

**VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
MANAGER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

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Village of Clarendon Hills Manager's Report

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Randall Recklaus, Village Manager

Date: February 8, 2013

1. The Department Heads discussed the capital budget at this week's weekly staff meeting on Tuesday. Refinements continue to be made on all departmental budgets. As discussed at last year's budget workshop, this year's budget will include some proposed changes to our long-term capital plan and a proposed resetting of the long-term relationship between the General Fund and the Capital Fund to reflect economic conditions. Peg and I continue to discuss and develop these concepts further.
2. Mike Millette and I met with representatives of Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District and of the various municipalities located in its service area for our quarterly meeting on Wednesday. We discussed the responsiveness of the District to our respective business communities, and the District explained the rationale of their Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOG) program fee structure vs. the Downers Grove Sanitary District. Generally speaking, Flagg Creek's fees compare favorably. A number of other issues were discussed as well. I believe the regular meetings have encouraged a frank dialogue between the District and municipal reps so far and are a welcome addition to our communication.
3. Chief Jenkins and Dan Ungerleider and I have been discussing recent and ongoing developments at Park Willow Condominiums this week. Over the past few months, Code Enforcement, my office, and the Police Department have been made aware of and responded to a number of issues at that location. Given the amount of staff time we are spending and the unique factors at play with the development, such as high number of rental units owned and maintained by different landlords, and a high foreclosure rate, Staff will be working together with the residents and homeowners' association in a more formal way in the coming months. We are setting up an interdepartmental work group that will meet regularly to develop a cohesive strategy to ensure that our codes are enforced and that the Village is doing all that it can to prevent the situation from getting worse. There will be a detailed staff report to the Village over the next couple of weeks to give the Village Board more information and to outline our enforcement strategy.

4. I corresponded with a representative with the State Retirement Systems (SRS) on Wednesday. He indicated that communication is still occurring between his office and Social Security Administration (SSA) on the impact of a potential police consolidation on social security benefits. We now anticipate their position statement sometime early next week. Once we receive this letter, we will discuss it with the FOP and our counterparts in Hinsdale to determine impacts.
5. A request for proposals went out for Village facilities Janitorial Services this week. We will be opening bids and selecting a new firm in early March. Our current provider has been working month to month for well over a year.
6. I wanted to thank Christina Burns and the Electric Aggregation Committee once again on their efforts to oversee the Electric Aggregation Project over the past several months. Residents will begin to see an approximate 40% reduction in their bill very soon.

Have a Great Weekend!

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS

Finance Department

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2013

TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

FROM: Peg Hartnett, Finance Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Department Report

- The rescheduled Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, February 4 in the Village Hall conference room. Trustees approved COLA adjustments to certain retiree pension benefits for 2013. A preliminary budget for the period May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 was also approved for the pension fund, and will be forwarded to the Village for inclusion with their FY14 annual budget. Attorney Melnyczenko provided a legal update from Reimer and Karlson, LLC. The next meeting of the Police Pension Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 15, 2013.
- The Fire Pension Board of Trustees held their quarterly meeting on Friday, January 11, 2013. Trustees approved a preliminary budget for the period May 1 2013 through April 30, 2014, and forwarded to the Village for inclusion with their FY14 annual budget as well. Investment manager, Tom Sawyer of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC presented the fund's Quarterly Investment Performance Report for the period ending December 31, 2012. The next meeting of the Fire Pension Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 12, 2013.
- The Village's proposed capital budget was reviewed this week by Randy, Christina Burns and Department Heads. Individual department requests were discussed and revised as necessary. Over the next three weeks, the Village's proposed FY14 budget will be finalized and prepared for distribution to the Board and staff, in preparation for the Saturday, March 23 budget workshop with the Village Board and staff.
- Resumes for the position of Accountant will be accepted until the end of the day today. Additional interviews will be scheduled next week as necessary, and we hope to make an offer for employment in the near future.

Village of Clarendon Hills
Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager
FROM: Mike Millette, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Department Notes

1. On Monday, one crew (two trucks) began plowing and salting at 2:30 a.m. All main routes had had one pass completed before 7:00 a.m. and we then started on the secondaries. The BNSF platform crew and the downtown contractor were in by 4:00 a.m. and completed their work by 10:00 a.m. The entire Village was completed by noon. We used 50 tons of salt.
2. During this event, Glen was in the process of repairing the main hydraulic hose on one of our main-line 3-ton trucks. The truck lost all hydraulic pressure on Saturday and Glen came in on Sunday to begin troubleshooting it. The problem was a ruptured main hose which he had hoped could wait until Monday. However, with the snow and freezing rain starting again late Sunday night, he did not want to risk another 3-ton breaking down, so he came in ahead of the crew at 1:30 a.m. on Monday, borrowed a replacement line from Hinsdale, and had the truck back in service by 6:00 a.m.
3. The Ann Street reservoir has been refilled. As soon as the chlorine level drops to an acceptable level, it will be placed back on-line. Amid Monday's hectic schedule, we also had to replace the space heater in the pump house.
4. On Thursday, the commuter platform and lot lighting replacement project got underway with five fixtures being replaced. They anticipate replacing fifteen today. We will receive additional grant money (14%) from DECO if the work is completed by February 14th, so the contractor will be working tomorrow as well – no heavy machinery is involved.
5. Yesterday, we had another multi-season event. With just under an inch of rain throughout the day, we were clearing culverts and pumping out ditches. At 3:45 p.m. the first crew hit the streets to begin salting and plowing. We worked through to 10:00 p.m. with one crew change and resumed at 3:00 a.m. this morning. The last truck just came in (8:30 a.m.) During this event we used another 50 tons of salt.

MEMORANDUM

To: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

From: Dan Ungerleider, Community Development Director

Date: February 8, 2012

Subject: Department Report

- 1. Permit Report:** A copy of the Building Permit Report for January 2013 is attached.
- 2. Demolition of 227-231 Burlington Avenue:** I began working with Christopher Burke Engineering (CBE) to develop a letter of agreement for them to provide project management services overseeing the demolition of the three buildings and restoration of the property at 227-231 Burlington Avenue. CBE will be contracted to coordinate pre-proposal meetings, prepare contractor proposal documents, review proposals and recommend award, provide site observation of work in progress and make recommendations on contractor pay requests. Cost of their services, in addition to demolition costs and cost incurred by the Village thus far will be included on the court granted property lien.
- 3. The Reserve of Clarendon Hills:** I met with the HOA president and two board members to talk about their potential capital improvement projects: 1) new fence adjacent to Tracy's Tavern; 2) Private Street maintenance costs; 3) building roof maintenance. We plan to meet again as their plans begin to solidify.
- 4. Downtown Master Plan (DTMP) Update:** I continue to work with Principal Sonntag of the Clarendon Hills Middle School to develop class programs that will provide student involvement with the Village's Downtown Master Plan Update project.

A base map illustrating the existing conditions within the downtown overlay district was generated.

On Friday, February 8th, the Steering Committee will be conducting their first meeting. Primary topics will be: 1) project scheduling; 2) Community Outreach; and 3) defining the subcommittees' roles. Agendas and meeting minutes will be posted on the project webpage at www.clarendonhills.us/downtownplanning.cfm.

- 5. Department Projects:** List of Projects, ongoing and future, are listed on page 2 of this report.
- 6. Code Enforcement Reports:** Please see attached reports.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Community Development Department Projects
(current projects are bold, future/planned projects are not bold)

1. Building
 - a. construction deposit backlog
 - b. building code update - 2012 ICC
 - c. **permit fee structure review (April 2013)**
 - d. electronic permit and inspection system (internal/external)
 - e. consolidate address file systems
2. Code Maintenance/Enforcement
 - a. **227 Burlington Av Demolition**
 - b. **Park Willow (35 foreclosures) & Property Maintenance Issues**
 - c. **Special Use - Firearm and Ammunition Retail Sales**
 - d. **Special Use - Medical Marijuana Distribution Facility**
 - e. **Special Use - Adult Entertainment**
 - f. **2012 Property Maintenance**
 - g. zoning text amendment - gravel driveways and parking lots
 - h. zoning text amendment - parkway maintenance
 - i. zoning text amendment - floor area ratio
3. Planning and Development Review
 - a. **103 S Prospect (88 Park Av) Development Proposal**
 - b. **Downtown Master Plan Update**
 - i. Steering Committee -Community Outreach Plan
 - ii. Middle School Program
 - iii. **Subcommittee Appointments (2/4/2013)**
 - iv. Existing Conditions Update
 - c. **develop gis mapping - address, zoning, land use, utilities, infrastructure inventory maps**
 - d. **zoning and land use maps (April/May 2013) update**
 - e. **development review fee structure review (April 2013)**
 - f. Ogden TIF District
 - g. 55th street corridor plan
 - h. **1991 comprehensive plan update**
 - i. **zoning ordinance update**
 - j. **subdivision code update**

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

January 2013

Permit Type	Quantity	Jan-2013 Fees	Value	FYTD - 2013				Jan-2012				FYTD - 2012			
				Quantity	Fees	Value	Quantity	Fees	Value	Quantity	Fees	Value	Quantity	Fees	Value
Demolition	0	\$ 8,356	\$ 230,000	16	\$ 27,845	\$ 749,000	4	\$ 6,090	\$ 1,100,000	18	\$ 32,476	\$ 7,808,000	na	na	
New	1	\$ 650	\$ 33,000	13	\$ 91,934	\$ 6,015,000	2	\$ 12,755	\$ 18,788	16	\$ 110,832	\$ 1,682,873	na	na	
Single Family Addition/Remodel	1	\$ 9,006	\$ 263,000	19	\$ 25,989	\$ 1,493,788	2	\$ 1,336	\$ 64	26	\$ 25,433	\$ 1,490,873	na	na	
SF SUBTOTAL	2	\$ 9,006	\$ 263,000	48	\$ 145,768	\$ 7,508,788	8	\$ 20,182	\$ 1,187,000	60	\$ 168,741	\$ 9,490,873			
Demolition	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
New	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Multiple Family Addition/Remodel	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
MF SUBTOTAL	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Demolition	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
New	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial Addition/Remodel	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
COM SUBTOTAL	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Permits	2	\$ 278	\$ -	133	\$ 66,211	\$ 309,639	9	\$ 4,693	\$ 66,500	13	\$ 25,780	\$ 1,049,468	na	na	
TOTAL	4	\$ 9,254	\$ 263,000	187	\$ 214,474	\$ 9,538,527	20	\$ 25,800	\$ 1,253,500	222	\$ 214,400	\$ 10,807,910			

Fee Category	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13
CONST. VALUE	\$ 915,488	\$ 2,688,000	\$ 431,136	\$ 227,350	\$ 541,990	\$ 3,672,204	\$ 356,338	\$ 1,582,910	\$ 1,653,000			
ADMIN FEE	\$ 588	\$ 1,062	\$ 673	\$ 496	\$ 569	\$ 1,778	\$ 995	\$ 889	\$ 249			
Engineering	\$ 268	\$ 1,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268	\$ 1,071	\$ 635	\$ 536	\$ 268			
Plan Review	\$ 4,064	\$ 11,456	\$ 1,088	\$ 822	\$ 2,345	\$ 13,550	\$ 2,196	\$ 3,208	\$ 1,817			
Fire	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 825	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 100			
PLAN REVIEW FEES	\$ 4,531	\$ 13,535	\$ 1,088	\$ 822	\$ 2,713	\$ 15,446	\$ 2,931	\$ 4,243	\$ 2,184			
H2O Billing	\$ 80	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 160	\$ 40	\$ 80	\$ 40			
Building	\$ 10,600	\$ 26,857	\$ 9,493	\$ 987	\$ 5,232	\$ 23,125	\$ 4,203	\$ 13,764	\$ 3,275			
Electrical	\$ 2,197	\$ 5,905	\$ 800	\$ 471	\$ 817	\$ 5,093	\$ 1,027	\$ 4,001	\$ 771			
Plumbing	\$ 2,147	\$ 4,445	\$ 689	\$ 281	\$ 901	\$ 3,424	\$ 679	\$ 2,104	\$ 834			
HVAC	\$ 833	\$ 2,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285	\$ 1,854	\$ 570	\$ 927	\$ 143			
Stormwater	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500			
Driveway	\$ 422	\$ 471	\$ 48	\$ 214	\$ 95	\$ 523	\$ 237	\$ 190	\$ 48			
Street/Parkway	\$ 618	\$ 2,011	\$ 628	\$ 466	\$ 471	\$ 1,570	\$ 942	\$ 471	\$ 157			
H2O Meter Fee	\$ 912	\$ 1,824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304	\$ 1,216	\$ 304	\$ 912	\$ 304			
TAP/H2O Conch	\$ 1,922	\$ 3,838	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 641	\$ 2,642	\$ 393	\$ 1,897	\$ 650			
Disconnect H2O	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50			
H2O Meter Cert	\$ 90	\$ 180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 120	\$ 30	\$ 90	\$ 30			
Demolition	\$ 4,294	\$ 12,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,180	\$ 4,182	\$ 2,091	\$ 2,091	\$ -			
PERMIT FEES	\$ 24,763	\$ 63,690	\$ 11,658	\$ 2,418	\$ 11,546	\$ 46,108	\$ 11,067	\$ 27,677	\$ 6,851			
FEES TOTAL (Admin+H2O+PF)	\$ 29,883	\$ 78,286	\$ 13,418	\$ 3,756	\$ 14,127	\$ 63,332	\$ 14,992	\$ 32,800	\$ 9,284			
Average Fees Per Permit	\$ 964	\$ 2,700	\$ 639	\$ 187	\$ 741	\$ 1,508	\$ 625	\$ 1,823	\$ 2,321			
Number of Permits	31	\$ 29	\$ 21	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 42	\$ 24	\$ 18	\$ 4			

COURT CALL

433 Ogden	Nuisance 12.6B			Compliance met and court matters closed out.
427 Ogden	Zoning 20.1			Compliance met and court matters closed out.
55 Naperville	Nuisance & IPMC			Compliance met and court matters closed out.
446 Lynn Ct	Public Ways 8.5			Compliance met and moved back to Building Department for corrections.
401 55th St.	Zoning 20.4.9			Compliance met and court matters closed out

Drainage

37 Woodstock	Drainage problems 10.2	1/16/13	Permit obtained and work is scheduled and permit money will be refunded in spring of 2013.
446 Lynn Ct	Drainage problems 10.2	1/18/13	Sump pump needs to be either hooked into storm sewer or culvert as not to continue to be a public ways hazard.

PEMO'S

BOATS/RV'S

COURT CALL

Next Court: February 7, 2013 at Downers Grove

	OUTCOME	FROM	FROM	COURT	BELOW
427 Ogden	Zoning 20.1	2/7/13	Closed	Compliance met and court matters closed out.	
111 Arthur	Zoning 20.18, G7	Due 3/7/13	Pending	Continued to March to complete inspections.	
446 Lynn Ct	Public Ways 8.5	2/7/13	Closed	Compliance met and moved back to Building Department for corrections.	
401 55th St.	Zoning 20.4.9	2/7/13	Closed	Compliance met and court matters closed out	

Drainage

37 Woodstock	Drainage problems 10.2	2/5/13	Pending	Permit obtained and work is scheduled and permit money will be refunded in spring of 2013.
446 Lynn Ct	Drainage problems 10.2	2/7/13	NEW	Sump pump needs to be either hooked into storm sewer or culvert as not to continue to be a public ways hazard.

DEMO'S

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: February 8, 2013

To: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

From: Chief Ted Jenkins

Subject: Weekly Activity Report

1. Recent training:

- Officers Zack Finfrock and James Shaw completed a 4 hour Illinois Chief's Challenge Training class.
- 1 officer completed online "Mental Illness and Addressing Deviant Behavior" training.
- Officers Zack Finfrock and James Shaw completed an 8 hour "Grade Crossing Collision" class.
- Officer Wendy Porter attended an 8 hour of Pension board training class.

2. In June 2012, the Police Department began entering our tickets and arrests in DuPage County's new web based system. The previous system connected via VPN and was in use for more than 20 years. Most police departments moved onto the County's sonnet ring network about 10 years ago which was paid for by the DuPage ETSB. Because Clarendon Hills used Southwest Central Dispatch the ETSB would not pay for our sonnet ring connection and we continued using the old VPN connection. The County has been pushing to discontinue the old system so our move to the web based site was necessary. Police Assistant Kelly Schildgen has been working with the DuPage County IT Department to develop a report to retrieve our arrest records from the new site which had been available in the old system. After weeks of back and forth with the County and other DuPage Police Departments, she has a report that will allow all DuPage Police Departments to access their ticket and arrest information in the County system.

3. This week, the PD accepted a bid from Otis Elevators to repair the leaking seals and packing in the Police Department's elevator. The repair will be done at cost under a new 5 year maintenance agreement to inspect the elevator monthly, perform a required annual pressure test and will warranty many of the elevator's components during the life of the contract.

4. Chief Leahy and I met with representatives from Xtivity Solutions. Xtivity is working on a proposal for security camera system to cover Village buildings and assets. Chief Leahy will submit the proposal as part of a shovel ready grant application.
5. This week I received notice that Korey Blackwood was sentenced to 6 years in the Department of Corrections for Felony Criminal Trespass to a Residence. On March 7, 2012, Blackwood was arrested by Clarendon Hills' officers when he entered a home on the 400 block of Colfax at 2:04 am. The residents were alerted to the intruder by their barking dog and found Blackwood in their kitchen. Blackwood had been released from the Mount Sterling Correctional Facility (near Peoria, IL) nine hours before entering the home. He took an AMTRAK train to Chicago and then a METRA train to Clarendon Hills. He had been serving a sentence for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. He would not speak with officers the night of the arrest and no connection between Blackwood and Clarendon Hills was ever found.
6. There are still openings for our roadside safety class. The Class will be on Saturday, February 16 from 9 to 11 am. Instruction on changing a flat tire, jump starting a car and basic automotive maintenance to avoid roadside emergencies will be offered. Harbor Freight Tools of Lombard has offered class giveaways at cost in support of our efforts. The class will be offered to the public free of charge. Anyone interested should contact the Department at 286-5460.

Significant traffic and criminal activity during the period January 25, 2013 through February 7, 2013

1. On 2/1, a 35 year old Lyons resident was stopped by officers at 55th and Western for driving 67 in a 35 zone. Following a brief interaction with the officer he was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was also cited for speeding and improper lane usage.
2. On 2/4 at 1:35 am, Sergeant Dalen noticed footprints in the snow made by someone who was walking up to cars in driveways near Arthur and Norfolk. He followed the tracks through yards and over fences for several blocks until finally confronting the subject at Golf and Burlington. The subject took off, running over the tracks and onto the roof of the garages at 144 Ann. The subject jumped off the roof, breaking his foot. He had his vehicle parked in the lot at 144 Ann and he was apprehended by officers as he tried to drive away. The 37 year old Chicago resident was arrested for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and trespass to railroad property. Additional charges are pending.
3. Clarendon Hills' officers made five arrests for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and served one arrest warrant in last week.

VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: February 8, 2013
TO: Randy Recklaus
Village Manager
FROM: Brian Leahy
Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Weekly Fire Department Report 2013-05

1. Fire Prevention Bureau Activity during the past week.
 - Five (5) Fire Prevention/Life Safety inspections were completed this week.
 - Continue working with Holy Nativity church on fire alarm and sprinkler issues related to the addition to the church.
2. Training Report:
 - Today, on duty firefighters will be participating in training exercises with the Hinsdale Fire Department at the Graue Mill Condominium complex in Hinsdale.
 - Wednesday evening twenty two (22) firefighters attended regular weekly training. This evening was pre plan mutual aid training which was conducted at Hinsdale Central High School.
3. Emergency Medical Services Report:
 - This week, Hinsdale Hospital was on bypass several times because of all hospital beds filled because of influenza patients. While Hinsdale Hospital was on bypass, several patients had to be transported to LaGrange and Good Samaritan hospitals.
4. Clarendon Hills/Hinsdale FD sharing of services report:
 - No report.
5. This week Chief Jenkins and I met with security camera specialists regarding security cameras for village buildings and also water department assets associated with a Terrorism grant program we are applying for. We are finalizing details of this grant for submission next week.
6. Incidents of Interest:
 - During the past week Hinsdale FD responded to two (2) calls in Clarendon Hills.
 - During the past week Clarendon Hills FD responded to five (5) calls in Hinsdale.
 - Friday, February 1st at 10:28 PM. Ambulance 314 and Squad 316 responded to a pedestrian hit by a vehicle on Ogden Ave. near Rt. 83. One (1) injured patient transported to a local hospital.
 - Sunday, February 3rd at 6:18 PM. Ambulance 314 responded to assist the Police Department for an intoxicated patient found out side in the

snow in the 200 block of Woodstock. This patient was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

- Monday, February 4th at 2:27 AM. Ambulance 314 responded to the rear of 144 Ann St. for a person the police were chasing that injured his ankle. Patient/prisoner transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- Tuesday, February 5th at 5:06 PM. Ambulance 314 and Squad 316 responded for a vehicle accident with Injuries on 55th St. at Clarendon Hills Rd. One (1) injured patient transported to a local hospital.

7. Fire/Rescue/EMS calls:

- During the past week the fire department responded to eighteen (18) emergency calls.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

The Doings Clarendon Hills

Clarendon Hills eys regulations for gun, medical marijuana, adult use

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN | cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com February 5, 2013 2:22PM

Updated: February 5, 2013 2:36PM

CLARENDOH HILLS — Village staff is looking into developing special use zoning regulations for gun shops, the sale of medical marijuana, and possibly adult uses.

"These are areas our code doesn't adequately address," Village Manager Randy Recklaus said. "There is a business owner here who has applied for a federal gun license to sell firearms and ammunition, and some northern suburbs have been talking about the medical marijuana issue because of discussion by the state about a bill that would allow for the sale of medical marijuana."

Recklaus said a lack of zoning regulations for adult uses came up during discussions with village trustees about gun shops and medical marijuana.

"We thought about what other areas we don't have spelled out in our zoning code," Recklaus said. "Very often, this is how something comes up in our code. You don't necessarily deal with something when it's never been an issue."

Recklaus wouldn't identify the Clarendon Hills business owner interested in selling guns and ammunition. However, he said village staff has had conversations with the business owner and with The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. That agency has said no permit will be issued while the village is considering special use restrictions for its zoning code, Recklaus said.

"We would make it a special use for this type of business," he said. "We can't prohibit the sale of guns, but we would want something in our zoning code specifying where this type of business could be located in the village."

Recklaus said the desire to create special use requirements for the sale of medical marijuana and adult uses is based on the same reasoning.

"Our concern with the medical marijuana is that if someone is already licensed in another state to sell it, things could move pretty quickly to start selling here if the state adopts a law allowing for it," he said. "We would want to have some control over where in the village that would be allowed, too."

Recklaus said there are no current requests to open an adult use business in Clarendon Hills.~

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Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills District 181 ahead of curve on new standards

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN | cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com February 6, 2013 4:48PM

Updated: February 6, 2013 5:06PM

HINSDALE — Implementing recommendations of an Advanced Learning Task Force should leave the Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Elementary District 181 in good shape in meeting requirements of new academic standards that go into effect in Illinois for the 2014-15 school year, administrators said.

The Illinois State Board of Education has adopted new math and English language arts standards for kindergarten through high school known as the New Illinois State Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core. The goal is to better prepare Illinois students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy.

"Our advanced learning plan really does a nice job aligning with the Common Core," said Kevin Russell, director of curriculum, assessment and instruction.

The School Board will discuss the plan more at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Hinsdale Middle School, though a final decision on implementation will be made later.

"This is a start," said Kurt Schneider, assistant superintendent for pupil services. "We will continue to look at what we're doing."

Schneider said advanced learners are students who are high performing, or have high potential, in an academic subject, or subjects.

"When all kids get challenges, kids rise to that level," Schneider said. "It's no longer about everyone getting the same third-grade book. It's about every child in every classroom having the opportunity to be challenged and learn at a level that is appropriate for them."

Schneider said proving teachers with opportunities during the school day for more collaboration is very important. For example, instead of teachers having a planning period during which they work alone, scheduling would allow teachers to interact during those periods.

"You have to modernize your instruction," Schneider said.

The advanced learning process allows for the flexibility of grouping students in the classroom based on their needs, Russell said.

"This isn't what parents were used to when they were in school, and we have to do a parent education piece to help them understand," Schneider said.

A survey of District 181 teachers showed overall support for the plan, although there were several comments expressing concerns about scheduling of both students and teachers. Schneider said concerns will be addressed.

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Derek Berg said that to successfully teach music, you need to have passion and purpose.

Chat with the owner of [Clarendon Hills Music Academy](#) about his theories on music coaching, and you'll see he has those two P's.

I sat down with Berg, a 38-year-old Hinsdale native who now lives in Plainfield, to talk about his school, his style as a music teacher, and his newest venture, [Music Coach Magazine](#), a free online magazine he's launching this month.

"We cover everything from music business coaches to music instrument coaches," Berg wrote in an email describing the magazine. "In the first addition we have landed interviews with everyone from Scott Houston (PBS Piano Guy) to Bob Baker (well known author and music marketing coach)."

Listen to the interview with Berg, recorded with his audio equipment at the academy's 4 S. Prospect Ave. location, [by clicking here](#).

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5:30 – Rescheduled Police Pension mtg. – Conference room
7 p.m. – Village Board mtg.

12 – 3 – Clarendon Hills Womens Club – Bd. Room
5:30 pm – Bd. Of Police Comm.-Police Station
7 p.m. – Special Events Comm. Mtg. – Board Room

18 Presidents Day
Village offices closed
Board meeting rescheduled to February 19th

6 p.m. – Village Board Room in use by library

8 a.m. – DTMP Steering Comm. Board Room

7 p.m. – rescheduled village board meeting

9 a.m. Chamber Board Room

7:30 p.m. – ZBA - CANCELLED

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