

Mr. Modaff moved the discussion to street lights. He explained that the Board adopted a policy in 2005 regarding streetlights. He noted that Police and Public Works review to determine if conditions demand installation of streetlights. He noted that the cost to bring older streets up to current subdivision regulations would be \$2,175,000. He indicated that there would also be an increase in annual power cost of \$21,675. He noted that the Village's analysis of areas with streetlights farther apart than allowed by the current subdivision code, there was no subsequent increase in crime or traffic accidents. He reviewed some options for those residents that want streetlights including cost sharing the financing between residents.

Trustee Curran noted that an assessment of crime and traffic accidents go into assessing whether or not an area is in need of additional street lights, he inquired what other issues are considered. He noted that bringing all streets up to the current standard is not reasonable in his opinion. He expressed a preference for starting in areas where streetlights are furthest spaced.

Mr. Perry noted that there is a level of subjectivity to the criteria.

Mr. Modaff noted that the layout of the roadway is another factor. He noted that during the analysis, they left room for those criteria that would be identified during the process.

Trustee Curran noted that the cost of street light maintenance should not be shared equally Village wide when some areas have shorter distances between streetlights than others. He noted that this cost sharing would not be fair to those with fewer streetlights.

Trustee Brandt inquired if there was a spreadsheet or list of the locations of streetlights throughout the Village. He noted that a list such as this was used in Elgin when they implemented a streetlight program. He noted that he would like to see this list to see the distance between lights in various areas of the Village. He noted that residents deserve at least the national standard for streetlight placement. He explained that if the Village had this list, they could start with the worst streets and incorporate streetlights up to the standard of the Village.

Mr. Perry noted that the Board can set a standard for streetlight placement. He emphasized the importance of equal implementation of this and any standard. He noted that he suspects that there are areas in the Village where streetlights are placed at distances farther apart than 600 feet.

Mayor Murphy discussed the use of the word "subjective." He inquired if, when the analysis was done, the Village used hard numbers to gather the crime and traffic accident data.

Mr. Modaff clarified that, during the analysis, Police Department data was used. He noted that they functioned under the assumption that, if an accident happened in an already lighted intersection, that accident would have likely happened with or without additional streetlights on that street. He noted that streetlights are only effective up to a

certain distance and additional streetlights on a street would not make an already lit intersection any lighter. Mr. Modaff noted that the Village looked for any indication that there is a problem dealing with public safety that calls for streetlights as a solution. He noted that this was not found.

Trustee Brandt noted that the feet between lights should be the data studied when determining if streetlights need to be added. He noted that an analysis of crime and traffic accidents is subjective in nature and that distance is objective data.

Mr. Modaff noted that, when addressing this situation, the Village asked the question, what problem are we trying to solve? He noted that, when there are no crime and no safety issues, the Village is not addressing a problem.

Mr. Perry encouraged other Board members to give their recollection of past Board policy regarding streetlights and to give their input on the criteria that should be used to determine if additional street lights are needed.

Trustee Frank noted that, if we are looking at a policy of streetlights, it needs to be a long term objective. She questioned if it is worth the Village's time and energy to create a list of all streetlights and distances between them. She pointed out that for every resident that wants streetlights every 600 feet, there are residents that would oppose them. She noted that this should be a critical factor in the assessment of the need for additional streetlights.

Trustee Wood reviewed a discussion from last years Budget Workshop on streetlights where the Board determined that bringing the Village up to every new standard set forth in the code would not be reasonable. He recalled talking about streets, sidewalks, streetlights, retention areas and other projects.

Mayor Murphy noted that there are varying levels of streetlights throughout the community. He noted that the subdivision that he moved to was built with the new standard of streetlights. He noted that this was not paid for by the Village but that he paid for it in the cost of his home. He noted that the developer was required to put in streetlights according to the code.

Trustee Frank noted that, when residents pay property taxes, a portion of this tax bill goes towards the maintenance and replacement of streetlights. She made the argument that even though there are varying distances between streetlights throughout the Village, everyone benefits from the maintenance and replacement of streetlights by having better general public safety.

Mr. Perry asked Mr. Modaff how the power cost increase was determined.

Mr. Modaff pointed out that these costs were determined with projections based on the current electricity rate and that this rate will likely be higher than projected subsequently increasing the cost of the additional power to light additional streetlights.

Mr. Perry noted that the cost of electricity is projected to rise substantially in the next few years.

Trustee Curran noted that it is not fair to ask residents to share the cost of bringing streetlights up to current standards. He noted that, if the entire Village will benefit, the cost should be shared by a larger group.

Mayor Murphy noted that the homes that have streetlights placed according to the new standards have higher assessed valuation. He explained that these individuals have already paid more for streetlights.

Mr. Perry noted that the Village would have an increase in maintenance cost and an increase in administration of a cost sharing program.

After hearing no additional comments regarding streetlights, Mr. Modaff moved the discussion to the motor fuel tax fund.