

**MINUTES**  
**PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**21460 Lincoln Highway**  
**Lynwood, Illinois 60411**  
**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call To Order**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present on the roll call were Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Absent: none

**Address the Board/ Public Comment**

Ms. Batts was scheduled to address the Board. Ms. Batts began by stating her name and indicated she lives in Haven Estates. She mentioned she has been at the board meetings several times for several years regarding the noise at the skating rink. She also indicated she is addressing this issue yet again. She indicated during the pandemic the Lynwood Skating Rink owner has still been playing his music loud, and it is vibrating through her house. She stated the music is making it hard for her to sleep. She said she was wondering if there was another procedure she should follow since she has been calling since 2015. She stated she's not going to continue to call and nothing is being done. She indicated it is a problem when she hears the noise and then has to continue to call the police. In 2016 the EPA came out, said they heard nothing by the skating rink. She indicated at the time EPA came out, it was storming. Ms. Batts stated so sent pictures and papers to the EPA. She stated the EPA staff came into her house and determined that the noise was being heard inside the house. The EPA staff determined there was an issue and the home was vibrating. Ms. Batts indicated she does not want to spend the rest of her life calling the Village. She again indicated she has been calling since she was 49, now she is 54 approaching retirement, and does not want to have to do this for the rest of her life. Ms. Batts said getting up in the middle of the night, calling and having to ask the owner to turn the music down, the police address her any type of way in the middle of the night, is not the way she wants to live. She indicated she wants to enjoy the property she is paying taxes on. She stated at this point, she does not know what to do. She stated she does not feel it is right to have to go back and forth to court. She stated she teaches and has to take off from work. She indicated the police came and stood inside her home, heard the noise, had written a citation but it was thrown out. Ms. Batts indicated she has been there since 2011 and this has been going on since 2013. She stated she was tired, and this is getting tiresome for her and her family. She stated even when she has guest stay over, they can't stay and enjoy her home. She indicated her life has been in an uproar because of this.

The Mayor indicated he knew she was right, since we have checked on it. Mayor Williams stated what he wants to do is ask the police chief to comment. "What happened the last time...what are we doing? Since we know that it's true. It seems like its too far away, but obviously it's not. And we know that it's true" said Mayor Williams

Chief Pearson stated he spoke to John the owners/managers of the roller rink the other day. It was referenced he has tickets pending in court. Chief Pearson stated those tickets are going to be passed over to the next court date. So, they can get together with him. Chief Pearson indicated he is going to send on officer over there, and he will probably go there himself. He stated he was going to have the music turned up loud, go to Ms. Batts property, see if he can hear it, go back there and turn it down to an accessible level where she cannot hear it, where we cannot hear it, then he, (John the owner) has promised the police they will lock the system so the D.J. can't turn it up. The owner indicated that if he does turn it up, then he will terminate him. Chief indicated the tickets would stay active, and the police were going to follow through

with this. Chief Pearson stated that once it gets to a sound level that won't bother Ms. Batts and he can still run his business, then we will re-address it.

Ms. Batts spoke and stated when they came, he had unplugged half of the equipment that he uses. She indicated that the police wrote in the report that he did not have all the equipment hooked up. Ms. Batts asked if this was one of those things... 'that you do one thing when the police are there and then do something entirely different when the police leave'.

Chief Pearson stated they still believe the sound is basically attached to the base system. Chief stated they are going to get this thing down where she can't hear it, and he has guaranteed they will lock the system, so this D.J. can't turn it up. Chief Pearson reiterated that John (owner) stated if the D.J. causes him to get another ticket, he's going to fire him. Chief Pearson also stated this was the best he could do, and that this should solve the problem. Chief Pearson indicated they will address it this Friday.

Ms. Batts indicated she never wanted him closed. She stated she just wants peace like it was when she first bought her home.

Mayor Williams stated he has had conversations with him also about this and he was told the same thing the Chief was expressing. He stated that if his employee takes this beyond the level that we collectively decided is appropriate, then he is going to fire the guy so, we will see. The mayor indicated she may have to give the police a call again, and please do it. The mayor stated that if it comes up, please do it again because we are trying. The mayor said call us again, we are supposed to respond to you. Our obligation is to the residents here.

Mayor Williams asked for Mrs. Lydia Christmas to approach the Board, Ms. Christmas was a no show.

David Lilly addressed the Board. David Lilly stated he has been a resident since 1999. He thanked the Mayor and the Trustees for allowing him the time to speak. He indicated he had written some things down and wanted to keep it brief. He stated there have been numerous concerns amongst the residents of Lynwood regarding the visible increase of violent crime here. David said by violent, he means someone being touched. In particular, car jackings, armed robberies, and car thefts. He stated he can't help but be reminded of the meetings in the past where he and other community members were concerned about when the gambling came. He stated it would bring in more crime. He stated although it might be related, we have a growing number of gaming parlors here and it seems now there is an increase in crime. Additionally, he has noticed a drop in police presence in Lynwood, and this is not a statement against the police. Mr. Lilly stated he was advocating for more patrol, he's not seeing our officers enough, "We've got some very decent guys out here who patrol our streets, and, we want to see them" said David Lilly. He stated he does not know how many cars we have out, he doesn't know how many officers we have out, and he doesn't know because nothing is real transparent. He indicated that obviously we don't have enough because he's not seen activity like this before, and if it increases, there is going to be even more concerns. David Lilly stated his tax dollars allow him to voice his concerns, when it appears, they aren't being used wisely. "When you add it up, crime increase, less policing, apathetic leadership, there is the potential for an unhealthy community. Prayerfully, our great police force will be utilized fully, to benefit the citizens of Lynwood, and we will receive the safety and security we deserve. This is nothing against anyone, but more so an observation that everybody is making in the community." David Lilly stated that he is on the ground. He walks around. "I've run for school board, I get around and I meet people, and the voices are overwhelming asking where's our police, why do we have so much gambling? why is crime increasing? is anybody doing anything about it?" Mr. Lilly indicated that this may be something that no one has to answer right now., but he just needs the Board to know the residents are watching, and they are watching very closely, and we have a great place to live, and it should be cared for.

On a side bar, Mr. Lilly indicated that he was on a call today, and this is more personal, with the Election Board on a Zoom call. And his wife was on the call, and she was spoken to in a very derogatory fashion. "She doesn't deserve it." Stated Mr. Lilly. He indicated he won't name the name of the person, but the party knows who they are. He stated it was unacceptable and unprofessional and he is asking that she receive an apology, from all indications, she is professional in the way she conducts herself. It hurts him to know that people of a professional nature would talk to his wife that way because he didn't think that anyone talks to their wife the same way, so, "you know who you are...this is not an "outing", but he stated that she deserves more respect than she received today" said Mr. Lilly. Mr. Lilly then thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Blakey addressed the Board. Mr. Blakey stated the last time he was before him, he asked about the advertisements that would frequently show up in the water bills. The one that he asked about particularly was Cognac Black which was the last one that showed up in the bill before the last one that we just got. Mr. Blakey indicated that it was revealed that this was Anthony Finch's company. "Anthony Finch is not here tonight...he is the Village Administrator"...Mr Blakey indicated that he had given the mayor, the attorney and the Clerk a FOIA request, requesting documents. From that FOIA request, he learned that there were several advertisements (he presented a stack) that had been in the water bill. He stated that he also asked for the solicitation applications, and the approvals as well as how many people have paid, for that solicitation and it came back that only one person has paid for solicitation and that was a \$50.00 payment and it wasn't for the advertisement that went into the water bills. It was to walk the community and pass out literature.

Mr. Blakey indicated that as he finished his statements and left the last meeting, Mr. Finch followed him out to his car and wanted to make a statement. Mr. Finch stated he had paid for the advertisement, and that everything was legitimate. Mr. Blakey informed him his company was in Crete, and he said he had given this opportunity to everybody in Lynwood. Mr. Blakey stated again he informed him his company was in Crete, and this was his response to him. Mr. Blakey indicated he was going to play it and put it next to the recorder so it will be part of the record.

The following is the tape recording from the interaction with Mr. Blakey and Anthony Finch;

Finch: "I have 2 things I have to say about your statement... One, it wasn't free, and the second thing you were late on the Ordinance. As you recall... because you are a very studious person of the village, I sent out an email letter over a year and a half ago, to all the businesses in town asking them to advertise to residents in Lynwood. So two of your statements are not actually factual...It wasn't FREE advertising and all the businesses, in respect to that Ordinance, they got notice over a year ago. So, if you are going to say that, just get all your facts together."

Blakey: "Your business though is in Crete. Your business is not in Lynwood, your business is in Crete."

Finch: "I opened it to anybody in the area"

Blakey: "Then your statement then was false ...because you said you opened it to the businesses in Lynwood."

Finch: "Yes... and there are several businesses in Lynwood that have partaken in the advertising. Then, I expanded it. Even out to....." (inaudible)

Blakey: "How much did you pay, then?"

Finch: "I paid \$55.00 like everybody else pay."

Blakey: "And who did you pay that to?"

Finch: "I paid it to the front office, like I always do"

Blakey: "So, you filled out an application?"

Finch: "Yes, Sir. There's a form, now as far as the Ordinance goes, nobody done that before."

Blakey: "So you all don't pay attention to the Ordinance?"

Finch: "Well, if you feel that's wrong, you have a right to say it's wrong"

Blakey: "But, I'm saying you all don't pay attention to the Ordinance?"

Finch: "We pay attention to the Ordinance, but I'm saying, if you feel it's wrong, then you feel it's wrong."

Blakey: "I'm just asking you, you said you paid the money, so it's a record of that then right?"

Finch: "Yes, it's a record of everything."

Blakey: "So, you've gotten a permit from the Village?"

Finch: "Sir, if that's what you're asking me, do a FOIA, and put it in."

Blakey: "I did"

Finch: "Ok, then we'll go from there."

Blakey: "All right, thank you"

Finch: "Thank you"

#### END OF AUDIO

Mayor: "Whatever you feel is incriminating, bring that to us, how much longer?"

Blakey: "It's finished. It just finished."

Mayor Williams: "That was very nice of you, obviously you guys don't like each other, and that's ok. Now, can we move along or are you done with this?"

Blakey responds... "No. I wasn't done. The tape has just finished, and I wanted to make sure it became part of the record."

Mayor: "You can give us a transcript and we'll get it all in there."

Blakey: "It's all going to be in there. It was all recorded." Mr. Blakey then asked the Mayor, "Can you let me finish please?"

Mayor: "Carry on"

Blakey: "I wanted to make sure that it was in the record, and I wanted to make sure that it was also in the record that Anthony Finch hasn't paid for anything, but he's been allowed, as well as your wife has not submitted anything."

Mayor: "I wanted to ask you about that. You said my wife did something?"

Blakey: "Yes, your wife advertised in here."

Mayor: "What did she advertise?"

Blakey: "She advertised some event that she was having."

Mayor: "What was that event?"

Blakey: "It was a play."

Mayor: "A play?"

Blakey: "Yeah"

Mayor: "My wife advertised a play?"

Blakey: "Right, and she didn't fill out an application nor did she pay. So obviously, if you know the Mayor or if you know Anthony Finch you can just advertise to 10,000 people for free"

Mayor: "Where was the play? Where was the play?"

Mrs. Lilly: "Ask her"

Blakey: "My statement is finished, Thank you."

Mayor: "Please tell me..what's that all about. When you brought that up some time ago and we were going round and round... about this... what did we do? what did she do? So, I don't like it ... make that clear for me so I can go back and yell at her about it...to don't do that no more. Whatever that was. Show me what that is?"

Blakey: "It's in your documents."

Mayor: "Is it?.. You're making the complaint ...show it to me!!"

Mrs. Lilly: "If you pay a water bill everybody got one."

Mayor: "Did they?"

Mrs. Lilly: "Yeah"

Mayor: "Where's the one that you are complaining about that you got?"

Lilly: "I can get it for you... I still have it."

Mayor: "Ok, then good."

Lilly: "Absolutely, it'll be great to sit down and talk."

Blakey: "It's not one...it's a whole stack full of them. These are all of them." (holds up a stack of papers)

Mayor: "You guys are really interesting. This is really, really interesting."

Mr. Lilly: "This is just our time to address the Board as citizens. We pay the salary of you ...(he was interrupted by the Mayor)...."

Mayor: "I know that you're citizens, its ok."

Mr. Lilly: "So just be aware ..it says address the Board, that's all. You said that you didn't answer questions, so this is our time to talk."

Ms. Lilly: "Let's just move on to the next thing as he said. Lets move on."

Mayor; "We'll move on when I get ready!!! . I'm still the one that's leading this, I'm still the Mayor!!"

Ms. Lilly; "Oh, only when you get ready? When you get ready?"

Mayor: "I'm still the Mayor!!!. You have time to say your say, you have every right, but I was really troubled about what I thought ....( inaudible)...what did we do?... any of that stuff.? Ok, we're going to work on it, and if we did anything wrong we'll go and fix it because whatever it cost to advertise that there's a local play going on or to mention that there is a local play going on ... we'll straighten that out."

Mrs. Lilly: "So you knew?"

Mayor: "No, I don't know about any advertising. No, I don't know as a matter of fact, do you know? You made the complaint."

Mrs. Lilly: "You just said a local play."

Mayor: "You made the complaint, well she does plays, she does. My wife was in theatre."

Mr. Lilly: "That's on record, right?"

Mrs. Lilly: "That's great."

Mayor: "She teaches theatre and stuff like that. So, now for the high school and other stuff, but no big deal, if we did something wrong, then I'd like to know about it because I want to fix that (*inaudible*)...make sure that nothing I do uses village money, nothing that I do, nothing, nothing that we do nothing except, I guess, community activities, so if there is a local production going on somewhere and somebody talks about that ...that would seem like a natural thing. That's the kind of thing you brag about in the town, but I don't even know what you are directing...(*inaudible*) ... let's find a way ... seems like I'm on trial here. If I did something wrong, then I don't know what the heck it is. I want to see it, and I want to address it. You have copies of it? Please leave it there with the Clerk and I'm sure she'll see that I get it."

Blakey: "No, this is what I FOIA'ed so this is my information. Your information is already in your office. This is... These right here, this is revenue that could have been received by the Village."

Mayor; "This is what you FOIA'ed?"

Blakey: "This is revenue that could have been received by the Village that you or Anthony Finch did not allow people to pay for, that's what this is."

Mayor : "Madame Clerk, can you make me a copy of what you sent to him."

Clerk; "Absolutely"

Mayor: "I think that's good, cause I'll get a chance to come back and say ...I'm really concerned...what did my wife do? What did we spend village money on anything?"

Clerk: "The FOIA came from your Village Administrator."

Mayor: "It came from my Village Administrator?"

Clerk: "It did."

Mayor: "I've got to find out about that. That sounds interesting. How much do you think it would cost the village if we paid back whatever that was supposedly had been taken? How much would that have cost? You said she didn't pay, or something like that, so, how much would we ... also, I want to find out if there is a late fee attached to it, because I want to take care of that too. We wouldn't try to abuse village funds or money or anything."

Blakey: "Obviously, they've already been abused. And that's a question for Anthony Finch."

Mayor: "I want to remind everybody else that these guys are running for election, so they've got to come up with all sorts of petty stuff to kind of feel their way."

Mrs. Lilly: "I'm not. I'm not running for election."

Mayor: "And, that's ok.. that's ok ...Because everybody's got the right. Everybody's got the right."

Blakey: "So, you deem this petty?"

Mayor: "Yes, I do."

Blakey: "Oh, ok."

Mr. Lilly: "And you think car jackings and stick ups are petty?"

Mayor: "What car jackings? Did I sanction car jackings?"

Mr. Lilly: "No one said that sir, there's a crime blotter for Lynwood. You know... We're not stupid."

Mayor: "And we stopped it."

Mrs. Lilly: "Can we move on, please?"

Mayor: "I think I'm running this meeting. You can move on. I'm not ready to move on."

Mrs. Lilly: "I will sir, but I think I should be able to speak."

Mr. Lilly: "You're not the King, Mr. Williams, so stop acting. You're a public servant."

Mayor: "I don't confess to be the King."

Mrs. Lilly: "This is something personal."

Mr. Smith: "He's a politician."

Mr. Lilly: "No, he's a public servant."

Mayor: "I'm a politician."

Mr. Lilly: "You're not smart enough to be a politician."

Mrs. Lilly: "This is something personal. This is something personal, and I'm going to ask the Trustees can you guys do something?"

Mayor: "You can't ask the Trustees anything, I get to run this meeting still!"

Mr. Lilly: "Really?"

Mayor: "The election isn't over, I get to run the meeting!"

Ms. Lilly: "It's whatever you want to say... I thought we were moving on."

Mayor: "No.no.no.no.no... those are meetings that you run, when you say we're going to move on."

Mrs. Lilly: "When it's something you want to talk about we stay there, if its not what you want to talk about then we move on."

Mayor: "No, no, no. You have to stop! I'm still running this meeting!"

Mrs. Lilly: "That's fine ... and you are."

Mayor: “Who knows?... things may change .. Who knows what may happen with stuff like that., but, you just kind of insult me when you attack me and my wife about she put an advertisement in there and you can’t tell me anything about it.. and we’re abusing village money?”

Mrs. Lilly: “And you don’t think you insult us? You’re insulting me.”

Blakey: “She didn’t put it in there, she was allowed to put it in there.”

Williams: “She was allowed to?”

Blakey; “Yeah, she didn’t come up to the village and put 10,000 pieces of paper in the water bill. She didn’t do that.”

Mayor: “Oh, so my wife didn’t do anything wrong?”

Mrs. Lilly: “Let’s be mature, please.”

Blakey: “Yeah, let’s move forward.”

Mayor: “Why don’t you try it sometime?”

Mr. Lilly: “If saw one more thing to my wife, Gene, CUT it!!...You did it earlier, You did it earlier, STOP! and respect her”

Mayor; “If your wife says one more thing to me..”.

Mrs. Lilly: “David, David...”

Mayor: “NO, STOP!! and respect ME!!! and this entire audience.”

Mr. Lilly: “I owe you nothing. So, you’re going to disrespect my wife in public?”

Mayor: “I’m not going to disrespect anybody, but I am going...” (inaudible).

Mrs. Lilly: “This is getting childish, let’s just move on. Let’s move on.”

Mr. Lilly: “That’s pretty bad Gene, that’s pretty bad, pretty trifling.”

Mrs. Lilly: “I’m trying to appeal to some since of decorum here . So, we can go to the next person, because this is personal.”

Mayor: “I just want to make sure I’m straight...my wife didn’t do anything wrong. Maybe someone else here did maybe, but my wife didn’t.”

Blakey: “Your wife advertised an event that she was responsible for, that was advertised to over 10,000 people, within our Village free of charge.”

Mayor: “You just said a few minutes ago that she didn’t do it, someone else did it”

Blakey: “No, she didn’t stuff the envelopes, that’s what I’m saying,, she didn’t stuff the envelopes. Who stuffs the water bill envelopes?”

Mayor: “I have no idea.”

Blakey: “You have no idea?”

Mayor: “I’m sure our staff”



Blakey: "Right, you have no idea? That's a great answer. We can move on."

Mayor: "You profess to run the meeting too. Ok"

**MINUTES**

Trustee Stephens moved, seconded by Trustee Sims to approve the minutes from **11/10/20**.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

**Public Works**.....Stephens

Trustee Stephens had no report

**Economic Development**.....Curry

Trustee Curry shared with the residents that Cook County President Preckwinckle along with the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development Family Independence Initiative and other partners have announced that 7 Million dollars in funding to expand and reopen the Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Resident Cash Assistant Program to help suburban cook county residents that are experiencing financial insecurity during COVID 19. Trustee Curry suggested if you know of someone who could use help, there is an additional \$600.00 cash payout that they may be eligible for and she would encourage them to apply.

**Community Affairs/Parks & Recreation**

Trustee Dunlap had no report

**Planning & Zoning**

Trustee Stephens had no report

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Trustee Sims moved, seconded by Trustee Dillingham to approve Ordinance #20-27, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$150,000 general obligation tax anticipation warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for tax year 2020 by the Village of Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois for general, corporate and special purposes.

*Attorney Mike Marovich explained that we do this twice a year in anticipation of getting property tax revenue. "We pass this Ordinance to get the funds ahead of time so we can take care of the obligations of the village now then we pay it back."* said Marovich.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Trustee Sims moved, seconded by Trustee Stephens, to approve Levy Ordinance # 20-28, an Ordinance levying taxes in the Village of Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, for fiscal year beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 and ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

*Attorney Mike Marovich explained that “This was our annual Levy, and as you recall earlier in the year we had to file an Appropriation Ordinance, and what the Appropriations Ordinance was ...in a worse case scenario... how much money would the village need to ask the county to take care of its debt?. This is kind of like its “wish list” so we had asked the County to appropriate roughly \$8.5M which would be our worst case scenario” Mike Marovich indicated “the Levy ordinance comes around and this is the actual amount of money we need which is just over \$2M.”*

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Trustee Sims moved, seconded by Trustee Dillingham to approve Resolution #20-29, a Resolution authorizing the signing of an agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of transportation regarding the FAU 3203, Glenwood-Dyer Road Improvement Project.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Trustee Sims moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Resolution # 20-30, a Resolution regarding appropriation of funds for the FAU 3203, Glenwood Dyer Road contract with the State of Illinois.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

**Finance**.....Dillingham

Trustee Dillingham moved, seconded by Trustee Stephens to approve payment of BPM#1407 in the amount of \$232,500.31 of which \$113,804.83 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Trustee Dillingham moved, seconded by Trustee Sims to approve BPM #1408 in the amount of \$144,901.47 of which \$119,882,21 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

**Public Safety**.....Marshall  
Trustee Marshall had no report.

**Reports & Communications**

**Village Clerk**.....Wingfield-Bond

Clerk Wingfield-Bond mentioned that she is still collecting gently used and/or new coats for the upcoming winter season.

Clerk Wingfield-Bond also stated she still has the tax appeal forms available, she does not know when Bloom Township is going to close, but as of right now they are still accepting our tax appeal forms.

Clerk Wingfield- Bond also mentioned that the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting is cancelled due to the Holiday. Trustee Curry asked the Mayor ...if the Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Board meeting is cancelled? The mayor stated that he didn't think it needed to be cancelled. Mayor Williams indicated that "unless something comes up, he didn't see why we had to cancel."

Lastly, Clerk Bond indicated "the Lincoln /Lansing Drainage District Trustee has agreed to host an information session only to answer some of the questions that were raised of the Lincoln Lansing Drainage District" Clerk Wingfield-Bond indicated it will be a 30 min. Zoom call, and Clerk Wingfield-Bond indicated that she will provide the information. The scheduled date is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Lincoln/Lansing Trustee asked if you have any questions please email them to me and I can get them to him, so he can have a better answer for you.

Lastly Clerk Bond stated "I was just advised by our attorney under the Executive Session where it states re-instatement of collector duties, he mentioned that is something that we will not need to discuss at the executive session and that we can discuss it now" So, Clerk Wingfield Bond asked ..."Mayor, for the record, when you were going back and forth with the Executive Session with the collector duties, that had been dissolved, for whatever reason ... the Local Debt Recovery Program, the 1% beverage Tax Program and the ProChamps program had not been re-instated for me to be able to complete those duties, and I wanted to know... for the record, were you going to re-instate them or were you going to do whatever?"

The mayor then stated that ...For the record, he doesn't know, and I just hit him with this right now and he stated he had no idea, but doing the day he could find out. Mayor Williams indicated that.. for the record he doesn't know anything. The Mayor asked "why would you surprise me right now, just ask him something and we can get it fixed during the day."

Clerk Wingfield-Bond indicated that this is not a surprise. The Mayor stated that "I can't answer that, I'm not answering that."

Clerk Wingfield-Bond asked..."for the record would that be a yes, or no?" The Mayor indicated that "for the record it's an I don't know!" I do my answers, you don't do them for me!...I said I don't know!. "

The Clerk stated on tape "So, that's your answer for the record ... For the record ...he does not know".

Trustee Curry asked ... "Are you saying that you are not able to perform any of the duties of the collector or just those duties?"

Clerk Wingfield-Bond stated “I am not able to perform the duties that were part of my responsibilities prior to the back and forth with the Executive Sessions, so the Local Debt Recovery program that I was working on, and initiated. (Clerk Wingfield Bond was interrupted by Mayor Williams)

Clerk Wingfield-Bond stated... “I am not able to perform any of the duties that I just mentioned”

Mr. Smith interjected “Mayor can I say something?”... ..The mayor said...”What do you have to do with this? This is a Board Meeting and I don’t think it is appropriate that you speak right now.” The Mayor then said “let me check with my attorney. Mike ...can they just break in anywhere, anytime, anybody feels they want to ?”...to which Mike indicated “No.” Mr. Smith spoke anyway and stated “I just want you to show these women some respect. You wouldn’t want anyone talking to your wife like that.” To which Mayor Williams then stated “I respect all these women, I respect the men also...I respect everybody”

Mr. Smith indicated that “You would not want anyone to talk to your wife like that” David Lilly replied...”Not at all Sir.”

Mr. Smith replied. “Because that creates problems.” David Lilly stated. “It does” The mayor stated “The only problem I ever have and happens is every couple of years during election times when you guys show up.. the same cast of characters show up and that’s the only time we have problems. Again the same cast of characters.”

Mr. Smith stated... “You need to show people respect, like you want people to show your wife respect.” Denise Lilly, said... “Thank you for being a gentleman, he obviously is not” Mayor Williams said...”That’s just the way it is.” David Lilly stated... “He has no integrity, so we understand. None...at all”

Mayor Williams said...”Oh well, anyway, Madame Clerk since we work here during the day, any issues you want to go over...all day, we can straighten them out.”

Village Clerk) indicated ...“I will present it to you in email format Sir.” The mayor mentioned.. “No, we can talk” To which Clerk Wingfield-Bond stated... “I will present it to you in email format. I will present it to you in email format, that way we will have it for the record.”

Trustee Curry asked if I could cc; the Trustees.. To which Clerk Wingfield-Bond mentioned... “I will do that, I will do that, yes.”

Mayor Williams stated “It gets kind of nasty when its elections going on and people start doing all sorts of strange things, so my apologies to everybody who has nothing to do with this mess. We will continue to do what we are supposed to do for the village. Like I said earlier... everybody that runs for elections, everybody has the right,, absolutely has the right. But it does get a little insulting when start attacking my wife, and say we owe money.. that makes me like... What? ..we would not do that. And you would think that I’m supposed to be tough enough .. just oh, let that go, don’t let that bother you. You’re bigger than this. No, that annoys the heck out of me. That particular thing annoys the heck out of me and I can’t help but think like... where did that come from? Who did that? Why? What’s this all about? So, the idea is to make me look as bad as you can, make my wife look bad, like we’re stealing money from the village and stuff like that. ... it’s hard for me to be my typical gentle, quiet, self, but I will ahh.. I have controlled myself for years, and I’ll do it again, so if you think I was disrespectful to anybody, I offer my apologies, that was certainly not my intent. It came out defensive...defending myself and my wife.”

Denise Lilly stated... “like he did.”

The mayor stated... “so with that, from that perspective, that point of view I do apologize, but recognize, I’m just a man, just a man... who happens to be temporarily the mayor right now, but that will change.. It’s going to change no matter what. That takes me to where.... anything else Madame Clerk? ‘

Clerk Wingfield- Bond replied... “I am done.”

### **Village Attorney**

Village Attorney ... stated that he has no report other than we have to do the Executive Session.

The Mayor replied "OK,... he does not have a report, but we have to go to an Executive Session, so with that we have to throw everybody out of here."

Attorney Mike Marovich stated "We have to acknowledge why." Mike stated that pursuant to the Opens Meeting Act , regarding Anthony Finch as a village employee and the pending litigation section to talk about Dorian vs. Village of Lynwood.

Mayor Williams stated that what was mentioned earlier that you spoke to the Clerk about this ...Attorney Mike Marovich stated that he discussed this earlier with the Clerk, but he will also say it ... "on the Agenda, there is also the reinstatement of Collector's duties, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meeting s Act, there are basically 37 reasons why you can go into Executive Session and they are very strict on the exceptions, you have to fit within one of them and I explained to the Clerk that that particular one did not fit, and I couldn't find one that would fit within it so that's the reason why apparently she addressed it during the meeting."

The mayor stated... "So, ummm is it on the Agenda here?"... Mike replied "No, it's not. We can't go into Executive Session for the re-instatement of the Collector duties."

So, the mayor asked, "What do we do, re-do the posted Agenda." Clerk Wingfield-Bond stated... "No. it's just eliminated" Mike Marovich stated "We're just going to eliminate that. We can't go into Executive Session for that." Trustee Curry then asked "But you can go in for the issue with the other one."

Trustee Curry stated.. "Then I have a question for you Mike... with the pending litigation, with Dorian, if that's not on the Agenda can we discuss that?" Mike sighted... "the case law of ... Schweighart...the plain language in section 2A allows for the public body to convene during the proper notice open meeting which we are in ..to go into a closed session without any additional post. We can do that, but I would have preferred to see that, but it was probably my fault, that I didn't...whatever... the most important thing, after looking at the case law is that we make an announcement during the meeting verbal meeting, as to the purpose, as long as we do that then we are ok."

### **Village Engineer**

Was not present

### **Chief Cobb**

No report was given

### **Mayor**

Had no report.

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session. Trustee Curry motioned, seconded by Trustee Dillingham.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Curry moved, seconded by Trustee Stephens.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Curry, Stephens, Dunlap, Dillingham, Sims, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Trustee Stephens moved; Trustee Sims seconded.

All Trustees Present Voted "Aye"

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Karen Wingfield-Bond*

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Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk