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SUMMER

Village Update on Response to Pandemic and State of Village Finances

As we move further away from 2020 and begin to travel, shop, and dine-in again, the Lincolnshire Village Board continues to closely monitor and evaluate the Village's financial standing. In October 2020, staff predicted nearly $6 million in lost revenue in Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 due to the impacts of the pandemic. The Village Board took aggressive action to limit spending in the spring of 2020, and this prudent approach carried over into the 2021 Budget. The Village took immediate actions, including implementing wage freezes for all non-union staff, exploring new ways to cut expenditures in the operating budget while still maintaining a quality level of service, and making the difficult decision to introduce new user fees to residents for certain services like the annual leaf collection program.

In addition to decisions to reduce or eliminate expenditures or raise fees, the impact of the pandemic was also offset by federal COVID-19 relief funding through the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan. Both of these federally-funded efforts are instrumental in making up for lost sales tax, food & beverage tax, and room & admission tax. Between CARES Act and the America Rescue Plan, the Village stands to receive nearly $1.32 million in funds to make up for lost revenue or cover costs incurred in the response to the pandemic.

The Village of Lincolnshire's reserve policy requires the Village to maintain 75% of one year's general operating expenses in reserve. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Village Board and the Finance Department, the Village is proud to say financial reserves were maintained in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and are projected to be maintained over the Village's 5-Year Financial Plan.

Additionally, the Village Board and staff closely examined the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to determine which projects, if any, could be deferred to later years to alleviate the burden on the annual budget. However, some projects – like the final phase of the Crosstown Water Main Project and the Street Resurfacing Program – were deemed essential to maintaining the safety and beautification of the Village. Any deferral of an essential project to another year would simply pass the burden of the project onto future years and disrupt the completion of other crucial CIP projects. The Crosstown Water Main Project will begin mid-summer along Riverwoods Road, and 1.66 miles of road will be resurfaced beginning in June at various locations throughout the Village.

Those who live, work, play, and stay in Lincolnshire are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for wearing your mask, social distancing, washing your hands, and – most importantly – getting vaccinated as soon as a vaccine became available to you. Due to all of your efforts, industries are returning to in-person work; travel to Lincolnshire's six hotels is increasing (with a seventh opening this summer); patronage at restaurants, theaters, and other leisure activities is coming back; and the Village's financial situation is returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Village Board Considering a Storm Water Utility Fee

The Village completed a Village-Wide Drainage Study in summer 2020 to identify and prioritize storm water capital projects. The study explored a variety of options to improve Village storm water infrastructure in light of more intense rain events, greater volumes of impervious surface upstream of the Des Plaines River, undersized and aging infrastructure, and early housing development within the floodplain. The study recommended a dedicated revenue source to fund $18.3 million in public storm water capital improvement projects, as well as ongoing operational costs.

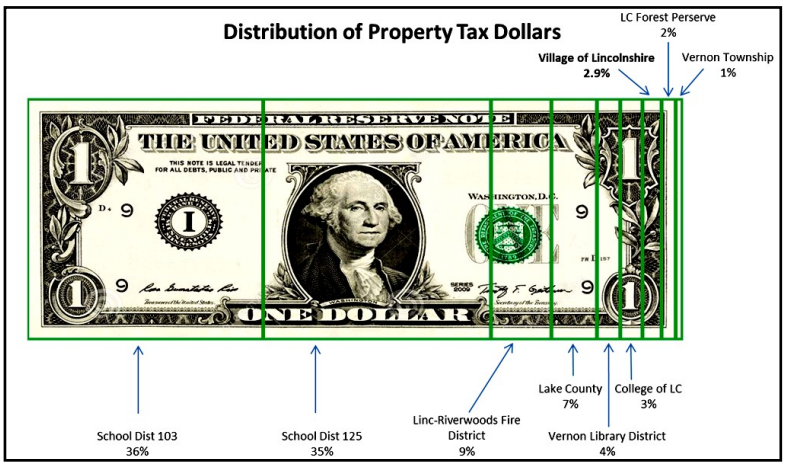
Recognizing the need for storm water improvements, the Village Board incorporated the recommended projects within the Village's 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Village Board also directed staff to explore creating a dedicated funding source for these projects by way of a storm water utility fee. A variety of communities across the Chicago metropolitan area have a similar fee in place to pay for storm sewer capital projects. The fee structure varies across these communities. Some communities charge a flat fee to each property, while others charge the fee based on the volume of impervious surface (e.g., driveways, building footprints, parking lots) per property. Village staff is finalizing recommendations for the Village Board to determine which method may be most appropriate – and equitable – for Lincolnshire.

To learn more about storm water resources, visit the Village website at www.lincolnshireil.gov. You can see information from the January 11 and May 24, 2021, Committee of the Whole meetings where the proposed fee was discussed. Staff will continue to share information with the Village Board regarding fee options as research is updated and recommendations are finalized.

Know Where Your Tax Dollars Go
Village Property Tax Levy

In early May, the Lake County Treasurer's Office mailed the 2020 property tax bills which are paid in 2021. The $1,644,438 total taxes extended to the Village increased by $36,734 compared to the prior year.

The Village levies property taxes to cover expenses related to State-required employee pension funds and Lincolnshire police protection services. The 2020 Lincolnshire property tax rate is $0.25 per $100 equalized assessed valuation. The Village can keep its property tax rate low thanks to a strong commercial base and conservative fiscal policies.



The dollar represents how each dollar of property tax paid by a Lincolnshire resident is allocated for the 2020 tax year which is paid in 2021.

Lincolnshire's local school districts receive 71% of every dollar a resident pays. In comparison, the Village receives only 2.9% of every dollar a resident pays. A home having a market value of $500,000 pays approximately $402 in property taxes to the Village which is approximately $1.10 per day for municipal services (excluding fire protection).

What's the Latest Business News

Mixed-Use Development – 225 Marriott Drive

The Village Board approved a rezoning of the 8-acre vacant property at the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Half Day Road on April 26. The rezoning will allow for a unified mixed-use development via a planned unit development. The proposed development is expected to bring several restaurants, a gas station, and retail or medical uses to Lincolnshire and generate sales tax and food & beverage tax to support Village operations. The developer, Keystone Planning + Design, needs to receive various development approvals before construction can begin.

U-Haul Self Storage Facility Expansion– 200/300 Industrial Drive

U-Haul is finalizing Village approvals for an expansion project to construct new self-storage and RV parking structures at the southwest corner of Aptakisic Road and Industrial Drive. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer. U-Haul's facilities will provide convenient storage options to Lincolnshire residents, particularly to RV owners.

Everclean Car Wash – 220 Olde Half Day Road

Everclean applied for a new car wash on the vacant property at the northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Olde Half Day Road. Although the application is still in the early stages of review, the 5,000 -square-foot car wash expects to complete the Village review process and begin construction this summer.

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Renovations – 505 Milwaukee Avenue

Courtyard recently completed interior renovations as part of their recent rebranding initiative. Exterior improvements are also underway which include a new roof, porte-cochere, signage, and landscaping to be completed this year.

Toms Price Home Furniture Store Rebranding – 725 Milwaukee Avenue

Formerly known as Toms-Price Furnishings, Toms Price Home recently received new wall and ground signs reflective of the furniture company's contemporary brand.

Relevant Radio – 608 Barclay Boulevard

Relevant Radio, a Christian-based station, purchased the nearly 26,000 sq. ft. office at the northwest corner of Barclay Boulevard and Aptakisic Road for its headquarters.

Chipy Café – 275 Parkway Drive – COMING SOON!

Chipy Café will locate in CityPark Center (next to Roosters Men's Grooming Center). Independently owned and operated, Chipy plans to serve brunch, lunch, and dinner, focusing on carry-out and limited indoor/outdoor dining.

Poke Bros. – 950 Milwaukee Avenue – COMING SOON!

Poke Bros., a fast-casual restaurant chain serving sushi in a bowl in the Hawaiian style, will locate in Lincolnshire Commons between Naf Naf Grill and Chipotle. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner.

Not Sure if You Need a Permit? Call Us!

Lincolnshire requires permits for just about every project needing tools, except decorating (e.g., painting, trim work, and carpeting). Contact Mike Jesse, building official (MJesse@lincolnshireil.gov; 847-913-2318), or Carol Lustig, administrative assistant (CLustig@lincolnshireil.gov; 847-913-2310), to ensure your next project has the proper permits to avoid delays and additional expenses. You can also save yourself a trip to Village Hall by applying and/or paying for permits online via the "Service Request" QR Code

The following are some of the most popular permits during the summer season:

- **Garage/Estate Sales -** Garage/estate sales are limited to three consecutive days, between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. A maximum of two permits can be issued for a property each year.
- **Driveways & Patios -** Driveways, patios, walkways, and other paved surfaces are allowed within 5' of the side or rear property line and must meet impervious surface limits. New improvements require a permit, whereas seal coating and repairs can be performed without a permit.
- **Fences -** Yard fences up to 4' in height and of an open style (up to 60% opaque) are allowed in most residential areas (6' tall solid fences are permitted on lots abutting Half Day Road and Riverwoods Road as well as in some other areas). Fences may not protrude beyond the front plane of the house. If your house is on a corner lot or adjacent to Riverwoods Road/Half Day Road, contact staff to determine permissible fence design and placement.
- **Playsets -** Playsets are allowed in the rear yard only at least 10' from the lot lines, no larger than 60 sq. ft., and no taller than 15'. If your house is on a corner lot, contact staff to determine permissible playset placement locations. No Village permit is required if the playset does not include a foundation.
- **Storage Sheds -** Storage sheds can be placed within 2' of the side of the house and within 5' of the rear of the house outside required building setbacks. A shed is limited to 100 sq. ft. in area and up to 10' in height. Plastic, corrugated metal, fiberglass, and Dryvit materials are prohibited unless they are the primary materials on the house.
- **Tree Removal -** Trees or grouping of trees measuring 6" or greater in diameter. Authorization must come by way of a Tree Removal Permit.

Summer Water Restrictions

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources restricts the amount of water withdrawn from Lake Michigan. Outdoor water usage is restricted in the Village from May 15 until September 15. Residents are prohibited from using outside water between 1 – 7 p.m. Daily water usage restrictions correspond with address numbers; even number addresses may only use outside water on calendar days which are even. Similarly, odd number addresses may only use outside water on odd calendar days. For more information, please contact Maxwell Geib, utilities superintendent, at 847-913-2383.

2021 Consumer Water Confidence Report

Please visit www.lincolnshireil.gov/i-want-to/find/water-quality-report to view your 2021 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about drinking water. This report contains information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2020. If you would like a paper copy of the 2021 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please contact the Village of Lincolnshire Public Works Department at 847-913-2380.

Crosstown Watermain Installation

The Village plans to install approximately 7,000' of new water main along the east and west sides of Riverwoods Road. The project calls for 12" water main from Duffy Lane to Half Day Road on the east side and from Half Day Road to Brampton Lane on the west side. The project will also include the installation of new fire hydrants. At times, Riverwoods Road and the mixed-use recreation path will be closed. The project will enhance the delivery and reliability of Village's water system.

Work is scheduled to begin in June and be complete in November. Additional information and weekly project updates will be provided on the Village's website and through the Village's weekly Construction E-News on Wednesdays. For more information regarding the Crosstown Water Main Project, please contact Marc Facchini, Public Works Department management analyst, at 847-913-2356 or mfacchini@lincolnshireil.gov. Subscribe to receive construction updates from the Village through the Village's website at www.lincolnshireil.gov.

Village-Wide Maintenance Projects

Village staff is coordinating many different contracts to preserve and extend the life of the Village's infrastructure in various locations. These efforts include:

- Storm and sanitary sewer cleaning and televising
- Roadway and pothole patching in residential and corporate areas
- Catch basin cleaning
- Fire hydrant painting
- Crack sealing
- Pavement marking

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2021 Village of Lincolnshire Construction Season

Several construction projects in Lincolnshire are planned and underway, including the North Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Project and Road Resurfacing Project, which includes Marriott Drive, Elmwood Lane, Cedar Lane, Oakwood Lane, and Hickory Lane. Residents can subscribe to receive construction updates from the Village through the Village's website at www.lincolnshireil.gov.

Happiness Comes in Waves At Spring Lake Beach

Summer 2021 at Spring Lake Beach will be different than in previous years. The beach is open daily without lifeguards from Memorial Day weekend through September 30, from dawn to dusk. Visitors swim at their own risk. Despite no on-duty lifeguards, the Village of Lincolnshire is committed to ensuring pleasurable and safe swimming conditions at the beach this summer. The restrooms at Spring Lake Park will be open for use through beach season.

Public Works will rake the sand at Spring Lake Beach once a week, and the Lake County Public Health Department will continue to test the water for bacteria content to ensure safe swimming conditions. For more information regarding Spring Lake Beach, please contact Marc Facchini, Public Works Department management analyst, at 847-913-2356 or mfacchini@lincolnshireil.gov.

Police Department launches bold new initiative: Chief's Community Council on Police Operations (C^{3}po)

Joe Leonas, police chief, is recruiting Lincolnshire community members to form an informal advisory council to assist in gathering and providing feedback related to police operations. The Chief's Community Council on Police Operations (C3po) will consist of residents and business members from a diverse cross-section of Lincolnshire who will meet regularly to provide input on a wide range of law enforcement topics and activities.

The size of the council will be 6-12 members selected by the Chief of Police and members of the Village Board following their application. The term length of rotating members of C3po is 1-3 years. C3po will meet quarterly, or as necessary.

Membership on C3po requires patience, kindness, and a willingness to engage in positive communication. Additional desired member characteristics include being open-minded, a good listener, committed to the public good of the community, and having no preconceived agendas.

The formal goals of C3po are to:

· Help the community gain an understanding of law enforcement operations, policies, and procedures through training from Police Department staff and subject matter experts. In turn, this will foster an exchange of ideas to strengthen the delivery of police services.

- Assist with recruitment of a diverse pool of police officer applicants.
- Aid in Police Department problem-solving efforts.
- Develop recommendations for transformative solutions and best practices regarding police policies and culture.
- Work with the Police Department to ensure the agency is protecting constitutional guarantees and impartially enforcing the law. Not tolerating bias-based policing and/or racial profiling, and provide police services equally, honestly, and with integrity.

Applications are available on the Village website, or at Village Hall, and should be turned in no later than July 1, 2021.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
June 15 - 7 p.m.
July 20 - 7 p.m.
August 17 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
June 28 - 7 p.m.
July 12 - 7 p.m.
July 26 - 7 p.m.
August 9 - 7 p.m.
August 23 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
June 21 - 5:30 p.m. (Tours starting at Spring Lake)
July 19 - 7 p.m.
August 16 - 7 p.m.

Police Pension
August 10 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
July 13 - 7 p.m.
April 13 - 7 p.m.
August 10 - 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- **June 23—27 Summer Slam** at North Park
- **June 26** - **Vernon Township Community Garage Sale -** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Prairie View Metra Station, 2701 Main Street, Buffalo Grove
- **July 4 - Red, White, and BOOM!** (See Flyer Insert)
- **July 5** - **4th of July Observed -** Village Offices closed

Volunteers Wanted for Advisory Board Positions

The Village seeks volunteers to serve on the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and Park Board. The ARB has vacancies for two alternate members. The Park Board has vacancies for two full members and one alternate member. The Park Board and ARB typically meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday and third Tuesday of the month, respectively. Consider applying if you have experience in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, planning, construction, or related disciplines. Contact Leslie Cole, administrative assistant, (LCole@lincolnshireil.gov; 847-913-2336), for more information.

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