

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2012
MEETING LOCATION: Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West, Highland Park, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:16 p.m., Mayor Rotering called the meeting to order and asked that the roll be taken:

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Rotering, Councilmen Kaufman, Frank, Mandel and Blumberg

Members Absent: Councilmen Kirsch and Naftzger

Staff Present: Patrick Brennan

Also Present: Township High School District 113 Board President Cohen and
Members

Mayor Rotering declared that a quorum was present.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COLLABORATION**

Mayor Rotering began by stating the purpose of tonight's meeting - to discuss potential opportunities for intergovernmental collaboration, operational efficiencies, cost sharing, and shared purchasing.

The first issue discussed was the status of a house bill co-sponsored by Representative Dold that will negatively affect the impact aid payments to both Township High School District 113 and North Shore School District 112. After full and lengthy discussion regarding the impact of the bill and potential courses of action to ensure that Representative Dold is fully aware of the consequences, Mayor Rotering and President Cohen will request a meeting with Representative Dold in the near future to discuss this matter.

A short discussion was held regarding the impact of proposed changes to the funding of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System (TRS).

The Committee and Board also discussed their collaboration regarding local sustainability efforts. The concept of exploring the utilization of compressed natural gas (CNG) powered equipment, fueling stations, and other alternative energy vehicles, as well as, the upcoming sustainability conference scheduled to be held in Highland Park were discussed.

The Committee and Board discussed traffic patterns in and around Highland Park High School, including the School District's concept of creating a drop off loop within the Vine Avenue parking lot. The Committee advised that improvements to the Vine Avenue roadway were planned for the 2012 construction season with the understanding that the

School District was not intending to install a right turn lane on the south side of the roadway.

At 6:55 p.m., Councilman Frank left the meeting.

Regarding the consolidation of services, the Committee and Board discussed opportunities to combine and/or share services where possible. The recent banking services Request For Proposal was mentioned as a great success for the School District. It was the consensus of the Committee and Board to direct the Finance Director/Business Manager group to further evaluate other opportunities for collaboration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rotering entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mandel moved to adjourn. Councilman Kaufman seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared that the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON February 27, 2012

- WITH NO CORRECTIONS _____
- WITH CORRECTIONS X
(SEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012 MEETING FOR CORRECTIONS)