

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; Village Attorney Michael Smoron; Village Treasurer George Roach; Chief of Police Leigh Rawson; and a few 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 Thomas:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 8, 2016 Regular Village Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Accounts Payable Dated November 23, 2016 in the Amount of \$478,641.15

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: None

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-R30A – A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016: President Smith commented that the Village's total equalized assessed value (EAV) is expected to increase. The final levy will be presented for Village Board approval on December 13, 2016.

Resolution 2016-R30A reflects a flat tax with growth only for a levy of \$1,762,788. Resolution 2016-R30B reflects a levy of \$1,775,778 that includes growth and the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which is the 0.7% annual inflationary index allowed under Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). The second levy scenario with COLA adjustment is estimated to increase the entire levy for the Village by about \$12,300.

There was general discussion regarding not capturing the CPI. This could impact some services; such as the roadway project, general maintenance within the Village, and impact the General Fund.

Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Serwatka, moved to approve Resolution 2016-R30A. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-R30B – A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016: No further discussion or action was taken on this item.

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DISCUSSION REGARDING VIDEO GAMING: President Smith commented that Village Code prohibits licensees from permitting any gambling on any liquor licensed premises. A local business has requested the Board to look into allowing video gaming within the Village. Video gaming requires that an establishment be licensed by the State. The business must be a retail establishment where alcohol is served for consumption on the premises as a primary part of their business. When satisfying all of the State requirements, the business must apply for a license with the Village. State law grants authority to municipalities to prohibit video gaming or to regulate it within corporate limits.

President Smith felt this issue is significant enough that for the Village may want to consider a referendum to determine the residents' level of interest in allowing video gaming. To do this, the Board would need a Resolution to be passed on or before the first meeting of January 2017 to be placed on the April 2017 ballot.

There was general discussion regarding placing this issue on the April 4, 2017 ballot by Referendum or composing an Ordinance regulating video gaming. It was the consensus of the Board of Trustees to generate a well written Ordinance regulating video gaming within the Village and place it on the agenda for open discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE COLLECTION OF THE \$1 BI-MONTHLY FEE PER HOUSEHOLD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND REFUND THE BALANCE OF \$2,062 BACK TO THE RESIDENTS ON THEIR NEXT REFUSE BILL: Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews stated that due to excessive costs, the electronic recycling program over the 2015/2015 winter months was suspended. At the March 2016 budget workshop, the Board decided to include a \$1 bi-monthly fee per household to offset electronic recycling services costs. In May of 2016 the \$1 fee was implemented. The recycling program resumed from March through July of 2016, at which time permanently closed.

Trustee Santowski collected and stored the electronics at his facility and has not disposed of them. The Board could authorize payment to a third party recycler for the electronics collected and continue to collect the \$1 bi-monthly fee until the balance is sufficient to cover expenses. Trustee Santowski declined and offered to fund the disposal of these items.

Trustee Santowski, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to approve the discontinuation of the collection of the \$1 bi-monthly fee per household effective immediately and refund the balance of \$2,062 back to the residents on their next refuse bill. Voting Aye: Trustees Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: Trustee Furey. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: Village Treasurer George Roach commented that the Waterworks and Sewerage Bond refinancing will be delayed due to current high bond rates. Bond Council suggests to wait, there is no advantage to refinancing at this time.

Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews has forwarded her 30 day assessment to the Board of Trustees. Within this assessment there is a priority to address the Wilke property 20 year annexation condition that requires reclamation of the property by December of 2018. Village engineers Baxter & Woodman will review our documentation and prepare a presentation with recommendations on how to proceed for a cost of \$2,250.

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Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews commented that a resident at 335 Hampshire had applied for a pool permit contingent on removing a shed/garage on the property. Code allows only one accessory structure on a site. At the time of issuing the pool permit, the resident agreed to remove the shed/garage. Now the resident would like to apply for a variance to retain the shed/garage. It was the general consensus of the Board of Trustees not to allow a variance for the retention of this shed/garage.

President Smith commented that Village Treasurer George Roach has submitted his resignation effective the end of March 2017. She thanked Mr. Roach for all his services in responsibly managing the resident's money.

Trustee Santowski had attended a McCog Transportation Meeting highlighting a new Pace drop off facility located on Randall Road.

Trustee Santowski had attended an IDOT meeting in Woodstock, Illinois and made mention of the Village's "shovel ready" road project located at Routes 176/47.

Trustee Serwatka commented on the victory of the Lakewood Property Tax Referendum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:57 p.m., Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to enter into Executive Session. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried.

Discussion ensued regarding hiring, firing, discipline, evaluation of employee.

Trustee Furey, seconded by Trustee Iden, moved to exit Executive Session. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. At 8:15 p.m. Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

REPORTS AND/OR ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Santowski, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Davis. Motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: December 13, 2016