

A study session of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014; opening at 6:14 p.m. Mayor Zubrzycki presiding.

Present: Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki  
Absent: None  
Also Present: City Manager Martin and Clerk Dryden

#### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Dzenko, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Yes: All  
No: None

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#### Public Comment

There were no comments.

#### Discuss Notification to West Bloomfield Fire

Council discussed the notification letter which Attorney Schultz drafted. Lorenz feels it should state what we want so they have an understanding that the division of cost is more equitable between the three cities. Martin feels the most fair way to do it would be to take the taxable value of all four communities, add their values together and use that total to determine a millage rate to cover their budget to run the department. Martin read a sentence he could add, "The City would like to negotiate a more equitable way of allocating cost of Fire and EMS services among the communities of West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake."

Meskin would like to change the contract so each year or every other year the city could give them written notice of termination.

Cassar feels this letter is put them on notice of our intent. He feels we should write a second letter or meet with them to explain why.

Martin will work on revising the letter and send it to Council for input.

#### Discuss Possible Disbanding of Tri-City Fire Board

Meskin stated this is being discussed at the Tri-City Board meeting. It is not really disbanding but going to an interlocal agreement. Martin doesn't understand why it wouldn't be disbanded. Meskin stated the Tri-City Commission likes to get together and Fire Chief comes and tells them what is happening. Martin stated that is not a reason to keep the Commission. Mayor Zubrzycki

confirmed if they agree to disband, West Bloomfield Twp. gets the Tri-City Fire building, the three vehicles/EMS and the city keeps their share of the money. Meskin stated it is around \$233,000.

Martin explained the purpose of the fire board was because we had our own department. When we went to West Bloomfield it still made sense because it was a new venture. It is now no longer necessary. .

Meskin questioned if there is liability if they were to disband and if a fire truck were to breakdown, would they have obligation to help fix it. Dzenko feels it would be addressed in the new agreement.

Council would like a line in the letter to address an intergovernmental agreement. Generally they all support this.

Lorenz suggested they get an updated proposal from Bloomfield Twp.

Martin will revise the letter, having it go to all four communities and talk about everything discussed tonight, to start discussing disbanding the Tri-City Fire Board going to an inter-government agreement and discussing the fee structure.

#### Seawall Update

**L1-001-14**

Martin stated they have been waiting for this information for two months and he just received it this afternoon so he didn't get a chance to look at it. In just glancing through it, it doesn't look like they provided what was asked for. Cassar agreed they need grade material, depth and location of different lengths of steel, and where they need to be.

Cassar suggested having a representative from Rosetta Stone or Todd's come in and explain the stone seawall. He feels it will be less maintenance in the coming years and look nicer. Lorenz agreed with Cassar. Zubrzycki agreed to listen to what they have to say as long as they related to what the engineers are saying we need. Martin recalled when the HRC and Schleede Hampton came in they said piles were only needed in the soft areas, not the whole length. This report really doesn't address where piles would be, how long, etc.

#### Noise Ordinance

Zubrzycki's last recall on this ordinance was that they were going to update it to be similar to Novi's noise levels. Lorenz feels the noise ordinance is a good thing to have, but he is afraid neighbors will use against each other. Mayor Zubrzycki suggested they make this a priority item for the next study session.

#### Police Monthly Reports

**P1-002-14**

Martin will work on a few categories and summaries and bring to the next study session.

Adjournment

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to adjourn the study session.

Yes: All  
No: None

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Dennise Dryden, City Clerk