



League of Women Voters of Park Ridge

Date:	7/27/2021
Media coverage?	Yes
Was there a quorum?	Yes
Number of attendees	Many (20+)
Was the agenda posted in advance?	Yes it was
Sufficient time for public comments?	Yes
Topics of Note/Interesting Topic	<p>&gt; The board approved the hiring of another deputy clerk in a part-time position for \$15/hour who will assist in passport applications and subbing for those full-time employees who are sick or on vacation.</p> <p>&gt; There is a new policy by this board to ask personnel to come in and describe their jobs to the board. This month, Nader Ghazaleh, Code Enforcement Officer, was present to talk about his job. His department looks for abandoned vehicles and buildings, expired license plates, hands out citations, checks that the garbage company does their job. They solve complaints, works with the Cook County Bldg and Zoning office as well as the Cook County Sheriff.</p> <p>&gt; Board discussed 2021 Review of Annual Financial Report. Chris Collett of audit company on hand to answer questions.</p> <p>&gt; Board discussed if township needs a public relations and marketing consultant. Trustee Horvath went to other townships to find out what they did to handle public relations. Most townships either have a part time or full time employee to handle PR and marketing. Diamond suggested that they hire outside firm and see how it goes, and then maybe hire someone on staff. They will receive applications and see who will apply and make recommendation after.</p>

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Any topics relevant to LWVPR positions?	<p>&gt; The new board still has not had FOIA training yet.</p>
Were members civil to each other and the public?	Yes
If no, explain:	
Facilities (select any deficits)	I had to listen to the video of the meeting and the taping was much better as there was better camera work - close ups, tracking of speakers.
Officials attentive and alert?	Yes
Adequate discussion of issues?	Yes
Any other observations about the meeting?	There was one agenda item that was not discussed that I could tell: the Discussion on Expanded Neighborhood Watch Night: Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Building and Zoning, Cook County Health Dept.
Meeting Adjourned	The board went into closed sessions so I wasn't sure when the meeting adjourned.