

CALL TO ORDER:

President O'Leary calls to order the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Ruffulo, Gorman, Carlini, Lynam, Cichowski and President O'Leary.

Trustee Mahony arrives at 7:08 pm.

Trustee Ruffulo attends the meeting via phone until 8:45 pm.

Also in attendance are Village Manager Frank Koehler and Public Works Director / Assistant Village Manager TJ Moore.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

E. Red Speed

Michael Lebert with RedSpeed Illinois is here tonight to answer any questions in regards to this program. If the village decides against using this program, RedSpeed is asking that the village reimburse up to \$30,000.00. Also, there will be no penalty if RedSpeed does not live up to the contract.

The charges surrounding this project are listed as follows:

\$1499.00	Leasing the camera – monthly charge
\$5.99	Service charge for viewing and downloading violation
\$5.99	Charge for contacting the Secretary of State in order to get owners identification
\$5.99	Mailings of citation, late notice, partial payment, finding of liability (one time fee)
\$5.99	Answering the 800 number
\$5.99	Archiving for seven years
\$5.99	Payment Processing

Anywhere from 5 – 6 of these charges would apply to any one ticket. He also adds that two cameras, at the most, would be used at each intersection.

Trustee Lynam would like information from Chief Mee on how many violations have been written in the last twelve months and the last twenty-four months. He is opposed to this and asks that the board hold off on this until we can get information from West Dundee.

Mr. Lebert states that they, along with our police department will decide where to install the cameras. His current data shows a 25 - 40% decrease in crashes and 40 – 60% reduction in citations. Their slogan is Use Your Head, Stop At Red and they teach EEE = intersection safety (engineering, education and enforcement). They will also educate the community before the cameras are installed.

It is stated that the village would need two paid tickets per day in order to break even with the cost of the camera. However, the village will never owe money.

Trustee Carlini would like to see a feasibility study. Administrator Koehler states that the village would have to sign a contract first in order for RedSpeed to perform the study. Mr. Lebert agrees, a contract is signed first, and then they will do a feasibility study. If there were no construction costs involved, then the village would not be liable for anything if they decided not to move forward. What RedSpeed offers is service to municipalities. He adds that the program is about changing drivers' behavior.

It is also stated that the fee schedule is the same for all municipalities. If the village decided to pull out and RedSpeed lived up to their end, then the village would only be liable for the construction costs. The only thing the police department has to do is review and approve the violations. We are only charged for violations that both RedSpeed and the Police Department agree upon.

There is an inquiry about aging equipment and improving technology. It is suggested that the village could possibly put an amortization schedule against those costs.

President O'Leary states that the intersections under consideration are Routes 25 and 72, routes 25 and 68 and routes 68 and 72. Also, there is a specific request for a monthly count of tickets, how many are contested and how many persons call the 800 number.

Mr. Lebert states that the village may be better served by having a staff member get that information from another municipality as his company has signed agreements with these villages and should not disclose their information.

The process is as follows: the board approves the contract and then RedSpeed would conduct their study. Then the board can decide to move forward or not before the cameras are installed.

Other inquiries include:

- Upgrades to LED - the cost is between \$16,000 and \$29,000.
- Also available is an upgrade to catch speeders.
- They will provide information for our website.
- The camera is just as accurate at night as during the day.
- IDOT requires two signs posted to warn drivers of intersections with cameras.

Trustee Ruffulo gives his support to this project. This topic will be on next month's COTW meeting and Administrator Koehler and Chief Mee will be in touch with Mr. Lebert. It is added that if the Chief is setting policy on what constitutes running a red light, there should be a written document for each intersection for consistency.

A. Tuition Reimbursement

Administrator Koehler covers the modified language regarding reimbursements. Trustee Carlini feels adding any new benefits at this point with the way the economy is would be fiscally irresponsible. Trustee Carlini states that he is not for this program at this time, however, if there were consensus he would like to see it limited to a bachelor's degree. He feels the agreement needs stricter limitations and questions the open-endedness of the plan. Trustee Ruffulo feels that the tuition reimbursement should be modified for the Police Department only. Trustee Gorman states that this is a small amount of the budget. He feels that any employees that better themselves have the opportunity to more than save the village the minor investment it made. He adds that this isn't a gift since the individual would need optimal performance to receive a 100% reimbursement. Trustee Lynam feels that this is a benefit the village needs in order to retain and attract talent. President O'Leary feels that this benefit needs to be offered across the board. He asks that this agenda item be placed on the next board meeting agenda and voted on. Administrator Koehler states the importance of this in order to attract quality persons to the village, provide education, and encourage employees to pursue programs that are a beneficial to the village.

D. Board requirements: Liquor commission

President O'Leary states that this item is not a topic for this agenda.

C. Business Development District

Administrator Koehler states that creating a business Development District (BDD) will give the municipality the ability to levy up to an additional 1% sales tax in that district. Sales tax has an immediate impact and we have an immediate concern with the closing of Wal-Mart and the traffic on Route 25. If the village went the full 1%, this could possibly generate \$550,000 in revenue within that area. This does not impact food, drug or new car sales. If the board would like to move forward on this now, there would be a Public Hearing and the BDD could be adopted on October 1st in order to collect monies on January 1st. This could be used as an incentive for retailers to come in. Administrator Koehler adds that a BDD allows you to do this only in that district and twice a year the rate can be increased or decreased. He is waiting for the proposal from Vandewalle and will place this on an agenda in August.

B. Farmers Market

Trustee Carlini states that there have been complaints about the quality of the farmers market. He feels that it needs to be reformed and suggestions should be given to the Visitor's Center. Administrator Koehler suggests leaving the Saturday markets as is, but consider a true farmers market for a different day during the week. Administrator Koehler and Trustee Mahony will set up a meeting with the Visitor's Center in order to discuss improvements for next year.

Code Enforcement:

President O'Leary states that Mr. Urbanowitz is the code enforcer but should not be in a position to be unapproachable. He asks the board if the village should hire a part-time enforcer. Administrator Koehler states the need for an administrative person for Mr. Moore. However, he will look into the going rate for a community service officer.

F. Tree Program

Trustee Cichowski states that nothing has been established as of yet with regards to this program and suggests transferring this topic to the Streets Committee. Administrator Koehler adds that he along with Mr. Moore will identify locations, however, a program needs to be created to identify trees, cost, location and a 50/50 program (which will be a first come, first serve program). Trustee Mahony suggests contacting Sleepy Hollow and following their arbor tree program. Mr. Moore states that letters have gone out to ten local nurseries inquiring about stock, price and installation. Mr. Moore will bring this information to the Street Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

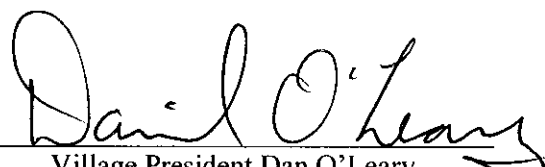
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the COTW meeting by Gorman/Lynam at 9:30 pm.

Roll: 6 Ayes (Gorman, Carlini, Lynam, Cichowski, Mahony, and President O'Leary), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Norton

By: 
Village President Dan O'Leary

Attest: 
Village Clerk Susan Norton