

Village of Beach Park
Committee of the Whole Meeting - Priorities Session
6:00 pm - February 5, 2019
Village Hall Lower Level
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Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hucker at 6:05 pm

Roll Call

John Hucker, Mayor
Trustee Larry Wells
Trustee Don Jensen

Trustee Regina Miller
Trustee Mark Ottersen

Jon Kindseth, Village Administrator
Leisa Niemotka, Assistant Village Administrator
Jerry Nellessen, Community Development Director

Peggy McHugh, Finance Director
Pat Spencer, Public Works Superintendent

Status Update of FY 2017-18 Priorities

Mayor Hucker welcomed the attendees and provided an overview of the agenda. Mayor Hucker advised the committee that the format for the priority planning session is evolving and changing. Tonight, the session will be focused on reviewing the one, two- and three-year goals that were set last year. For next year, the session will be focused on setting both short and longer term, measurable goals. Administrator Kindseth then took over by reviewing the Established Priorities Status Report. He reviewed the one, two- and three-year goals that were set last year and discussed the progress within each goal set.

Trustee Jensen asked if he could review the questions he had during his review of the progress report. He asked if there was a way that specific feedback from customers could be incorporated into the continuous improvement of the village business development process.

GOAL: A follow up survey to businesses who located in the village (or began the process then chose not to) to determine/quantify how their experience dealing with the village went.

Mayor Hucker brought up taking over the maintenance of Sheridan Road from IDOT. Discussion then ensued around whether or not this is a viable goal. Trustee Ottersen reviewed with the group what exactly the maintenance would specifically entail i.e., plowing, grass cutting, curb maintenance, sidewalk maintenance, etc. Trustee Wells asked Administrator Kindseth to review the village's liability.

GOAL: Explore the probability and/or possibility of the village taking over the maintenance of Sheridan Road from IDOT.

The next discussion revolved around the water fund and potentially boosting the revenue. Trustee Jensen asked questions regarding the declining Telecommunication Tax revenue. Administrator Kindseth reviewed the projections.

Trustee Jensen then asked about the status of the Land Bank initiative. Administrator Kindseth provided a briefing. Trustee Miller asked for more specifics on how the Land Bank will assist in vacant and dilapidated properties. Administrator Kindseth described the process of how the village, as a non-home rule community, benefits from the work of the Land Bank.

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Trustee Jensen asked a question regarding special Sheriff's Office details regarding speeding enforcement on Sheridan Road. Administrator Kindseth shared some statistics on what specifically the village receives from the Sheriff's Office.

Next, Administrator Kindseth informed the group that the village will be moving forward with the Unified Building Code Update for 2019. This will be a regional effort with Wadsworth, Winthrop Harbor, North Chicago and Zion. Lake County is also looking to update.

GOAL: Finish the Unified Building Code Update for 2019 for the village and the region.

GOAL: Learn where new residents are coming from and what drew them to our community – report out through the village media.

GOAL: Communicate real life anecdotes to village residents through the communications modalities. An example – would be how the rental inspection program contributes to community life and safety.

Trustee Miller asked about the Resource Officer at the Beach Park Middle School. Mayor Hucker and Administrator Kindseth reviewed the partnership and iterated the village's level of participation in this situation in that the village will continue to monitor the situation.

Administrator Kindseth reviewed the Planned Activities for 2019 and sought input from the group. It was agreed that some of the goals outlined throughout the evening will be incorporated into the list as well.

Mayor Hucker advised the group that the village will be seeking new corporate counsel in the upcoming months as the current Village Attorney will be retiring.

Proposed Capital Improvement Budget FY 2019-21

Administrator Kindseth review the CIP Budget worksheet provided to the group. In addition to the briefing by Administrator Kindseth, Finance Director McHugh provided some clarification of questions and discussion on the budget ensued. Specific areas of discussion included the upgrading of the village hall for ADA compliance; Maplewood Manor/Green Bay Terrace work; parking lot improvements at village hall; 2020 MFT funds for village road improvements; FEMA funds for flooding issues; village server migration and other IT needs. All in attendance vocally supported moving the Capital Improvement items forward in the budget.

Committee Structure Discussion

Administrator Kindseth reviewed the current committee structure and the proposed change of combining the Public Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees into one committee called Community and Intergovernmental Relations. Mayor Hucker stressed that this is an opportunity for Board Members to review their current committee assignments with the goal of making any changes in late April. If

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members want to evaluate or perhaps change their committee assignments, the Mayor asked that they e-mail him by the end of March.

Conclusion – Mayor

Mayor Hucker thanked the Board Members for their attendance and efforts. He complimented the Board for their good work. He further thanked Administrator Kindseth and the staff for their work. Trustee Ottersen, Trustee Wells and Trustee Miller reiterated the Mayor's comments.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.