

**COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE  
AGENDA  
NEW LENOX BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
New Lenox Village Hall  
1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, Illinois  
Monday, October 15, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

**#12-21**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Council of the Whole Meeting of the New Lenox Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mayor Timothy Baldermann in the Council Chambers of the New Lenox Village Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon Roll Call by the Village Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Trustees Madsen, Smith, Bowden, Dye, Butterfield and Mayor Baldermann

Absent: Trustee Tuminello

**QUORUM**

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

**OTHER OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Village Clerk Laura Ruhl, , Building & Zoning Administrator Warren Rendleman, Village Engineer Will Nash, Economic Director Nancy Hoehn, Community Development Director Robin Ellis , Public Works Director Ken Brozovich, Village Administrator Kurt Carroll, Assistant to the Administrator Kate Andris, Police Chief Bob Sterba, Director of Operations Ron Sly and Attorney Chris Spesia

Also in attendance were Deputy Chief of Police April DiSandro and Deputy Chief of Police Bob Pawlisz

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Discussion of Design Concept - Police Department – FGM Architect**

Representatives of FGM have been working with Staff and the Police Department to go over various looks for the new Police Station. The representative presented a power point with designs for the new facility. FGM representatives presented four variations of themes for the building and explained the subtle differences.

The Board and FGM Representatives discussed the pricing of materials such as limestone and brick. They went on to discuss different colors and material for the building.

Trustee Smith stated that he likes the limestone on the front of the building but not as much on the back. He commented about snow and salt against the limestone.

The FGM Representative explained that limestone is more expensive than brick.

Mayor Baldermann and the Board concurred with the front style of the building. They went on to discuss the amount, if any, of limestone that should be on the back of the building. They agreed on option #3 for the front of the building.

Trustee Bowden says she's concerned with the price of the limestone.

Mayor Baldermann and the Village Board went on to discuss the back of the building.

Trustee Smith stated that he would rather go with a darker red banding under the windows and the bottom of the building. He said the limestone looks nicer but might be a maintenance issue when it comes to cleaning it. The Board had a discussion of the limestone.

Mayor Baldermann and the Board decided on option B for the back of the building. They asked FGM Representatives to come back with pricing for the different options.

Trustee Smith asked the FGM Representative to come back to the Board with maintenance solutions for the limestone and see if there's a similar product, with less maintenance.

The FGM Representative agreed with Trustee Smith saying there is more maintenance with limestone.

The Mayor and Board had a brief discussion of what the maintenance would be on the limestone and who would maintain it.

There was a brief discussion regarding retaining walls.

Mayor Baldermann concluded that he's excited to see the progress and looks forward to FGM coming back to the Board with answers to their questions and to see some of the actual products they will be bringing to them.

### **Discussion of Fence Requirements**

Mr. Rendleman discussed the height of the required fencing around an above-ground or in-ground swimming pool. He said our current code calls for a 6 foot high fence either around the pool or the perimeter of the yard. He shared a survey he had done with surrounding towns and said that New Lenox is one of the rare towns that require a 6 foot fence around pools. The minimum by the International Residential Code is 4 feet. Mr. Rendleman explained that one of the subdivisions in town has a private covenant restricting the height of a fence to be 5 feet and so anyone that puts in a pool would violate the covenants. He asked for Board comments and questions.

Trustee Bowden asked if there was any reason in the past that the code is 6 foot.

Mr. Rendleman commented that the code has been 6 foot as long as he's been working with the Village.

Trustee Smith stated that it is for safety reasons. It's harder for kids to jump over 6 foot fences. He went on to say that he was ok with changing the code to a 5 foot fence.

The Board concurred with changing the Village Code for fencing around pools from 6 feet to 5 feet.

Mr. Rendleman reported that another issue is front yard fencing. He stated our local code has a restriction of a 3 foot maximum height above grade level in front yards. He went on to say that this works for interior lots but owners of corner lots lose a portion of their back yards or are limited to installing 3 foot fences in what they would consider their rear yard. He said chain link fences and a lot of the standard rout iron fences start at 4 foot. He said the reason the 3 foot fence was passed was for visibility or safety issues. Mr. Rendleman stated that he would like to draft language that would allow people to enclose their backyard on corner lots but keep 40-60 feet open in the front yard that faces the home so that there would be no obstructions within the front yard.

Trustee Butterfield stated that he would like to see this code change to allow a 4 foot fence on the corner lots.

Ms. Ellis said from a visibility standpoint there could be problems with residents backing out of their driveways depending on how the lot sits. Ms. Ellis gave an example of one house that is on a corner lot but it's the front or side yard of their neighbor.

Trustee Smith asked if the resident was told they couldn't have a stockade type of fencing.

Trustee Bowden asked if there could be a caveat which will depend on the location of the lot.

Mayor Baldermann said the code could be written saying the fence would be allowed provided there's no line of site issues, or obstruction. Staff would then make the determination.

Trustee Bowden noted that Staff could go and inspect the property.

Mr. Rendleman then stated that he would work on the language of the code amendment.

### **Discussion of Tax Rebates**

Mayor Baldermann announced that the Village will now be able to offer the residents a 55% tax rebate on the Village portion of the property tax bill.

Ms. Auchstetter reported that the program ran smoothly with the Administrative Staff so we will continue with the same format.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Dye.  
Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Council of the Whole Meeting of the Village of  
New Lenox Board of Trustees held on October 15, 2012 Adjourned at 7:47p.m.

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Laura Ruhl, Village Clerk

APPROVED