



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Committee-of-the-Whole
Fire Station #2
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
April 5, 2016
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, and Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager, Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Village Board 2016 Goal Setting Session

Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Mayor Hayes made some opening remarks about the importance and purpose of the goal setting process.

The Village Board began by discussing the Board's interaction with itself as a workgroup. Each Trustee discussed their perspectives.

The next part of the discussion involved each trustee's thoughts on what they would like to see the Village look like when their service was over (See attachment for summary of themes identified).

Village Manager Recklaus gave a review of some of themes highlighted during Departmental Status Reports, and updated the Board on the progress made towards goals identified in last year's session.

The Village Board discussed what internal and external trends and challenges they believe will impact the Village in coming years (see attachment for summary of trends and challenges discussed).

The final step of the process involved the Village Board discussing the strategic priorities for 2017. Each trustee identified specific areas that they believed the Village Government should focus on in the coming year. Staff recorded the ideas and the board discussed them as a group. All of the ideas and the consensus top priority items identified through the process were recorded by staff (see attached summary).

Village Manager Recklaus indicated that staff would put together a summary of the evening for the Board's approval and that this document would serve as a basis for a business plan process for Village Staff to plan more detailed objectives for the coming year.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Glasgow, seconded by Trustee Sidor to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Long-Term Vision Themes

- Respect VAH history & historical buildings
- Maintain family-oriented Community -- raising children; senior resources
- Downtown fully built. Fill up store fronts
- Improved relationship between Chamber & Planning Department
- Vote on reduction of taxes
- Long-term funding source for roads & stormwater -- phased approach & solution
- TIF 4 fully developed
- Revitalize Building Dept. – increase oversight of Departments
- Separate urban planning functions from Economic Development
- 3 sections of town could be more cohesive -- synergy between North & South
- Increase VAH visibility to Cook County
- Shopping local keeps money in town
- Increase opportunities to meet new employees
- Business friendly
- Strongly sustainable
- Design Commission develop booklet on sustainable gardening
- Diverse activities – cultural areas
- Efficient and more consistent w/enforcement and interpretation

- Ice rink in Downtown
- Fiscal responsibility
- Public Safety remain strong
- Increase paperless business processes
- Diversify funding sources
- Eliminate staffing duplication
- Focus on Downtown as an entertainment district
- Arlington Park uses – explore new concepts
- Healthy and walkable Village Of Arlington Heights
- Car-free Downtown
- Quality schools, parks, etc.
- Study what Rand Road can do
- Drinking water - ensuring compliance with ongoing regulations

Trends & Challenges

- Turnover of Village Staff
- Be fiscally responsible but explore opportunities for increase in Staff and programs to maximize potential
- Review top-heavy departments, balance demands, salary and benefits
- What role will local government need to play/provide as State/Federal funding changes – condition of the State
- Shopping trends
- What does next generation want?
- Review growth and staffing of departments-outsourcing?
- Trying to define who we are as a community
- Entertainment/economic viability
- Support Arlington Park
- Adequate staffing for Police, Fire (lean staff) and Public Works
- Government consolidation
- Being all things to all people
- Wise growth of Planning Department; split Economic Development?
- People don't want to pay taxes – they don't see the value in their taxes
- People don't understand tax bill – hard to introduce new layer of taxes
- Reconcile different needs and wants
- Housing stock
- Hard to expand areas with infrastructure demands
- Do we need to be at an ISO-1 rating?
- Re-evaluate commercial property stock and designed use
- Communicating with people electronically but don't abuse
- Challenge Staff to be more efficient and need for more staff
- Promote ourselves!

Strategic Priorities

Points

1. Infrastructure & Flood Control Study Implementation -13
2. Entertainment/Restaurant Emphasis -10
3. Staffing and Financial Planning - 7
4. Improve Village & Chamber relationship - 6
5. Certain departments re-tooled - 5
6. Rand Road corridor - 3
7. TIF 4 completion – International Plaza - 3
8. Complete empty block in Downtown - 2
9. Business friendly ideas - 2
10. Dedicated lobbyist - 2
11. Succession planning - 1
12. Increase Planning Staff - 0
13. Update Zoning Ordinance - 0
14. Staff produce new ideas to be more efficient - 0
15. TIF 5 completion – Southpoint - 0
16. Follow legislative decisions and its impact to the Village - 0
17. Ice Rink- 0