

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Kim, seconded by Sullivan to convene an Executive Session on February 9, 2015 at 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein to discuss personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120, Section 2(C)(1) and land acquisition pursuant to 5 ILCS 120, Section 2(C)(5). Mayor Lentz called the Executive Session to order at 8:29PM.

Motion to convene an Executive Session

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Holly Kim, Trustee
SECONDER:	Ed Sullivan, Trustee
AYES:	Abernathy, Kim, Meier, Semple, Sullivan
ABSENT:	Voss

ATTENDANCE

Clerk Timmerman took the roll. It indicated these members present:

Board Attendance

Present: Trustees Abernathy, Kim, Meier, Semple and Sullivan; Mayor Lentz

Absent: Trustee Voss

Village Attendance

Assistant Administrator Flynn, Administrator Lobaito, Attorney Marino, Fire Chief Sashko (8:29PM – 8:39PM).

PERSONNEL

Chief Sashko announced his unexpected retirement due to a medical issue with his neck. He stated that although he had not planned to retire, doctors have advised him to do so. He further stated that he has submitted a letter to the Village announcing his retirement effective April 30, 2015. Chief Sashko thanked the Board and staff for seven years of teamwork and friendships and stressed that he will do anything and everything to help with the succession.

Trustee Semple emphasized that health and family are the most important things.

Chief Sashko departed the meeting at 8:39.

Village Administrator Lobaito noted that Human Resources Coordinator Maley is putting together the process for selecting a new chief, and that Deputy Chief Leidig will most likely be appointed Interim Chief.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION - 101 WELLINGTON AVENUE

Village Administrator Lobaito stated the owners of 101 Wellington Avenue, Matthew and Susan Beller, have requested that the Village purchase their home. Due to ongoing flooding issues, the Bellers feel the only solution is for the Village to purchase the house, tear it down and use the lot for storm water detention. The Bellers have presented two appraisals, one dated August 10, 2006 in the amount of \$215,000 and a second dated April 8, 2003 with a stated value of \$177,000. Mr. Lobaito informed the Board that the assessed value is now \$151,000. Attorney Marino noted that neither appraisal mentions the flooding issues.

Mayor Lentz stated that he had visited 101 Wellington along with Mr. Lobaito and Trustee Sullivan. While there they noticed that the southwest corner of Emil's parking lot has a large storm inlet which was filled with leaves, thereby causing flooding. Mayor Lentz further stated that it is the responsibility of Emil's to clear this inlet but given the circumstances, the Village has gotten permission to vacuum it out. Trustee Sullivan noted that cleaning out this inlet won't solve the problem but Mayor Lentz expressed optimism that it will at least improve the situation.

Trustees Sullivan and Abernathy expressed sympathy for the owners but noted that floodplain maps should have been looked at before the purchase in 2002. Trustee Abernathy stressed that the Village can't start buying houses and Trustee Semple agreed, wondering how many more people would make similar requests. Mr. Lobaito stated that this is an unusually severe problem.

Trustee Meier suggested that a landscaping solution, such as a berm, might help mitigate the problem and Mr. Lobaito agreed that it could at least help keep water out of the house, if not out of the street.

Mayor Lentz asked if the Village could have any liability if the house is not purchased and Attorney Marino stated that there could be liability but that it would be a long process that would most likely involve IRMA. Mr. Lobaito stated the owners maintain the flooding frequency has increased but he noted that this is probably due to weather patterns since the Village hasn't done anything that could increase flooding. Trustee Sullivan noted that nothing has changed physically since the house was purchased in 2002.

A discussion followed on swales, pipe size, the Seavey Drainageway, inlets and interconnections between sanitary and stormwater systems.

Trustee Sullivan proposed cost-sharing between the owners and the Village to fund a solution such as building a berm or raising the house. He suggested the owners investigate possible solutions and then approach the Village.

Mr. Lobaito sought and received a consensus on this kind of cost-sharing. Mr. Lobaito also inquired about the Board's willingness to purchase the house but there was no consensus. Mayor Lentz stated that he would prefer to consider a solution such as raising the house rather than purchasing it.


Mr. Lobaito concluded by stating that he will instruct the owners to obtain estimates on flood-proofing strategies in which the Village could participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dawn Abernathy, Trustee
SECONDER:	Holly Kim, Trustee
AYES:	Abernathy, Kim, Meier, Semple, Sullivan
ABSENT:	Voss

The Executive Session (Not Public) was adjourned at 9:14 PM.



Village Clerk