

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
TUESDAY, June 15, 2021**

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Village President Greg Lungmus on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Village Clerk Stacy Sigman called the roll as follows:

Committee Members Present:	Absent:
Trustee Todd Fowler	
Trustee Barnaby Dinges	
Trustee Tom Whittaker	
Trustee Matt Galin	
Trustee Tracey Mendrek	
Trustee Charles Orth	

President Greg Lungmus

Others Present:
Village Attorney Everette Hill

Approval of the May 18, 2021 Report of Proceedings

Trustee Fowler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Orth to approve the May 18, 2021 Report of Proceedings. Approval was unanimous.

Presentation by Jane Grover on behalf of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Jane Grover gave a presentation noting that she was the Director of Public Engagement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), a regional planning organization that was created in 2005. She stated CMAP represents 8.3 million people or 2/3 the population of the state of Illinois, 284 municipalities, 5600 square miles, and 7 northeastern Illinois counties including Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. Besides CMAP's location in the middle of the country, access to Lake Michigan, the region has a legacy transportation infrastructure including a freight infrastructure where they move 20% of the nation's freight through the region every year. CMAP exists to effectively prioritize the allocation of federal and state funding for land use and all modes of transportation planning for regional and local purposes. They conduct extensive research, generate data, and do transportation programming that is extremely complex and technical.

CMAP is required by federal law to create comprehensive long-range plans every eight years to effectively address the development and transportation challenges in the northeastern Illinois region. Two years ago, the ON TO 2050 comprehensive plan was passed based on the principles of inclusive growth, resilience and prioritized investment. It included numerous recommendations that were policy-based for big-ticket regional projects. In creating the plan, CMAP factored in trends that could have an impact on the region and municipalities when

looking towards 2050. These trends included 1) Changed climate such as extreme temperatures, storms, and drought 2) Technology-enhanced transportation such as connected, autonomous vehicles 3) Walkable communities where there is less reliance on cars and how to meet multigenerational needs.

Jane Grover distributed handouts on Improving Local Development Incentives (Effective practices for local governments in northeastern Illinois), a Community Data Snapshot for Northfield with a comparison of data to Cook County and the entire CMAP Region, and the ON TO 2050 comprehensive plan where the full text can be found at www.cmap.illinois.gov/2050.

Jane Grover noted a Youth Leadership Program that will be running for four afternoons in July for high school and college students to help grow interest in urban planning. She encouraged New Trier students to apply before June 18, 2021. CMAP is also hosting a State of the Region Event on October 7, 2021, to honor and recognize regional plans and projects that accomplish sustainability, equity, economic prosperity as well as a visionary leader award. She encouraged everyone to subscribe to the CMAP weekly newsletter that is distributed every Friday.

President Lungmus inquired about CMAP's metrics for success. Jane Grover replied that CMAP continuously analyzes the metrics and performance.

Village Manager Sigman stated that notice of CMAP's Youth Leadership Program would be placed on the Village's social media sites.

Continued Discussion of the Village Board 2020-21 Core Objectives

Village Manager Sigman noted that the Board was adopting Core Objectives to ensure that current community priorities were established and then used to prioritize projects and resources. Board members were allowed to share their thoughts on the draft FY2021/22 Objectives at the May 18, 2021 COW meeting and Village Manager Sigman offered to refine them for further discussion at the June COW meeting.

Trustee President Lungmus remarked that the Village Board's most critical functions were life safety with police and fire, maintaining a strong financial position, and clean and reliable water and roadway infrastructures. He noted that Community Identity and Cultural Attractions should be operating more in the background. He recommended potentially fostering a foundation to initiate and execute these fun, vital, and meaningful activities since the Village did not have the budget or staff to do so. He noted that a lot of money would potentially need to be raised privately.

After discussion, the Board decided to leave the core objectives unchanged.

Continued Discussion of the Village Board Procedural Guidelines

President Lungmus complimentarily noted that a Trustee had suggested that the Board consider adopting some procedural guidelines to help add consistency to communications and clarify procedures. President Lungmus asked the Board for their insights and feedback at the May 18, 2021 COW meeting and Village Manager Sigman offered to revise them for further discussion at

the June COW meeting. Village Manager Sigman noted the changes were that any v-group responses would be shared in her Friday update and a new section was added outlining emergency crisis communication protocols.

The Board approved the procedural guidelines.

Other Business

Public Comment

Northfield citizen, David Woodyatt, recommended that it be more user-friendly to contact the vgroup on the Village website.

Trustee Whittaker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Orth to adjourn the meeting.

AYES:	Fowler	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 0
	Dinges			
	Whittaker			
	Galín			
	Mendrek			
	Orth			

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.