

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at RedTail Golf Club by President Smith. Present were Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Village Manager Catherine Peterson; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Deputy Manager Shannon Andrews; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; Woodstock Fire/Rescue Department Chief Ralph Webster; Crystal Lake Fire Department Chief Paul DeRaedt; and many members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 10, 2015 Regular Village Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:** Accounts Payable Invoices Dated November 25, 2015 in the Amount of \$83,175.35

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Village Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015; RedTail Golf Club Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015; and Lake Patrol Financial Statements for the Periods May 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, and Serwatka. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Abstain: Trustee Thomas. Motion declared carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None

President Smith commented that public safety is a serious issue. The Board of Trustees researched each proposal with much thought. Woodstock Fire/Rescue District has provided the Village with exceptional service, during the past five years.

Woodstock Fire/Rescue Fire Chief Webster commented that he was not prepared to give a presentation to the Board. He stated that Woodstock Fire/Rescue is committed to maintain service to the Village with three firefighter/emergency medical technicians with first-rate response times for both sides of the Village. Woodstock will work with Crystal Lake Fire with a Mutual Aide Agreement for the best service.

Trustee Serwatka asked Chief Webster about having only three people at the Haligus Road facility. Chief Webster responded that all personnel are cross trained and there are backfill procedures from Woodstock when personnel are on call within the Village.

Crystal Lake Fire Chief DeRaedt stated that all Village Board members toured the Crystal Lake Fire Station. Crystal Lake Fire/Rescue Department has served the Village of Lakewood from 1930 until the last eight years. All calls are taken on a first come, first serve basis from the Bard Road facility, which

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was initially built to serve the Village of Lakewood and Crystal Lake residents. The Bard Road facility is maned with four personnel.

Trustee Santowski motioned to table Ordinances 2015-35 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District and the Village of Lakewood and Ordinance 2015-36 - An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Crystal and the Village of Lakewood until the December 8, 2015 Board Meeting. He noted the Board could obtain more information regarding this difficult issue. The motion was seconded by Trustee Furey. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey and Santowski. Voting Nay: Trustees Iden, Serwatka, and Thomas. Motion failed.

Trustee Furey highlighted the Village of Lakewood’s fire protection/emergency services history through the last ten years with the City of Crystal Lake, American Emergency Services, and the Woodstock Fire Rescue District. Trustee Furey commented that all Board members met with each Fire Department personnel. Woodstock Fire/Rescue has served the Village for the past five years, responding mostly to car accidents and medical emergency calls. They have performed many services for the Village without any charges or recognition. Trustee Furey acknowledged that this is a very difficult decision for the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Santowski stated that Woodstock Fire/Rescue image is very important to the Village and has aided many residents during the past five years. He had thanked them for a job well done.

Trustee Iden also commented that this is a very difficult decision. He asked if a new fire station will be needed at Routes 47/176 in the near future. Chief DeRaedt replied that a site near this location has been discussed.

Trustee Serwatka had been a firefighter for 12 years. Public safety is very important to him and Village residents. He commented that the Village needs to spend money to insure the best public safety to its residents.

Trustee Thomas thanked Woodstock Fire/Rescue for all their services to the Village. Trustee Thomas called the vote on Ordinance 2015-34 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Lakewood. Trustee Iden, seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-35 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE WOODSTOCK FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD:** This Ordinance was not considered.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-34 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD:**

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Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to approve Ordinance 2015-34 as presented. Voting Aye: Trustees Iden, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: Trustee Furey. Absent: Trustee Davis. Abstain: Trustee Santowski. Motion declared carried.

Linda Wagner of 9904 Palmer asked if the public may make comments regarding Village fire protection. She asked Crystal Lake Fire Chief DeRaedt why they did not have an Automatic Aide Agreement with Woodstock Fire/Rescue Department. The Chief responded that this decision was made by previous administration. Ms. Wagner commented on the cost of each Fire Department's proposal and believes that Crystal Lake's services should be less costly because they already have a station nearby. The Village's services are just additional duties to their personnel. Ms. Wagner feels that as a resident, the Village Board has made a bad choice.

Carol Williams of 9410 Lock Glen expressed concern over response times and home address identification when Fire/Rescue personnel receive a call. Chief DeRaedt insured Ms. Williams residents will receive the best of services.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-29 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 27, FIRE, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson commented that Chapter 27 was created in 2007 when the Village contracted American Emergency Services in an effort to establish a Fire/Emergency Services Department. The Chapter creates a Fire Department and a user fee for each emergency ambulance and paramedic service call would be established by the provider.

With transitioning fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the City of Crystal Lake, there is no longer a need for this Chapter.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve Ordinance 2015-29. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Abstain: Trustee Santowski. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWAGE TREATMENT AND ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DATED OCTOBER 14, 2014 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson stated that the amendment to this agreement has a termination date of November 30, 2016 with escalation in fees if the deadline is not met. The project shall be deemed complete when disconnection from Crystal Lake has been approved. The Village will provide the City of Crystal Lake engineering drawings and specifications for the review and comments. The City of Crystal Lake has asked for certain standards as part of the project; such as permitting, connections, scheduling of inspections, etc. The seven homes on Meridian Street will continue to receive water and sewer from the City of Crystal Lake for twenty years. Village residents will continue to pay the City of Crystal Lake for water and sewer service as they have in previous years until the project has been completed. This amendment to the agreement provides routine maintenance of the water and sewage utilities along Meridian Street to be performed by the City of Crystal Lake. Repairs along Meridian Street will be shared between the two communities on a fifty/fifty basis. Flow monitoring and reporting requires will

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be continued by the Village until the completion of the project. Southwest Interceptor Agreement extends until November 30, 2035 with automatic renewals every ten years until a one year termination notice is given. Also, a perpetual easement to the City of Crystal Lake for utilities associated with the Southwest Interceptor which serves the City of Crystal Lake and the Village. Lastly, the City of Crystal Lake will allow a potential new owner of the current Village Hall site to connect to the water and sewer mains located nearby.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Santowski, moved to approve the amendment to the Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Roadway Maintenance and Repair dated October 14, 2014 between the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Lakewood in McHenry County, Illinois. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-30 – AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 8 WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “MCINTOSH” TURNBERRY, LOCH GLEN AND HIGHLANDS OF TURNBERRY SUBDIVISIONS, TURNBERRY COUNTRY CLUB AND REDTAIL GOLF CLUB:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson commented that this Ordinance establishes a levy for SSA#8 not to exceed the annual rate of 0.15 percent of the assessed value, as equalized, of the taxable property within SSA#8. It also establishes special municipal services such as: weed and algae control and eradication for Turnberry Lakes 1, 2, 3, and 4; purchase of electricity for aerators; maintenance of public access to Turnberry Lakes 1 and 3; and professionals’ engineers’ attorneys’ consultants’ and contractors’ fees incurred by the Village when directly related to the provision of said services. Village Clerk Janice Hansen has not received any objection petitions against the establishment of SSA#8.

Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-30. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R31 – A RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #8 REVENUES AND THE DAM AND SPILLWAY THAT SERVICE THE LAKES OF TURNBERRY:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson commented that this Resolution reaffirms no revenues received from SSA#8 will be utilized toward the dam and/or spillway that services the lakes within Turnberry. The current property owner is granting the Village an easement to the spillway for any future maintenance projects. This will ensure the Village retains access to the site. There was an inspection of the dam in 2010 by Baxter & Woodman with recommended repairs completed. This will extend the life of the structure up to fifty years.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Santowski, moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-R31 as presented. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-32- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD AND CAMBRIA VILLAS, LTD.:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson stated that in July of 2005 Cambria was approved for the attached townhome portion of Woodland Hills. In February of 2009 the Village approved an agreement for Cambria for single family townhomes with zero lot lines. The developer built two units, one which was sold and another that serves as a model. The developer is finding it difficult to sell these upscale townhomes and compete with a neighboring subdivision which offers a market rate larger single family home. The Cambria developer wants to offer a market rate, two story single family home between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet. The cost of a Cambria home is elevated due to HOA expenses for the maintenance of private streets and landscaping. Without an annexation agreement, the Village cannot require the creation of an HOA. The Developer has agreed to transition the roads from private to public provided they are brought up to the Village's standards and meet engineering standards prior to dedication. The Developer agrees to pay all impact fees established by the Municipal Code and also pay the \$250 Municipal Facility Fee included in the annexation agreement.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Furey, moved to approve Ordinance 2015-32. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2015-R33 – A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2015:** Village Manager Catherine Peterson commented that the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for 2015, excluding special service areas, and street and bridge, is expected to increase by 3.4% to \$155,793,393 from the \$150,677,615 reported in tax year 2014. If new growth is removed from this calculation, the total EAV increases by 2.94%. The final levy will be presented for Village Board approval on December 8, 2015. The staff recommendation is to forego the 0.08% increase tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and simply levy against new growth, which is estimated to generate approximately an additional \$7,000.

Trustee Sewatka, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to approve Resolution 2015-R33. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

**REPORTS:** President Smith attended a Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Summit to consider best management practices for persons with disabilities.

Trustee Thomas commented that American Water Works is offering training and jobs for veterans within McHenry County.

Trustee Iden hopes that the Crystal Lake Fire/Rescue Department will become part of the Village of Lakewood's community.

Trustee Santowski attended McHenry County Council of Government Transportation Caucus which discussed state and federal funds for future road improvements, especially Routes 176/47.

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Village Manager Catherine Peterson stated that six East Side Sewer bids were opened on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, with a low bid of \$2.1 million compared to the high bids received in April, 2015 of over \$3.3 million.

Village Manager Catherine Peterson commented that the Crystal Lake Kiwanis will dedicate the Village's Free Book Library, located in front of Village Hall, on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. She encouraged everyone who was available to come and participate.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen  
Village Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: December 8, 2015