

Village of Lakemoor
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

President	Todd Weihofen
Administrator	David Alarcon – tardy – arrived at 7:01 p.m.
Clerk	Bonnie Sikora
Trustees:	Colin McIntyre – tardy – arrived at 7:35 p.m. Kimberly Beach Ralph Brindise Kathleen Lennon Robert Koehl Phil Lonigro
Attorney	Lisa Waggoner
Chief of Police	William Kushner

Pledge to the Flag

Discussion of the Order of the Agenda

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comment

There was no response from the public.

Approval of the October 28, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Koehl and Trustee Brindise noted changes on page 5.

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Brindise to approve the October 28, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl abstain, Trustee Lonigro aye.

4 ayes. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Approval of Purchase Orders

Trustee Beach presented a purchase order in the amount of \$58.00 for pizzas that were purchased for the voting judges.

The board denied that purchase order and President Weihofen said he would pay for that out of his own pocket.

Trustee Beach presented a purchase order for Petty Cash for the Visit With Santa event in the amount of \$200.00.

A description as to what this money was allocated for was not listed so the board denied this purchase order until further clarification.

Motion by Trustee Beach, second by Trustee Brindise to approve the purchase order for Oriental Trading amount not to exceed \$300.00 for the Visit With Santa event.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Beach, second by Trustee Brindise to approve the purchase order for Petty Cash amount not to exceed \$200.00 for candy and cookies for the Visit With Santa event.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lonigro had a purchase order for approval and asked Administrator Alarcon to explain the reimbursement.

Administrator Alarcon explained that a police officer improperly towed a vehicle and issued two citations to a resident and the Village should reimburse this resident.

Trustee Lennon disagreed with the reimbursement and the board members required clarification so Attorney Waggoner suggested adding Executive Session to the agenda to discuss this matter.

Trustee Lonigro rescinded his previous motion and Trustee Lennon rescinded her previous second to the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to re-amend the order of the agenda and add Executive Session.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bill's Payables

An additional Bill's Payables report dated 11/10/10 was distributed to the Board in addition to the Bill's Payables report dated 11/4/10 that was included in the board packet. This was due to the fact that there is only one Village Board Meeting at the beginning of November and Treasurer Kirkpatrick did not want the invoices to be paid late.

Motion by Trustee Lonigro to approve the Bill's Payables. Trustee Koehl asked that Trustee Lonigro amend his motion to eliminate Reference #18160 on the Bill's Payables report dated 11/10/10, \$58.00 charge for pizzas purchased for voting judges.

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to approve the Bill's Payables as amended.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. Motion carried.

President's Report – Todd Weihofen

President Weihofen read his report that was included in the board packet.

Administrator's Report – David Alarcon

Administrator Alarcon stated he has been helping with the transition in the police department and has set up an e-service request form and a request form for service (walk-in or telephone). A memo explaining this was included in the board packet and will also be given to the employees. He is also dedicating more time on updating the web site, including services for residents.

The newsletter is near completion and Terry Gaylord has a list of residents who do not own a computer and requested a newsletter be mailed to them.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee McIntyre

Absent

Trustee Beach

Trustee Beach asked what date and time the Christmas event will take place and if the newspaper was present at this meeting. President Weihofen told her it was on December 12th and Administrator Alarcon stated it will be posted on the web site and in the newsletter.

Trustee Beach also asked about the building code update progress and the water tower painting. Administrator Alarcon informed her that his priority has been working on the police department transition and he will be working on the building code update soon. President Weihofen told her the painting of the water tower will not happen until spring. It is best not to paint in the cold weather. Trustee Beach stated the water tower in Fox Lake is baby blue if anyone wanted to check it out.

Trustee Brindise

Trustee Brindise asked Administrator Alarcon if a meeting with NOMO has been set up yet. President Weihofen said it was set up for November 22nd. He will confirm and send out notice.

Trustee Lennon

Trustee Lennon asked if a code enforcement officer is in the near future. Administrator Alarcon stated he is looking at an option to contract out code enforcement through McHenry County.

Trustee Koehl

Trustee Koehl asked if there is a status update on the lighting at the entrance to Bay Oaks Subdivision. Administrator Alarcon stated he will have Director Schmidt call Trustee Koehl to discuss the entrance lighting.

Trustee Lonigro

Trustee Lonigro informed the board that the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for November 9th was cancelled so he would like to reschedule for sometime after the Thanksgiving holiday sometime in December.

Old Business:

Discussion of Modification of Water Main Easement Agreement with Lakemoor LLC

Attorney Waggoner explained the modification to the agreement was basically a 10 feet wide easement on either side of the existing water main along the eastern side of Darrell Road.

New Business:

Approval of an Agreement Between the International Union of Operators Engineers, Local 150 and the Village of Lakemoor

A copy of the agreement was in the board packet.

Trustee Koehl expressed his discontent with the portion of the agreement that states a part time employee will go back working full time. This person was put to part time because of budgetary constraints.

Trustee Beach asked why the Field Attorney/Organizer would write the letter to President Weihofen and not the village attorney. Attorney Waggoner stated that was not unusual.

Trustee Brindise asked about the 401(k) matter in the letter. President Weihofen stated the union would appreciate anything the village could do for the former employee to collect on the 401(k) since she did not put in enough time to collect.

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to approve the Agreement between the International Union of Operators Engineers, Local 150 and the Village of Lakemoor subject to receiving the Declaration of Disinterest Petition.

Trustee Beach asked why the union is forcing the village to put a part time employee back to full time if it is for budgetary reasons.

President Weihofen told her it was a concession the union asked the village to make.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach nay, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl nay, Trustee Lonigro aye, President Weihofen aye.

4 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

Promotion of Part Time Police Clerk to Full Time as of November 14, 2010

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to postpone indefinitely the promotion of part time police clerk to full time.

Vote taken.

Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee McIntyre abstain, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

5 ayes. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Trustee McIntyre arrived at the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Discussion of Term Limits for Elected Officials of the Village of Lakemoor

Trustee Lonigro requested this to be put on the agenda so President Weihofen asked him to explain it.

Trustee Lonigro explained he feels that three consecutive terms (or 12 years) should be the limit for one person to serve as trustee or mayor and he would like that to be presented to the voters as a referendum on the April election ballot and he used the city of Naperville as an example.

Trustee Beach stated that he should not compare the Village of Lakemoor to the City of Naperville. Trustee Lonigro explained to Trustee Beach he is not comparing one town to another, he would like this to be on the ballot like they did in Naperville, let the voters decide.

Trustee Koehl said the voters should obtain information on the candidates and vote accordingly. He recalled times in the past when there were not enough candidates to fill the vacancies so he does not think the term limit is a good idea.

Trustee Beach argued with Trustee Lonigro stating he should worry about commercial development and not worry about who is sitting up on the board for as long as they are.

Trustee Brindise referred to the copy of the Naperville resolution and asked if the home rule would apply.

President Weihofen stated that what he thinks Trustee Lonigro is trying to express to everyone is that the people in this country are disenchanted with the way the government is run and term limits would provide the voters an opportunity so there wouldn't be career politicians, so he supports the term limits.

Trustee Lonigro hopes this will trickle up to congress where term limits are needed.

Trustee Koehl stated the voters should educate themselves on the candidates and if they don't want the career politicians in office then they should vote them out.

President Weihofen said a precedent should be set at a lower level.

Trustee Beach stated that she feels everyone in our village should be able to talk to whoever they want to talk to without being bullied. Trustee Lonigro asked her what she meant. Trustee Beach then asked Trustee McIntyre if all the employees from the village can come up and talk to him. He responded that he never told them no. Several trustees asked her what she was talking about. She then said, make it different in Lakemoor, no executive sessions, let everyone know everything, they don't have to go behind closed doors.

Trustee Brindise agreed with Trustee Koehl and stated the voters should educate themselves on the candidates and let the people run who want to run for office.

Trustee Beach stated to Trustee Lonigro that you have people that are brand new and people that are seasoned.

Trustee Lonigro responded the term is 12 years not 12 weeks and that is enough time for a person to stay in office.

President Weihofen stated if a person truly loves serving their community there are different offices you can run for like a school board, and Trustee McIntyre added, Lakemoor Fest volunteers.

Trustee Beach stated she thinks it was a strange thing to put on the agenda.

Trustee Brindise feels the change should first come from a higher level of government like the State of Illinois.

Trustee Lennon asked Trustee Brindise if he has ever heard the term, you have to crawl before you walk, you start out little and then you get bigger.

Trustee Brindise asked her if she thought if our village did this then Chicago would follow? Trustee Lennon said she believes it would happen and why would we have Chicago?

Trustee Beach asked why they would say that because that is where our Chief is from.

Trustee Lonigro reiterated that he believes the voters should decide.

Trustee Brindise stated there is a town just east of us and their mayor has been in office for about 25 years and they are doing okay. Trustee Beach agreed. Trustee Lonigro responded by telling them they did not to have to support the time limit.

President Weihofen proceeded to take a straw poll asking the trustees if they agree with putting term limits on a referendum, the results are as follows;

Trustee McIntyre yes, Trustee Beach no, Trustee Brindise abstain, Trustee Lennon yes, Trustee Koehl no, Trustee Lonigro yes.

Discussion and Approval of a Purchase of a New Police Vehicle not to Exceed \$27,000.00

Chief Kushner explained the current vehicles that are in service right now are all Chevy Impalas. He has been told by mechanics and law enforcement representatives the Impalas are good only until about 70,000 miles. We have one car with 26,000 miles, another with about 76,000 miles and the rest of the fleet are over 100,000 miles. He proposed a three year fleet rotation, purchasing two cars every year. There is a need to replace the vehicle that was recently totaled and another that has a blown engine. He suggested purchasing two 2010 Crown Vic's delivered to us completely equipped, with graphics (utilizing some of the equipment off of the Impalas) for under \$27,000.00 per vehicle. The new vehicles will be all black and the graphics will be redesigned, something distinctive and reflective for officer safety to reflect pride in the community. He also explained the Crown Vic has been re-engineered so the rear end fire problem has been eliminated.

Funding to purchase the vehicles were discussed. Administrator Alarcon stated there is \$41,000.00 in the garbage fund, \$7,000.00 from the insurance company for the last vehicle and we can auction off that car as is, which he believes could sell for around \$2,000.00.

Trustee Beach asked if there were other funds available.

Trustee Brindise suggested purchasing only one vehicle now and postpone purchasing the second vehicle until after the first of the year or after the first Finance Committee Meeting.

Trustee Koehl would like to leave some money in the garbage fund.

Chief Kushner stated the difference between the 2010 and the 2011 Crown Vic is about \$1,700.00 so the cost will only go up.

Trustee Lonigro called a Finance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Lennon, second by Trustee Lonigro to approve the purchase of one new Crown Victoria for the Police Department.

Vote taken.

Trustee McIntyre aye, Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

6 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Lonigro, second by Trustee Lennon to adjourn to Executive Session.

Vote taken.

Trustee McIntyre aye, Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

6 ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Todd Weihofen

Administrator David Alarcon

Clerk Bonnie Sikora

Trustees: Colin McIntyre
 Kimberly Beach
 Ralph Brindise
 Kathleen Lennon
 Robert Koehl
 Phil Lonigro

Attorney Lisa Waggoner

Chief

William Kushner

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Brindise, second by Trustee McIntyre to adjourn the meeting.

Vote taken.

Trustee McIntyre aye, Trustee Beach aye, Trustee Brindise aye, Trustee Lennon aye, Trustee Koehl aye, Trustee Lonigro aye.

6 ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.