

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at RedTail Golf Club by President Smith. Present were Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Also present were Interim Village Manager Shannon Andrews; Village Clerk Janice Hansen; and many members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LANDSCAPING OF THE LIFT STATION AND CONTROL PANEL LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF OXFORD LANE AND BROADWAY AVENUE: This Special Meeting gave east side residents an opportunity to voice their suggestions for safety, logistics, and landscaping ideas to soften the wastewater control panel. The City of Crystal Lake's sewer plant is at capacity and wanted the Village of Lakewood off their system. Also, the City was charging Village residents more than tripled the usage fee of Crystal Lake residents.

East side residents made many comments regarding the control panel: frustration when the red light is activated; consideration of the size; displeasure with panel and lift station placement; possibility of a decrease in home values; placement of the panel to another area; a reduction in the panel size; restoration of the medium; safety and traffic issues; and creative options to screen the panel.

Michael Waldron of Strand Associates commented that he recognizes the size of the panel and suggests some sort of landscaping to soften the look. IEPA regulations and electric code issues designate the placement of the panel. Mr. Waldron will have the annoying red light eliminated. The panel cannot be shorter than six feet but Mr. Waldron will research the possibility in reducing the size of the panel. The Village will restore the medium and soften the height of the pads that are situated close to the road.

The Board of Trustees approved this project and Strand Associates oversaw Merryman Excavation for this project. The placement of the control panel and lift station were truly unintended and the Board will look into viable solutions to satisfy residents as best as possible.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Iden, seconded by Trustee Thomas, moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Voting Aye: Trustees Davis, Furey, Iden, Santowski, Serwatka, and Thomas. Voting Nay: None. Motion declared carried. The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Janice S. Hansen
Village Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: November 8, 2016