



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Workshop
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 7:01 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Cannova, President pro tem Thompson, Trustees Fasules, Kalinich, Payne, and Gould answered “Present.” President Senak, Trustee Payne and Trustee Christiansen were absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Public Works Director Buckley, Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy, Utilities Superintendent Burgoni, and Fire Chief Clark.

D. Audience Participation

No audience participation.

E. Fire Company Training and Strategic Plan (Fire Company Chief Clark)

1) Fire Company Strategic Plan Report & Personnel and Training 2023

Fire Chief Clark reported on the Strategic Plan. It included the Company’s goals for the year and how the Village can help them achieve these goals.

Fire Chief Clark reviewed some Company history and achievements. He added that that fire incidents have been on a downward slope over the past 50 years due to innovations in firefighting and detections.

Fire Chief Clark talked about the aggressive building codes in the Village that contribute to lower numbers of incidents. He added that the Village should continue with these codes along with inspections and grants to support the Company.

Fire Chief Clark went over the key items that make a volunteer fire department work.

Fire Chief Clark reviewed the six focus areas developed by the Fire Company, adding that membership is key.

President pro tem Thompson asked what the requirements are to be a member of the Volunteer Fire Company. Fire Chief Clark replied.

Fire Chief Clark spoke about the impact of COVID-19 on the Fire Company on recruiting and how that has changed since then to-date.

Fire Chief Clark reviewed feedback from the members of the Fire Company about how they feel the Village perceives them. He added that the feedback led to the addition of the Trustee liaison, Trustee Fasules.

Fire Chief Clark suggested a Board Workshop dedicated to discussing the Fire Company and its needs.

Social media presence was discussed and it was agreed that it is a benefit to increasing awareness of the Fire Company.

Fire Chief Clark spoke about the history of fire chiefs in the company and how to help people gain experience in regards to promotions and the importance of succession planning in a volunteer company.

Fire Chief Clark spoke about training logistics for Illinois certification and equipment. This discussion included EMS personnel as well. He noted that more space is needed for training.

Fire Chief Clark invited the Trustees to attend a training session to experience it first-hand.

Fire Chief Clark confirmed that the fire stations are in good locations to respond to calls. That said, the stations need more space due to the change in use over the years. He added that basic maintenance needs to be done on the stations as well, and that both stations lack community space for team building.

Village Manager Franz stated that this review was constructive in making everyone aware of the needs of the Volunteer Fire Company.

Fire Chief Clark would like to see the stations have some 'coworking space' to make response times even faster.

Fire Chief Clark spoke about current funding and perhaps rethinking it. He also reviewed current vehicles and future needs. An increase is necessary to meet the Fire Company needs.

President pro tem Thompson asked about liability and workers compensation for the Fire Company. Fire Chief Clark replied and added he would get more data.

Fire Chief Clark talked about future goals, including the number of volunteers and funding sources.

Fire Chief Clark reviewed the report on personnel and training. This review included how leadership is chosen and how fire fighters become members

of the Fire Company.

Fire Chief Clark spoke about the details of fire fighter training. This included the courses and number of training hours required within an 18-month period. He added that everyone completes training every year and that officers are certified to conduct the training.

Trustee Kalinich asked about calls where both the Fire Company and Police are called, and who is in command. Fire Chief Clark replied. Village Manager Franz followed up with additional information.

President pro tem Thompson asked about unified responses for something like a train derailment, and how that would start. Fire Chief Clark replied. Village Manager Franz followed up with additional information. President pro tem Thompson expressed the Board's desire to be involved in any training activities for this type of incident.

Trustee Gould asked about fire prevention in multi-family units and what is meant by "robust." Fire Chief Clark replied. He added praise for the current Village fire inspectors.

Trustee Gould asked what percentage of the building in the CBD have sprinkler systems. Fire Chief Clark replied. He also discussed alarm systems in this area. He added that sprinklers are required on remodeling projects.

Tim Loftus, resident of the Village, stated that whatever is needed for public safety, as far as Fire and Police protection, the Board should provide for them over individual needs.

President pro tem Thompson commented that this was an excellent presentation and that it went to heart of the continuing discussion regarding the Fire Company needs and goals.

President pro tem Thompson asked Fire Chief Clark what the Board's action items were. Fire Chief Clark replied that these items would start with the budget process.

F. Lead Service Replacement (Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy)

1) Lead Service Replacement Discussion

Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy spoke about Lead Service Replacement for budgeting 2024.

Trustee Kalinich asked from the legislative/regulator end of the project, which is the body that has greater influence. The reply was it is at the Federal level.

Discussion ensued in regard to number of service lines and what is typically found in homes in the Village.

Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy spoke about sizes of lead and that the lead is in the service lines, not the mains.

Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy discussed the cost to replace a service line to a home, private and public. He added that there is uncertainty to the cost. He continued with details and numbers of lines that may need to be replaced. He then talked about possible funding for the project. He added there is a “must be done” date but can be done sooner. He told the Board that they need to decide what level of financial assistance to offer private homeowners and outlined some options. No assistance is required under current rules and regulations.

President pro tem Thompson asked what has been done to-date on the private side. Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy replied. Discussion went back and forth between the Board and Public Works staff, including Utilities Superintendent Nick Burgoni.

Trustee Kalinich asked what the response to the water meter survey has been. Utilities Superintendent Burgoni and Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy replied about the responses. They added that South of Roosevelt Road, there is no lead.

Trustee Kalinich asked what “pay as you go” funding is. Assistant Director Hubsy replied that it is using available revenue without having to issue debt.

Assistant Public Works Director Hubsy talked about the manageability of the project over the required timeframe.

Trustee Kalinich wanted to know if residents had given feedback on the survey. Public Works replied.

Trustee Gould asked if there were any savings to be had. Public Works replied.

A question was posed about businesses/multi-units with larger service lines and the burden on the Village for these larger lines. Superintendent Burgoni and Assistant Director Hubsy replied with details.

Trustee Kalinich said she would be interested in knowing what like communities are doing. Assistant Director Hubsy replied that they could supply this information.

President pro tem Thompson asked if a person can be forced to replace the lead lines to their home. Assistant Director Hubsy replied that they a sign a waiver, but then the water must be tested monthly and the Village absorbs the cost.

President pro tem Thompson asked about residents selling their homes and if they have to disclose the type of line they have. Assistant Director Hubsy replied, not at this point in time. They added that the information is public facing. Discussion continued about ways to motivate and incentivize residents to replace lines. It was agreed that comparables will be helpful.

President pro tem Thompson asked if it is known what residents expect. It was agreed that being passive is not a good idea as far as public relations and that educating residents is key component of the project.

Trustee Gould and Trustee Kalinich agreed that the sooner replacement is executed, the

better and that Public Works should not wait until August to start.

G. Construction Necessitated Variations (CNV) Discussion (Community Development Director Scott)

Discussion was pulled from the night's agenda to be moved to a future workshop.

- 1) The topic of Construction Necessitated Variations (CNV) has been raised several times by the Village Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) over the past year. At the Village Board's direction, staff has researched this issue to provide background, prepare preliminary recommendations, and solicit feedback from the ZBA.

H. Reminders

- 1) Village Board Special Workshop, Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6 pm
- 2) Village Board Meeting, February 27, 2023 at 7 pm
- 3) Village Board Special Workshop, Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7 pm
- 4) Village Board Special Workshop, Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6 pm
- 5) Village Board Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7 pm

I. Adjourn – 9:34 PM

Mover: Trustee Kalinich; Second: Trustee Gould. Unanimous vote to adjourn.