, but there seems to be issues that come up each time to prevent the Village pursuing this type of project.

D. Flooding Issues Continued

Mr. Michael Bencks, resident of 55 Wiltshire Drive noted concern regarding flooding in the area of his home. Mr. Bencks noted issues have been reported by the Village since 2014 that do not seem to have been addressed. Mr. Bencks stated the water ponds on the street and in his yard so traffic ends up going through his yard. Mr. Bencks stated he wanted to put a boulder in his yard to prevent traffic from driving through it during flooding but was told it was against code even though some of the houses across the street have them. Public Works Director Woodbury stated the boulders across the street were grandfathered in and would not be allowed under current regulations. Mr. Bencks stated the flooding has become a health and safety issue due to mosquitos in the summer and ice in the winter. Village Manager Burke noted one of the studies Mr. Bencks referred to was specific to the berm along the Des Plaines River, and the other was a long term hazard mitigation plan. Village Manager Burke stated the agenda item being discussed at the meeting tonight is to study the Village system-wide and all components of the storm water system. The result of the study would be to set goals for a long-term solution.

Mayor Brandt provided the timeline of approving the study and asked Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich how long it would take for the study to happen. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated staff anticipates the study taking place throughout the summer and fall with a final report back to the Village Board next year late-winter. A Public Meeting will take place to discuss the results of the study, and an initial meeting will take place as an open house to compile all issues.

Trustee Grujanac suggested staff mail invitations to the meeting to

residents with known flooding.

Mayor Brandt stated staff still intends to continue educating residents on the bank stabilization since this will help with the flooding. Mayor Brandt asked when a meeting could be planned for the stabilization issue. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated they would work with the contractor and get something set up in the next few months.

Mayor Brandt asked if the study and work as a result of the study would be a multi-year implementation. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated he fully expects the result of the study to produce more projects than the Village has money to fund. The Village will have to prioritize projects, obtain funding, and budget the projects over multiple years.

Mr. Bencks stated his opinion is this is a health and safety issue, so the Village should be allowed to go onto all the properties for the bank stabilization. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated the Village has no rights in the back of the properties where the berm is located. Village Manager Burke stated the Village has no prescriptive rights along the berm; no easement and no authority is granted to the Village to be there or perform work. Village Manager Burke stated the Village also has to consider putting employees in a position where they may be unsafe due to the way in which the berm has been maintained. Mr. Bencks suggested using best practices from other communities and applying what works to Lincolnshire. Village Manager Burke stated the Des Plaines River watershed extends all the way across the Wisconsin border to Racine, and the Indian Creek watershed extends past Lake Zurich, so this is not a simple design solution that Lincolnshire can apply.

Ms. Christina Seabord, resident at 64 Lincolnshire Drive noted concern regarding health and safety from the flooding with her children trying to get to the bus and going through unhealthy conditions. Mr. Eric Seabord stated he wants to see progress being done, and noted concern regarding possibly losing their home.

Ms. Kendra Davidson, resident at 50 Lincolnshire Drive stated the idea of a dog park is a great idea and suggested using the vacant land across from her house for this activity. Ms. Davidson noted the water on her property and the property across from her home is a concern. She noted she has brought this concern up to staff since she moved into the home in 2016. Ms. Davidson suggested using permanent pumps as a solution. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated most of the homes on Lincolnshire Drive are in the floodway and 100-year flood plain. At this point, to install a pump station as suggested, is something the Village will have to consider during the Village-wide study. Assistant

Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich stated everyone who lives on Lincolnshire Drive is in the floodway so the elevation cannot be changed, and to try to design something to completely eliminate the water that comes when there is a 100-year flood is a challenge. Mr. Bill Davidson noted further concern regarding the amount of time and money being spent on the study when the flooding is due to the storm drain system which he feels needs immediate action. Ms. Davidson noted further concern regarding the storm drain system and her lot taking the water for all the houses on her grid. Mayor Brandt stated the Board knows there are flooding issues and will discuss what can be done in the short-term to help.

Ms. Teri Morris, resident of 75 Cumberland Drive provided pictures of her street showing standing water that she stated has been there for at least 7 months. Ms. Morris noted the storm sewers in her area do not work and noted concern that the safety of the residents does not seem to be a Village priority. Village Manager Burke noted there is a project identified related to the Cumberland drainage situation. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich noted the drain at the curve currently drains through the back yards of 77 and 79 Cumberland then over to Lincolnshire Drive. There is a project to run new storm sewer down Cumberland to Witshire that the Village is trying to pair with a watermain improvement so that the road is not torn up twice. Mayor Brandt stated this project will be looked at in the budget for 2020.

Ms. Maria Grabowska, resident of 69 Lincolnshire Drive noted concern with flooding in her area and the pump running constantly. Ms. Grabowska stated she moved from Lake Zurich where there were flooding issues as well and suggested the Village work with other towns with known flooding issues for solutions.

Ms. Morris asked staff what the residents of Cumberland Drive should do about the ice through the winter since the Cumberland project would not be started until at least 2020. Village Manager Burke stated Public Works deploys salt regularly during snow events and additional salt on Cumberland Drive and other areas where there is known ice buildup. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich noted one of the challenges staff had on Cumberland Drive was residents discharging sump pumps to the front of their homes which need to go to the rear of the homes. Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Dittrich noted another challenge over the past winter was due to the various freeze/thaw events.

Ms. April Neumann, resident of 68 Cumberland Drive stated she has not had water problems until this year and noted concern with the sewer system that needs to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Bencks asked about the Cumberland Drive project being moved

up and noted concern with how the projects are being addressed. Village Manager Burke provided information regarding the Capital Plan process and how projects are determined based on different criteria of the plan.

Mayor Brandt provided information regarding taxes, how the Village is run and how the Board has not raised Village taxes for the past several years.

Village Manager Burke noted there were two houses on Lincolnshire Drive that were brought up in discussions and stated per the National Flood Insurance Program, the two homes had repetitive loss within five years in which damage accounted for more than 50% of the home value. As a result, these homeowners could not rebuild/refinish the damage from the flooding events without raising the elevation of the properties. The property owners will receive the maximum flood insurance payout but cannot go back into the homes unless the homes are elevated. Staff is working with Stormwater Management Commission of Lake County as well as the state for a potential buyout of these two properties; the money will come from the Federal Government to buyout the properties. If this happens, the properties will be demolished and the Village will maintain them as open space in perpetuity. Village Manager Burke noted the suggestion that these properties be a dog park is not something that can easily happen either since there are specific requirements the Village will need to comply with regarding the floodplain properties.

Mayor Brandt suggested residents who would like further information or have other concerns should contact Assistant Village Manager/Community & Economic Development Director Ben Gilbertson.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Leider moved and Trustee Harms Muth seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Brandt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Barbara Mastandrea
Village Clerk