

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lentz called the Executive Session to order at 8:08PM to discuss land acquisition or sale of property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120, Section 2(C)(5).

**Motion** to convene the Executive Session

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn Abernathy, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kerston Russell, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Russell, Black, Abernathy, Meier, Semple
<b>ABSENT / NOT VOTING:</b>	Rekus

**ATTENDANCE**

Clerk Timmerman took the roll. It indicated the following:

Board Attendance

PRESENT: Trustees Abernathy, Black, Meier, Russell and Semple; Mayor Lentz

ABSENT: Trustee Rekus

Village Attendance

Village Administrator Lobaito, Attorney Marino, Community Development Director Orenchuk and Assistant Village Administrator Peter Vadopalas.

**LAND ACQUISITION - 416 MORRIS AVENUE**

Administrator Lobaito stated that staff is seeking concurrence to pursue this empty parcel. He described the site and provided information on the foreclosure and ensuing sale of a portion of it in August. He noted that the remaining 1-acre triangle has value for Downtown North redevelopment and stated that the price is estimated to be \$35,000. He also noted that there is a third party tax buyer and confirmed that the Village should not be responsible for \$75,000 in back taxes due to an abatement statute, which has been successfully used before. He stressed that staff would get confirmation of abatement before moving ahead. Administrator Lobaito concluded by mentioning the vacation of nearby Laurel Avenue, which would increase the amount of land, and reiterated that this acquisition could make other parcels in the area more attractive to developers.

Trustee Semple noted that the parcel is half a block away from the Bradco property, which has been considered for residential development. He shared his opinion that the parcel could be used for a neighborhood park.

Trustee Russell commented that the price is right but expressed concerns about adding one more project with everything else going on. Administrator Lobaito clarified that staff just plans to hold the property for future development. Trustee Russell also expressed a hesitancy to give the property to Mundelein Parks & Recreation.

Trustee Black recommended keeping the property for now to attract developers but then perhaps transferring it to Parks & Rec at some point for maintenance.

Mayor Lentz assured the Board that if the property were to be transferred to Parks & Rec in the future, covenants could be added to restrict the use to a park.

Trustee Meier interjected that green space is important for the new apartments and condos in the downtown area. Administrator Lobaito echoed her comments, adding that the goal is to encourage people to congregate in public places.

Trustee Abernathy suggested letting a future developer pay to create a park rather than donating the land to Parks & Rec.

A consensus was reached to purchase the property, with the understanding that it be held for future planning.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn the Executive Session

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn Abernathy, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Scott Black, Chair
<b>AYES:</b>	Russell, Black, Abernathy, Meier, Semple
<b>ABSENT / NOT VOTING:</b>	Rekus

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Kathy Timmerman By Peter Vadgalkas, Deputy Clerk  
Village Clerk