

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2015**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Smith at RedTail Golf Club. Present were Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Sexson II, and Thomas. Also present were Village Manager Catherine Peterson; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews; and many members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Cal Skinner of 275 Meridian commented on the State's pension issues.

Mr. Wallner of 343 Warwick commented on his 35% property tax increase.

Dave Weckerlin of 330 Hampshire commented that his property taxes increased by 38%.

Lori Greitzer of 388 Hampshire commented that her huge property tax increase will force her to move from the Village. She questioned the basis for the large increase.

Ben Chelini of 1960 South Shore Drive asked if the Board could ask the Algonquin and Grafton Township Assessors to attend a Board meeting to discuss property taxes.

Janet Lee of 1764 South Shore Drive asked the Board to include a representative from the school boards to discuss property taxes. President Smith suggested that residents attend actual school board scheduled meetings.

Mr. Zentner of 394 Hampshire questioned the consistency in property tax increases.

Paul Serwatka of 9811 Palmer Drive commented that assessed property values are very subjective.

President Smith commented that the Board of Trustees is very sympathetic with resident's property tax issues. Staff will reach out to invite Grafton and Algonquin Township Assessors to a future Board Meeting to discuss property assessments and taxes.

Pete Olsen of 318 Hampshire commented that homeowners with dual pin numbers have high assessments. Mr. Olsen also remarked about clarification of contiguous use for multiple lots, which he believes needs a better understanding by residents.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following were considered and enacted on a single motion by Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Sexson II:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 28, 2015 Regular Board Minutes and April 28, 2015 Closed Session

**APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS:** Accounts Payable PrePaid Invoices Dated April 30, 2015 in the Amount of \$31,519.25

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** None

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**  
**Page Two of Four**

Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Sexson II, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: Accounts Payable Invoices Dated April 30, 2015 in the Amount of \$76,316.15.** This Agenda Item was removed by Trustee Santowski. Trustee Santowski questioned an April 22, 2015 TIF/Sportplex invoice totaling \$3,712.50 to Zukowski, Rogers, Flood. Attorney Michael Smoron replied that this invoice was a March, 2015 bill for "Business Development".

Trustee Santowski, seconded by Trustee Furey, moved to approve Accounts Payable Invoices Dated April 30, 2015 in the Amount of \$76,316.15. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, and Sexson II. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Trustee Thomas. Motion declared carried.

**OATHS OF OFFICE WERE ADMINISTERED BY ATTORNEY SMORON TO TRUSTEES DAVIS, SANTOWSKI, AND SERWATKA**

Roll Call: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. All present.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-12 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, LIQUOR CONTROL AND LIQUOR LICENSING, OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:** Chief Rawson commented that the State of Illinois Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) trains the best practices for the sale/service of alcoholic beverages with the intent of minimizing the dangers and liabilities that are associated with the sale and service of alcohol. The purpose of a BASSET program is to provide information to sellers and servers of alcoholic beverages about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse and to provide the necessary skill development techniques to identify and/or intervene with a patron use problems thereby reducing the incidence of patron misuse.

Trustees Santowski and Iden would like Chief Rawson to ask the local liquor license owners their opinion regarding this training.

President Smith commented that as Liquor Commissioner she is a proponent of this ordinance and believes it is a good safety tool for our businesses and residents.

Trustees discussed the cost of the program and concern that it could perhaps burden some businesses.

Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve Ordinance 2015-12. Voting Aye: President Smith; Trustees Davis, Furey, and Thomas. Voting Nay: Iden, Santowski, and Serwatka. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.09, DRIVEWAYS AND CHAPTER 26.02, ENCROACHMENTS ON STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:** Village Deputy Manager Shannon Andrews commented that this Ordinance defines parking pads; limits the placement of parking pads to the R-2 Zoning District; grass pavers must be used for the construction of parking pads; use restricted to cars; one parking pad per zoning lot to accommodate a single vehicle; must not impact line of sight; and a building permit is required. Also, this

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**  
**Page Three of Four**

Ordinance requires written acknowledgement that damage to the parking pad is the sole responsibility of the property owner and the Village reserves the right to perform maintenance or construction in the right-of-way without notice.

Trustees discussed the use of gravel, specifically what types, and current gravel parking pads will be grandfathered.

It was the general consensus of the Board to keep the proposed code as is in regards to the materials use to create a parking pad.

Trustee Santowski, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to table Ordinance 2015-13 until gravel issue is determined. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.04, PUBLIC NUISANCES REGARDING VEGETATION CONTROL, OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:** Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews remarked that the Village Code currently prohibits weeds and grass from growing taller than ten inches on unimproved real estate. This ordinance requires unimproved real estate to maintain a forty foot buffer from the road right-of-way and any occupied adjoining properties. It also exempts drainage ways, saturated soils and protected floodways from these requirements. This revision reduces the burden of the developer, realtor or property owner, while still providing a sufficient and attractive buffer to neighboring residents.

Trustees expressed concerns over the lessening the strictness of the Code. The general consensus by the Board of Trustees was to leave the code as is.

Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Davis, moved to approve Ordinance 2015-14. Voting Aye: None. Voting Nay: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Motion failed.

**REPORTS:** President Smith remarked that the trip to Springfield with Village Manager Catherine Peterson was effective. IDOT considers Routes 176/47 road improvements a “perfect project”.

Trustee Iden commented that Gary Sexson II will remain on the Celebrate Lakewood Task Force with Trustee Furey as the liaison.

Trustee Thomas is hopeful that the Village will obtain funds for Route 176/47 road improvements. She also remarked that President Smith did a great job on the “listening Tour” regarding Routes 176/47 and represented the Village well.

Village Manager Catherine Peterson stated that there are daily changes at the General Assembly. The Village’s employee’s pensions are safe with Illinois Municipal Retirement Funds. She also commented that the Village has good support from State Representatives with IDOT issues.

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**  
**Page Four of Four**

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen  
Village Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: May 26, 2015